



BALKAN CRIMINOLOGY

Juvenile Delinquency in the Balkans

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PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- About the ISRD3 study
- ISRD2 findings
- ISRD3 findings:
 - Lifetime versatility of delinquent acts
 - Family control
- Conclusion





ISRD3 study about

- ongoing research study on delinquency, victimisation, and substance use among 7th, 8th and 9th graders
- third edition of the international data collection
- Countries:
 - Croatia
 - Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - Serbia
 - Kosovo
 - Macedonia



ISRD2 finding

Lifetime and last year prevalence % among the countries
(source: Junger-Tas et al., 2012)

Countries	Lifetime prevalence	Last year prevalence	Countries	Lifetime prevalence	Last year prevalence
Anglo-Saxon	45,6	29,6	Mediterranean	31,2	19,3
Ireland	56,2	40,1	Italy	39	25,6
United States	44,1	28,8	Spain	37,2	21,4
Canada	36,5	20,1	Cyprus	22,8	15,6
W Europe	44,3	26,5	Portugal	25,9	14,5
Germany	47,9	29	Post-Socialist	32,8	20,1
The Netherlands	45,8	29,3	Czech Republic	39,7	24,5
France	47,3	28,9	Armenia	29,8	22
Belgium	41	25,1	Estonia	37,5	20,8
Switzerland	42,9	24,6	Hungary	45,3	27
Austria	40,6	22,1	Lithuania	30,8	19
N Europe	40,3	20,9	Slovenia	28,7	17,2
Denmark	43	26,5	Poland	29,4	16,3
Finland	46,3	20,7	Russia	29,5	17,7
Iceland	42,6	20,9	Bosnia and Herzegovina	24,5	16,1
Sweden	36,5	19,7			
Norway	33,3	16,6			





