

Chapter 2

Topic 8 Globalisation, green crime, human rights & state crime

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Activity: Media

Global crime networks

Learning objectives

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- Identify features of international organised crime.

A. Watch the clip below, 'How do global crime networks work?' and answer the questions that follow.

http://www.ted.com/talks/misha_glenny_investigates_global_crime_networks

1. What does Misha Glenny identify as the commercial success story of the last 20 years?
2. What percentage of the world's GDP did organised crime account for in 2009 (the year that the film was made)?
3. What is the other name Glenny gives to McMafia?
4. What event does Glenny identify as key to the increase in cross-border crime?
5. What were some of the problems of the changes that occurred after 1989?
6. Who are the 'midwives of capitalism'?
7. What happened after the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe?
8. Who were the privatised law enforcement agencies?
9. Why did Glenny start his research into organised crime in the Balkans?
10. What crimes were emerging from this area?
11. How many people were involved in global crime?
12. Where were the zones of distribution?
13. Where were the zones of consumption?
14. Where do the zones of production tend to be and what threats do they face?
15. What is the primary driver of international organised crime?
16. How do smugglers make money on cigarettes?
17. How much money was lost by Britain as a result of the work of the smugglers?
18. How were the gangsters able to get away with their trade?
19. What do the international criminals do with their money and how is this made easier by globalisation?
20. How much money did Bernie Madoff steal?
21. Why has the production of drugs moved location? Why is this going to present a problem?
22. How have the organised criminals changed their interests to adjust to the economic recession?
23. According to Glenny, why is cyber-crime so easy to carry out?
24. How have the internet and organised global crime contributed to the spread of malaria?