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## ANOMIE AND CRIMINALITY IN UKRAINIAN SOCIETY

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On February 24, 2024 have passed two years since the attack on Ukraine happened – an incredible event generated by a state like Russia and in the current times of development and yet, well-being in which humanity and societies in the vicinity of Romania lived – at least it could talk about a state organization, as each country decided to organize its power and political regime, more or less democratic.

A new social reality created by a war, which Ukraine carries alone, having to defend itself and fight back against armed attacks, is generating great changes at the macrosocial and individual level, especially since we do not know to what extent the rules of international humanitarian law have been or are violated – and here we invoke the Charter of the United Nations Organization as an international and universal treaty, guaranteeing stability and peace in the World, which the Soviet Union of 1945 recognized and signed even as a founding member state of the UN [1].

The social cataclysm produced by the war that once and for all it will end, will generate an Ukrainian society, which we do not know how to characterize yet, but which from the perspective of the French sociologist Émile Durkheim we can already consider and designate anomic; in such a society, described by Durkheim in his work *The Social Division of Labor* predominantly from an economic perspective, "social determinism will prevail" [2, p. 96] *apud* [3] and will also manifest itself at the level of society Ukrainian through numerous disruptions and disorder of its normal functioning.

Indeed, the disruption of the social order has already occurred, "anomia referring to any disruption of the collective order caused by sudden social fluctuations, positive and negative oscillations of the manifestation of groups or the whole society" [4] *apud* [2, p. 103], and Ukrainian society, after the end of the war, will at least reflect the state of an anomic society, as Émile Durkheim describes such an entity in his work – with strong social

imbalances, with disruptions of social functions, with the overturning of the scale of values, etc. If we expand the appreciations, also through the lens of Durkheimian thinking, it is possible that the phenomenon of an anomic suicide [5] *apud* [2] may even occur among the population affected by the war, which should be prevented!

We also appreciate that in the absence of rules that are quickly imposed with the role of restoring social order, part of the population on the Ukrainian territory will adopt numerous delinquent behaviors as adapting ways to achieving the goals they propose and to what they will socially value considered; these possible adapting ways to social reality can be mirrored by those behaviors that Robert King Merton [6] observed, also from the social anomy perspective, but this time from American vision. Thus, we believe that in the absence of the restoration of social order, human manifestations will degenerate through the proliferation of delinquent behaviors, from the commission of common law crimes to organized crime.

We are thus signaling the social danger of increasing the criminality [7] induced by the serious destabilization of Ukrainian society, with implications at all levels and of social anomie in the situation where the apparatus of the state authority will not be capable of order, balance and legality!

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