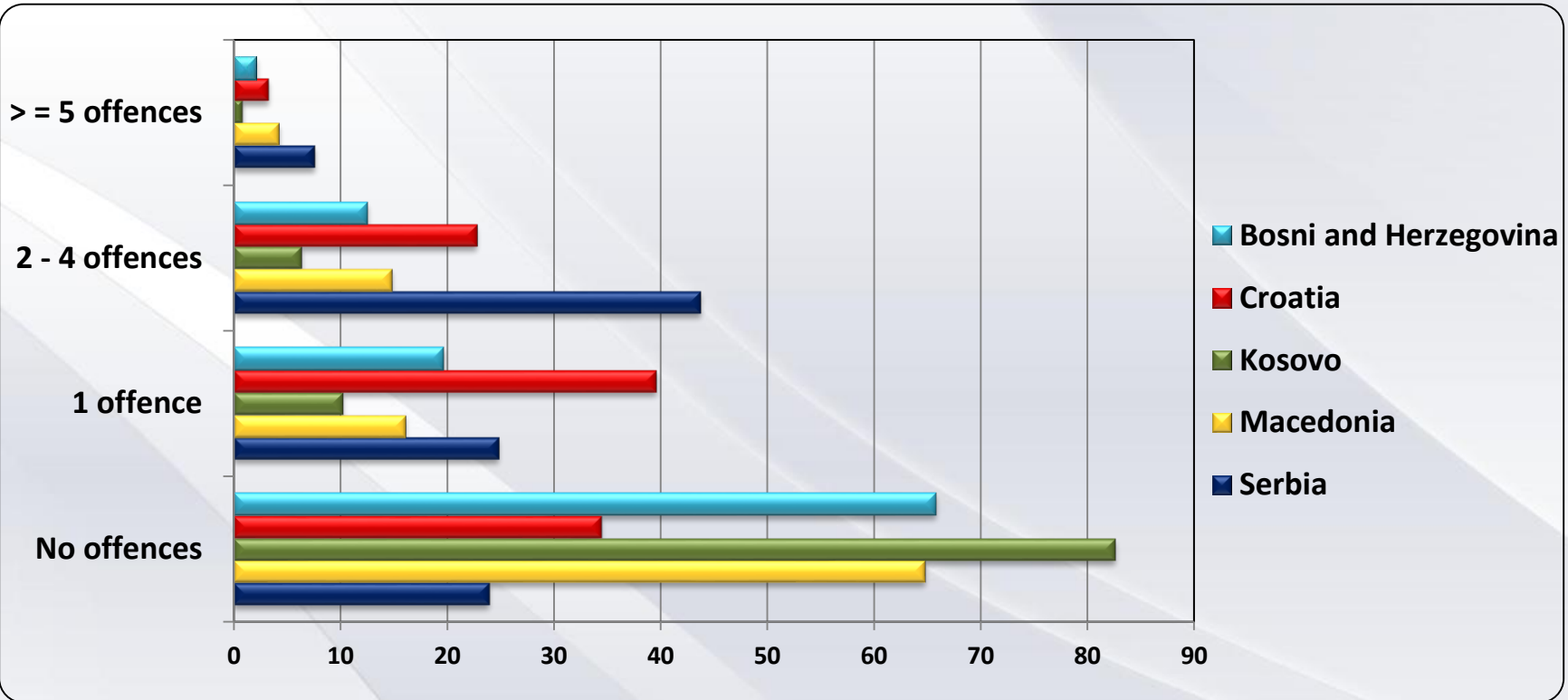
ISRD2 findings explanation

- „Perhaps big self-service shops- which create plenty of opportunities for theft- are not as numerous in some of these countries; or maybe shops tend to be smaller, thereby increasing social control.” (Junger-Tas et al., 2012)
- „Countries differ in the levels of informal social control and surveillance of exercised on young people. For example, greater geographical mobility (more mopeds, scooters, motorcycles, and so on), could decrease effective social control more so in Western Europe than in Post-Socialist countries.” (Junger-Tas et al., 2012)



ISRD3 findings

Lifetime versatility of delinquent acts among the countries



Graffiti, Vandalism, Shoplifting, Burglary, Bicycle theft, Car/motor bike theft, Burglary from the car, Extortion, Theft, Carrying a weapon, Group fight, Assault, Illegally downloading, Drug dealing





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Informal Control Theory

- Based on the Hirschi's Social Control Theory (1969)
- The bonds that persons have with society that determine whether they will respect society's behavioural norms and values
- Family control:
 - My parents know **where I am** when I go out
 - My parents know **what I am doing** when I go out
 - My parents know **what friends I am with** when I go out

	Family control				
	weak		strong		
	1	2	3	4	5
	(N=105)	(N=594)	(N=2353)	(N=4433)	(N=705)
Has reported offences	81%	80%	65%	35%	11%



THE ISRD3 STUDY IN CROATIA

organization of the study

SERBIA

	Family control				
	weak		strong		
	1	2	3	4	5
	(N=41)	(N=201)	(N=607)	(N=456)	(N=25)
Has reported offences	95%	88%	81%	65%	52%

KOSOVO

	Family control				
	weak		strong		
	1	2	3	4	5
	(N=2)	(N=9)	(N=113)	(N=697)	(N=244)
Has reported offences	100%	67%	41%	17%	6%

CROATIA

	Family control				
	weak		strong		
	1	2	3	4	5
	(N=37)	(N=187)	(N=656)	(N=778)	(N=41)
Has reported offences	78%	83%	75%	55%	24%

MACEDONIA

	Family control				
	weak		strong		
	1	2	3	4	5
	(N=4)	(N=76)	(N=294)	(N=699)	(N=162)
Has reported offences	75%	74%	54%	28%	13%



ISRD3 findings

Model	B	Std. Error	Beta	t	Sig.
Constant (Serbia)	1,887	0,044		42,916	0,000
Kosovo	-1,475	0,064	-0,308	-22,987	0,000
Croatia	-0,697	0,056	-0,176	-12,343	0,000
Macedonia	-0,966	0,062	-0,215	15,57	0,000
BiH	-1.165	0,058	-0,345	20,012	0,000
Mother unemployment	-0,171	0,039	-0,049	-4,356	0,000
Mother other	-0,029	0,095	-0,003	-0,306	0,759
Father unemployment	0,063	0,051	0,014	1,235	0,217
Father other	0,171	0,078	0,024	2,211	0,027
Family funds, unemployment	0,026	0,082	0,004	0,317	0,751
Family funds, employment	-0,003	0,051	-0,001	-0,056	0,956
Dependent variable: delinquency scale					
Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate	
1	0,299	0,089	0,088	1,53668	



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