CONVICT CRIMINOLOGY: A NEW VIEW ABOUT MAN AND WOMEN BEHIND THE BARS

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Abstract
In this paper, I am trying to highlight the new branch of criminology emerged as convict criminology, importance of their views, how it help the main stream criminology to full fill the objective of it and way to strengthen the existing criminal justice system. While we are talking about convict criminology, it does not mean that we forget about victims, in the Part of victimology dealing deeply about victims issues. In convict criminology trying to say that let not be the inmates become the victim of the dehumanization.

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INTRODUCTION
One of the main objective of the punishment is as per the modern philosophy is the reformation, for this purpose different theory giving different ways of solution. Most of the theory are formed by researchers and scholars those does not have real life experience as inmate or never they faced the situation what a ex-convicts faced. In present correctional system implementing different schemes for the reformation of inmate without asking what they want for reformation. Here is the important of the convict criminology begin, it begin as a result of the frustration of ex-convict academics experienced with the extent understanding of crime and its control.

Convict criminology is a relatively new and controversial perspective in the practical field of criminal justice and the academic field of criminology. It is challenge to the way the crime and correctional problems are traditionally represented and discussed by researchers, policy makers and politicians. Convict criminologist giving their contribution to problem of crime define, propose solution, solution for avoid overcrowding in prison, about the lack of meaning full programs in prison...etc.

Brief of Convict criminology
Convict criminology is emerged in U.S during 1990’s it give an alternative view about crime, criminals and punishment. While it develops in U.S mass imprisonment is occurring. From 1997 onwards ex-convict academics came together for annual American criminological conference, other criminologist, academics, faculty members opened door to help them. John Irwin is consider as the father of convict criminology. He has experienced imprisonment for armed robbery.

The people working in convict criminology is former prisoners, prison workers and another researcher have the knowledge of criminology, Penology and correctional methods. They are different from the main stream criminologist because while main stream criminologist observing the process as a third party, but convict criminologist feels all the process and its pain in their life. While they are combinethe knowledge of their life and criminological knowledge they can produce a better solution then a criminologist solution. Main stream criminologist help to create a culture in prison but they are unaware about prison subculture but a convict criminologist can know it. Why the subculture is forming and what are the real need of the inmates.
Current statues in world

Presently not only is United states convict criminologist works countries like United Kingdom, New Zealand, Canada, France and Finland working model as like in United states. Universities helping them to complete their education and working with them for a better world.

Working style

They does not have any legal power to make changes in existing, they are writing their prison experience and suggestions to the improvement of the system conditions in correctional setups. Writing articles, books, presenting their views in different sociological conferences, forming groups of ex-convict and helping then to complete their education and reintegration to mainstream society.

Scope

Scope of the convict criminology is limited to the correctional system only.

Working for

The improvement of correctional system, To change the social stigma on the ex-convit, reintegration of man and women behind bars to the society, supporting the policy makers…etc.

Conclusion

As this is a newly emerged view about the crime and punishment, in this new century the world is witnessing lots of dynamic changes in the criminal justices system and correctional policies for a safe and better world. This new approach will help the present system to make more valuable decision with this new view. We can use the knowledge of the person (criminologist) knowing the path and person (convict criminologist) travelled through the path and make a better policies.

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