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**KIDNAPPING AS A CRIME IN NIGERIA.**

Crime is an illegal act for which someone can be punished by the government; it is also a gross violation of law, a grave offence especially against morality.

According to the Longman active study dictionary 5th edition, Crime can be defined as illegal activities in general. Crime is an act which happens every time and everywhere around globe. These are caused by different factors which are:

* **POOR PARENTING :** these is a very important factor one has to look into , a parent has a lot to do in a child life which most parents ignore this days with the excuse of been busy with work or either travelling around going for occasions and all sorts . A child sees his or her parent not always around as an opportunity to misbehave.
* **PEER GROUP INFLUENCE:** Going back to my first point ,with good parenting and good guidance of a child peer group cannot influence the child wrongly, in teenage life this tends to happen a lot because we all want to feel among and been seen as a strong and not weak person ,so even if it means stealing, raping and all sort they have no choice but to do it.
* **GREED :** These is a factor which affects most Nigerian citizens , we all want to be like our peers or more than them which is a good thought if done the right way. Most Nigerians wants the easy way out which involves committing crimes to get fast money.
* **POVERTY AND IGNORANCE:** Poverty leads people into crime because they always want to cater for their needs and don’t care if its done the wrong way. Ignorance also plays a large role in crime because a person who is not thought the right company of friends to have, better ways of making money e.t.c
* **LOW SELF ESTEEM:** An individual subjective evaluation of their own worth, these encompasses believe about one’s self as well as emotional state such as triumph, despair, pride and shame.

These so called crimes are of different types either small or big a crime is still considered as a crimes, some of these crimes are :

* **HOUSE BUGGLING :** These is the act of entering houses either at night or day light without permission i .e they break in either through the window or door either back or front , there purpose is to steal valuables without harming anyone . They burgle shops , houses , offices etc.
* **ARMED ROBBERY :** These involves carrying of weapons like guns, cutlasses etc into people’s houses to steal or even on roads ,the purpose of those weapons is to scare people to give their properties and most times in some unfortunate cases people lost their life’s or get injured by robbers.
* **CYBER CRIME :** These is very common among Nigerians these days which we refer to as \*YAHOO YAHOO\* in Nigeria today. These people use the knowledge of computer networking and hacking to illegally hack into peoples bank accounts to steal money ,or even social media accounts to post implicating things about people .Mostly what they do is either steal your money or make you give them money through threats or implications.
* **RAPINGS AND DRUG DEALINGS :** Raping is a serious case anywhere around the world and a punishable crime ,it happens to both young and old ladies and even men who happens to be victims of the consequence . Illegal drug dealings is a way of getting money by selling hard drugs like cocaine , tobacco , and others to addicts to get money which happens to be a lot of money.
* **ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR :** These is when one feel intimidated or distressed by a person’s behaviour towards you.
* **ARSON :** These is when someone deliberately sets fire to someone elses property to injure people or damage the property

All these types of crimes became a worry to the government which led them to finding solutions to these crimes , security personnel are stationed around houses, shops, streets and roads to cub burgling , raping and armed robbery , Also cyber crime was curbed by using encryption and coding to make it hard for hackers to easily pry into people’s privacy. These measure the government took led to the creation of a device to make money and also a new crime which is the main topic of discussion today \*KIDNAPPING\*.

**KIDNAPPING:**

These is simply the action of abducting someone and holding them captive ,kidnapping is the unlawful taking and carrying of a person by force or the unlawful seizure and detention of a person without his will .The principle motive for kidnapping is to subject the victim to involuntary servitude to expose him to the commotions of some other criminal act against his person or to obtain ransom for his safe release.

After the government and security personnel came together to cub all other criminal acts, those criminals came up with another form of crime which is more profitable to them which is kidnapping. These mostly happen on an isolated road, or bushy areas, it also happens at any time of the day and one can also be abducted from home depending on how they plan it. Most kidnap victims come out alive and healthy if their family members meet to the demands of the abductors, all they need is money or other valuables which cost a fortune. These criminals wouldn’t have the opportunity to do such crimes if our nations security is strong, they operate on lonely roads as i said before because there are no security personnel on such roads , they operate on bad roads because a victim would have no other choice but to stop because he can’t speed or run on a bad road. I believe only we the citizens know our problems and the solutions to them.

Each community should come together to find solutions to their problems , a vigilante group should be formed to tackle the issue of insecurity, the community should come together and plan on how to improve their roads . These will give the government a heads up to stand up to their duties and with that these issues of criminalities will be tackled.

THANKS.