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- Definition
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- Regional perspective

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Definitions



UN => Any act "intended to cause **death** or serious bodily harm to **civilians** or **non-combatants** with the purpose of **intimidating** a **population** or **compelling** a **government** or an international organization to do or abstain from doing any act"

US => Activities that (A) involve **violent acts**/acts dangerous to human life that are a **violation** of the **criminal laws** of the US or of any State ... (B) appear to be intended:

- (i) to **intimidate/coerce** a **civilian population**;
- (ii) to **influence** the **policy** of a government by intimidation/coercion; or
- (iii) to affect the conduct of a government by **mass destruction, assassination, or kidnapping** ...

EU => **Criminal offences** against persons & property which given their nature/context, may **seriously damage** a country/international organization where committed with the aim of: seriously **intimidating** a **population**; unduly compelling a **government** or international organization to perform/abstain from performing any act; or seriously **destabilizing** or **destroying** the fundamental **political, constitutional, economic** or **social structures** of a country/international organization

Typology and Scope



- **Types of terrorism =>**
 - **State-Sponsored terrorism:** Terrorist acts **financed** by a **state/government**
 - **Political terrorism:** Used by one political faction against another
 - **Limited political terrorism:** One time only plot to make a political/ideological statement (i.e., to protest a policy/action)
 - **Anarchists/Dissent terrorism:** Rebels, acting against their government
 - **Religious terrorism:** Perpetrated by religiously motivated groups
- **Scope of action => Domestic vs. International/transnational**

Organized Crime vs. Terrorists

- **Terrorism** is (often organized), **criminal act** that employs **violence**. Its **uniqueness** concerns the **offender's motivation**
- **Organized Criminal Groups** => Groups that through their activities seek to obtain a **financial** or other **material benefit**
 - Primarily for **selfish, personal** goals
- **Terrorism**
 - The **violence** is ultimately **employed** for **political purposes**
- Activities of **terrorists** and organized **criminal** groups can **overlap**
 - E.g., when terrorists use organized crime activity to **fund** their political objectives



Domestic vs. Global Terrorism

- **Domestic terrorism** involves groups whose **terrorist activities are directed** at elements of the government **without foreign involvement**
 - **Confined to the territory of the state**
- April 1995 => **Oklahoma City bombing**
 - American militia movement sympathizer **Timothy McVeigh** built a massive homemade bomb
 - Concealed in a rental truck, the **bomb** exploded near the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City
 - Claimed the lives of 168, injuring over 680
 - **Deadliest terrorist assault** in the US **until 9/11**



Oklahoma City Bombing

Before and after



Domestic vs. Global Terrorism

- **Global/International Terrorism**
 - Unlawful force/violence by an **individual** or **group** that has a **connection to a foreign power** +
 - Targeting **persons** or **property** +
 - Aimed at **intimidating** or **coercing** a government, the **civilian population**, or any segment thereof, to further **political** or **social objectives**
 - The activities **transcend national boundaries**
- **9/11**



Past Attacks

- 1995, **Tokyo** => Sarin **Chemical attack** in the **underground train**
 - Killed 13, injured hundreds
 - Óm-širinkjó (Aum Shinrikyo) **doomsday cult**
- 2004, **Madrid** => Train bombing, occurred 3 days before the general elections, committed by Al-Qaida
 - 10 **bombs** exploded in four **trains** in + around Atocha Station in the city's center
- 2005, **London** => 4 Suicide bombs
 - Explosions in 3 London **Underground trains**, killing 39, a **bomb** detonated in a **bus** killed 13, over 700 people injured
 - Committed by Al-Qaida



Transnational Crime

- **“Offenses** whose inception, prevention and/or direct or indirect effects involve **more than one country**” (UN,1995)
 - **Territory based definition**
 - **A single perpetrator/loosely organized group** engaging in transnational criminal activities
- Transnational Organized Crime (TOC) => **Well-organized criminal operations** that **cross national boundaries**
- **No single, universally agreed upon definition** of Transnational organized **groups** due to their extent, **diverse activities, structure**

