

## White Collar Crimes

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### Abstract

White collar crimes or the crimes committed by high profile individuals are more prevalent now a days involves almost all professions and business. Crimes like fraud, overcharging, black marketing, bribery, tax evasions etc are included under white collar crimes. These crimes more dangerous than blue collar crimes as they are deeply infiltrated into the system and cause more long lasting harms.

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White collar crimes refer to the crimes committed under disguise of business or profession. This term include frauds in business, frauds in investments, bribery, adulterations, tax evasions, embezzlement, copyright infringement, overpricing, over charging, selling wrong products, selling or marketing low quality product, political corruption, capitation fees etc.<sup>1,2</sup>This entity is less known as compared to traditional blue collar crimes like robbery, theft etc. White Collar crimes are more soothing to the society as the perpetrators are usually politicians, bureaucrats, businessman, shop keepers, doctors, lawyers, engineers and other respectable citizens of society and thus these crimes are usually accepted as part of business or profession. White collar crimes are also prevalent in medical profession like issuing false certificates, dichotomy, covering, wrong associations, selling or prescribing overpriced drugs.

White collar crimes are usually double sided, they are not only committed by the perpetrator but are also sometimes facilitated by the sufferer eg. taking bribe is a white collar crime but at the same time people pay bribe in order to get their work done, Chartered accountants prepare false documents and

income tax officials may accept bribes to help a person evade tax. Thus, these crimes are less reported as they are more directed towards the group of people, society or country as a whole but rarely towards an individual.

Government have framed various laws and regulations to control white collar crimes: Foreign exchange regulations Act 1947, Imports and Exports (Control) Act 1947, Essential commodities Act 1955, Companies Act 1956, Central Sales Tax Act 1956, Income Tax Act 1961, Customs Act 1962, Prevention of Corruption Act.

In general blue collar crimes affect only a persons or two at a time but white collar crimes affect the society. Still majority of times these white collar crimes go unpunished due to various reasons .

1. High social status of criminals - Big business tycoons eg. kingfisher group, sahara group which are currently implicated for business frauds.
2. Political affiliations- Big politicians - eg. 3G scam, Fodder scam Vyapam scam, Asian games scam.
3. Unorganized public opinion on this issue, along with public contribution to these crimes eg. bribing, demand for illegal goods, purchase without bills.
4. No proper preventive or corrective measures available.
5. Commission of offence is usually noticed later and by then the evidences might be destroyed.
6. Lenient judicial approach as these crimes are not usually taken seriously.

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The usual theories which explain the ordinary crimes like need, bad environment, feeble mindedness usually fail to explain these crimes as the perpetrators are rich, sharp minded individuals. The exact data for these crimes is misleading as lot of times are not reported or underreported. White collar crimes are infact more dangerous than blue collar crimes as these are deeply infiltrated into the system and society, cause more long lasting harms, are

difficult to locate and control.

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