

Crimes of the Powerful

Criminal Justice

Offending by organisations and officials, and why it is counted so poorly.

Sutherland's point: harm and visibility are different things.

Type	Example area	Why under-counted
White-collar	Occupational fraud	Often handled internally
Corporate	Safety and pollution	Diffuse victims, slow harm
State	Abuse of official power	The state defines the offence
Environmental	Illegal waste disposal	Weak detection capacity
Financial	Market manipulation	Complex and costly to prove

Educational reference. Estimates of the cost of fraud and corporate harm vary widely and depend heavily on method.