Contemporary Transnational Crime

- Transnational crime **ranges** from simple **fraudulent email** & phishing schemes perpetrated globally, to **illegal trafficking** in people, organs, illicit drugs, etc.
- **NOT a modern phenomenon**, yet **transnational crime** has emerged as **one of the most pressing security challenges of the early 21st century**
- What is **new** about transnational crime?
 - **Scope of activity** => Broad & diversified
 - **Magnitude** => **Global impact**



Contemporary Transnational Crime

- Major enablers/supporters of the rise of **transnational organized crime** in **contemporary** times:
 - **Globalization:** Distance and boundaries have almost become a non-issue + globalization of the economy
 - **Improved communications technology & seamless electronic environment**
 - **Open borders for trade and travel**
 - **Emerging democracies**
- Transnational Organized Crime as a security threat (globally, multi aspects)
 - **Destructive impact on governance, anti-corruption, economic development, trade**
 - **Violations of human rights**
 - **Deforestation and unsustainable natural-resource extraction**

Typology & Scope of TOC

Transnational Organized crime involves 2 types of activity:

1. Provision of illicit goods + services
2. Infiltration of legitimate business

Criminal Activities:



CURRENCY
COUNTERFEITING



CYBERCRIME
Child sexual exploitation
Cyber-dependent crimes
Payment card fraud



DRUG PRODUCTION
TRAFFICKING AND
DISTRIBUTION



FRAUD
Excise fraud
Investment fraud
Mass marketing fraud
Payment order fraud
Value Added Tax fraud



