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• Are crimes among immigrants increasing?

• Why do foreigners of some nationalities are arrested for some specific crimes?

• Is this an illusion or are there concrete facts to prove it?

• Is there a specific reason for the relation crime-nationality?
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Ratio crimes/1000 inhabitants in 2005

- Finland
- Sweden
- England & Wales
- Austria
- France
- Luxembourg
- Spain
- Hungary
- Estonia
- Poland
- Portugal
- Lithuania
- Ireland
- Cyprus

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Wacquant, 1999 (Tournier)
DGSP e SPACE I (survey 2004)

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* Estimates
** England and Wales


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Relation foreigner/immigrant-crime:

• Beginning of XX^{th} century, USA – cultural conflicts and social disorganisation;

• 70’s, USA & Europe – race, ethnicity and crime;

• 1989, USA – inmates in prisons mostly blacks;

• Occidental Europe – increase of foreigners inmates.
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Increase in foreign inmates:

• Confusion between foreigner & immigrant;
• 2nd generation of immigrants > inmates;
• Difficulty in comparing European data;
• Illegal immigrants inmates are counted in prison data in some countries;
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Studies published about national mass-media:

• 2003 - Subject prevalent about immigrants: “Offenses”, “Exploitation and Mafia”;

• 2004 – Evidence in newspapers and TV news to immigration & criminality;

• 2006 – Positive evolution, but prevalent subjects: “Crime”, “Exploitation”, “Prostitution” and “Violence”;
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Registered and condemned crimes in 2004

- Cr. against the person
- Cr. against society
- Cr. against property
- Cr. rel. to illegal drugs
- Other crimes

Registered crimes
Condemned inmates (total)
Foreign condemn. Inmat.

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Condemned inmates for type of crime - 2002 & 2005

1 – Crimes against property
2 – Crimes against the person
3 – Crimes contra life in society
4 – Crimes rel. to illegal drugs
5 – Others

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Portuguese and foreign inmates - 1994-2005

- Portuguese inmates
- Foreign inmates

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Foreign inmates in Portugal, 1997-2005, by place of origin

- African countries
- European countries
- Latin America countries
- Other countries

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Foreign resident and non resident inmates, in 2002 and 2005

2002
- Yes: 64.95%, n=1429
- No: 35.05%, n=771

2005
- Yes: 65.97%, n=1576
- No: 34.03%, n=813
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Inmates in 2002 & 2005, by different categories

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Nr of foreign resident condemned inmates in 2002 & 2005, by nationalities more represented

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Resident condemned inmates for types of crime and nationality, in 2005

- Cape-Verde
- Guinea-Bissau
- S.Tome e P.
- Ukraine
- Moldova
- Russia
- Brasil
- Angola
- Romania
- Spain

- Crimes against life
- Child sex, abuse, ephebophilia (hom inc)
- Fraud
- Illeg. wep. & explosives, fire & spread disease
- Criminal organizations
- Trafficking & oth. rel. To illegal drugs
- Illegal immigration smuggling
- Assault, battery (bodily harm & injuries)
- Prostitution exploitation
- Extortion
- Crimes against justice
- Providing illegal immigrant workers
- Kidnapping, abduction, coercion & slavery
- Libelling and slandering
- Falsification of documents
- Crimes against justice
- Unknown crime
- Rape, harassment & sexual abuse
- Property crimes
- Counterfeiting money, credits and others
- Others
- Associated illegal immigration smuggling

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Results:

• Group 1: PALOP inmates (Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau and S. Tome&Principe).
  
  – Trafficking and others related to illegal drugs;
  – Crimes against property;
  – Child sexual abuse, ephebophilia (incl. homossexual acts)

• Average age: 35,5 years old
• Average school level: 5,8 years
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Results:

• Group 2: Eastern countries inmates (Ukraine, Moldova and Russian Fed.)

  – Extortion;
  – Crimes against life;
  – Property crimes.

• Average age: 32,5 years old
• Average school level: 9,6 years
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Results:

• Group 3: inmates from Brazil, Angola and Romania
  – Property crimes;
  – Trafficking and others related to ill.drugs (Angola);
  – Kidnapping and abduction (Brazil and Romania);
  – Crimes against life (Romania)
  – Facking documents (Brazil and Angola);
  – Fraud (Brazil and Romania)

• Average age: 31.5 years old
• Average school level: 7.7 years
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Results:
• Group 4: Spanish
  – Traficking and other related to drugs;
  – Crimes against property;
  – Illegal weapon possession.

• Average age: 38,7 years old
• Average school level: 2,4 years
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Non resident condemned inmates for types of crime and nationality, in 2005

- **Venezuela**
- **Spain**
- **Brasil**
- **Cape-Verde**
- **Angola**
- **Colombia**
- **Italy**

- **Crimes against life**
- **Rape, harassment & sexual abuse**
- **Fraud**
- **Criminal organizations**
- **Trafficking&other crimes rel.to illegal drugs**
- **Criminal organizations**
- **Illegal weapon possession**

**Types of Crime:**
- Assault, battery (bodily harm and injuries)
- Child sex abuse, ephelophilia (hom.incl)
- Falsification of documents
- Crimes against justice
- Other crimes

**Nationalities:**
- Italy
- Colombia
- Angola
- Brazil
- Cape Verde
- Spain
- Venezuela

**Graph Indicates:**
- Percentage distribution of crimes by nationality and type.
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Nr of foreign inmates by crime of illegal immigration smuggling, by countries, in 2002 and 2005

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Crimes of illegal immigration smuggling:

• 65% non condemned; 35% condemned (total)
• Inmates from Brazil, Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, Russian Fed.:
  – Total 2002+2005 = 115
  – Condemned 2002+ 2005 = 34 → 29,6%

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→ 31,9%

Months of penalty: 2002 → 24,61 months; 2005 → 39,68 months
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Nr of crimes related to the crime of illegal immigration smuggling, in 2002 and 2005

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**Categories of 2005**

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Results – Illegal immigration smuggling:

- Inmates from Ukraine and Moldova (90,9% residents – Lisboa, Faro, Leiria-, male, young 19-39 y.o., medium/high education):

  • Extortion (22,0%)
  • Criminal organizations (15,6%)
  • Falsification of documents (11,7%)
  • Kidnapping (7,8%)
  • Prostitution exploitation (5,2%)
  • Robbery (5,2%)
  • Possession of illegal explosives or similar (5,2%)
  • Abduction (3,9%)
  • Illegal weapons possession (3,9%)
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Conclusions:

- Social exclusion – poor social & economic conditions;

- Historical and cultural reasons lead us to the hypothesis of transposition of the criminal panorama from the country of the inmates;

- The legal status of immigrants may contribute to the preventive imprisonment;

- The net of immigrants in Portugal for each nationality may involve new immigrants;
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Conclusions:
- The lack of support from gov. & non gov. associations to inmates;
- The nature of crimes may involve transnational movements, which involves foreigners;
- New waves of immigrants brought unusual types of crimes to Portugal;
- Victims become offenders – Offenders become victims;
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Thank you!