ILLICIT WASTE
TRAFFICKING



INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY CRIME



MIGRANT SMUGGLING



ORGANISED
PROPERTY CRIME



SPORTS
CORRUPTION



TRAFFICKING OF
ENDANGERED SPECIES

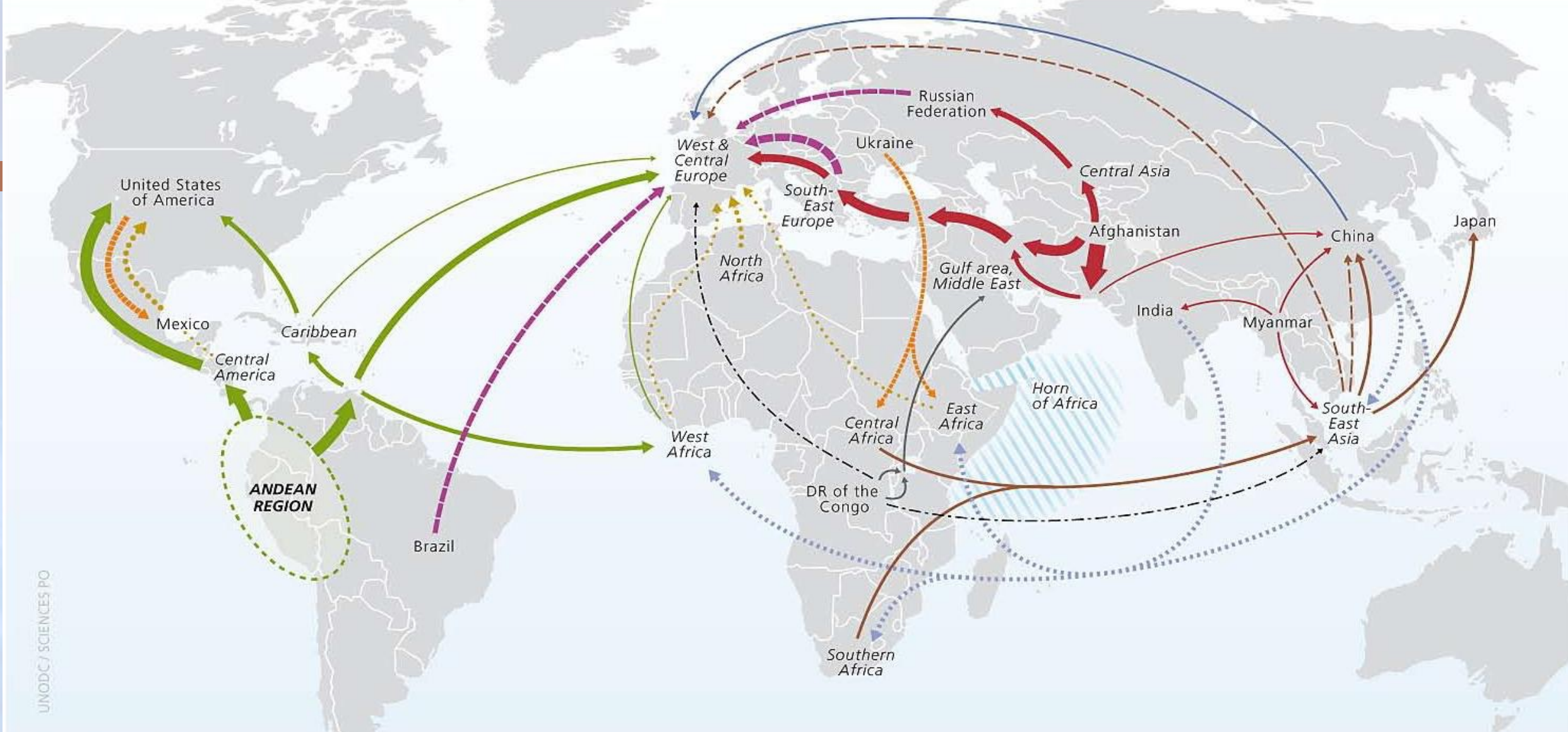


TRAFFICKING
OF FIREARMS



TRAFFICKING IN
HUMAN BEINGS

- Corruption, money laundering, Illegal gambling, Prostitution, Piracy



Source: UNODC

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| Heroin | Smuggling of migrants | Counterfeit medicines | Timber |
| Cocaine | Female trafficking victims (main sources) | Piracy off the Horn of Africa | Gold |
| Firearms | Counterfeit consumer goods | Wildlife | Cassiterite |

TOC in a Regional Perspective

Europe =>

- **Germany:** Drug trafficking, various theft rings
- **Austria:** Human trafficking, drug trafficking ...
- **Denmark:** Smuggle illicit produce into Europe/Scandinavia, information technology, cybercrime, drug trafficking, property crime and terrorism
 - **Motorcycle gangs:** highest profile groups, involved in selling firearms + amphetamines
 - Links with **Colombian cartels** account for a significant percentage of **cocaine imports**

Organized crime activities in illegal trade (Germany)





Global Organized Crime Index 2021

HIGHEST SCORE

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2. RUSSIA - 6.24



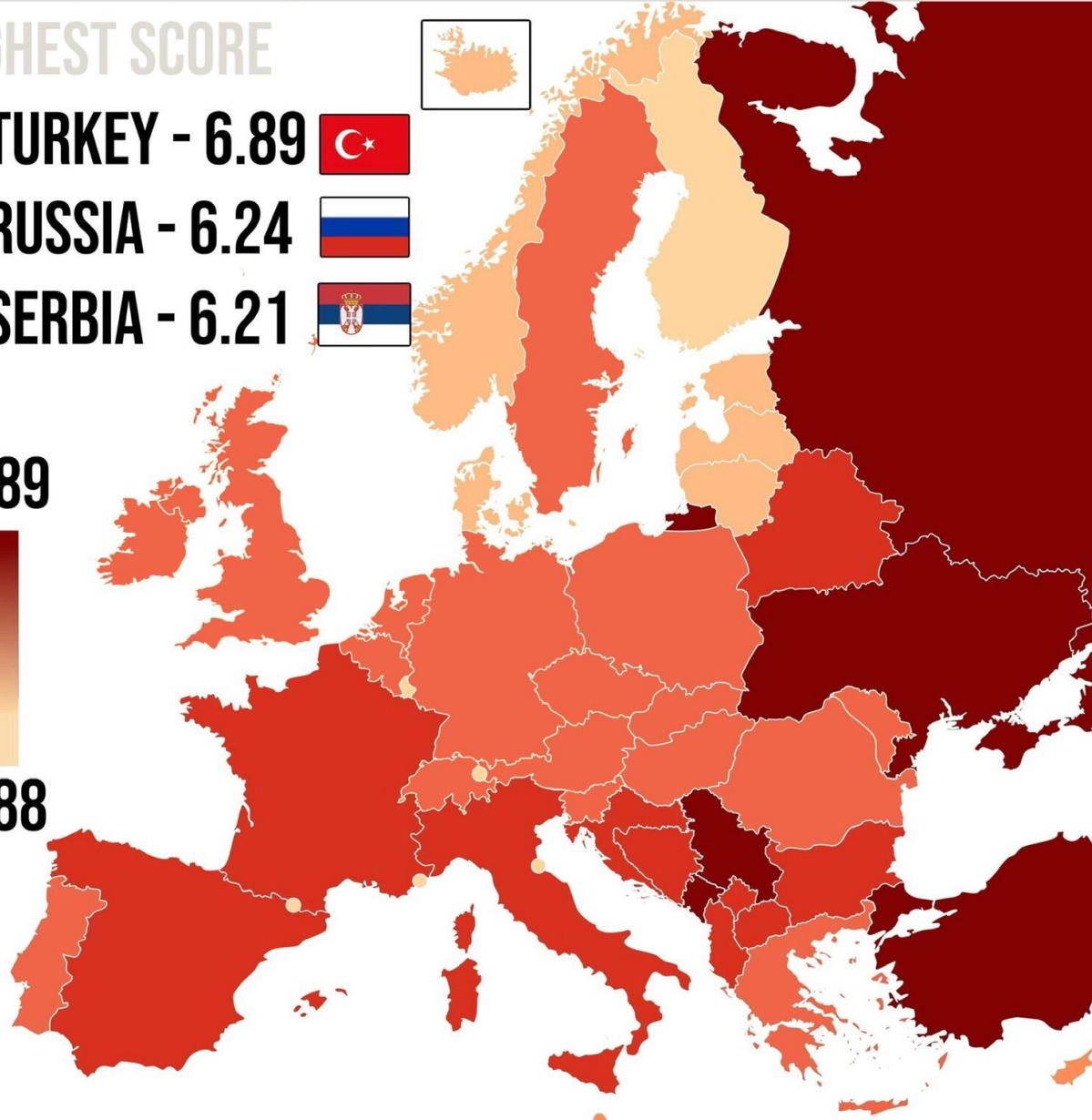
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13. KOSOVO - 5.19
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26. PORTUGAL - 4.55
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32. CYPRUS - 4.19
33. AUSTRIA - 4.04
34. POLAND - 4.01
35. DENMARK - 3.86
36. NORWAY - 3.81
37. ESTONIA - 3.60
38. LATVIA - 3.51
39. ICELAND - 3.39
40. LITHUANIA - 3.31
41. SAN MARINO - 3.01
42. ANDORRA - 2.96
43. FINLAND - 2.71
44. MONACO - 2.43
45. LUXEMBOURG - 2.36
46. LIECHTENSTEIN - 1.88



Organised Crime Groups

- Self-perpetuating **associations** of individuals who operate, wholly or in part, by **illegal means** and irrespective of geography
 - **Primary goal:** economic gain (also power, influence)
 - As **varied** as the markets they service & the activities they engage in
 - **Interconnected** and **internationally** active
 - Employ an **array of lawful + illicit schemes** to generate **profit**
 - **No single structure** under which TOCGs function
 - **Flexible** and **adaptable**
- TOCGs operate in a **criminal economy** + **social tolerance** for certain types of crime

Organised Crime Groups

Characteristics =>

- Existing **social** or **culturally-based** groups
 - **Hierarchical structures**
 - **Longstanding criminal activities + domestic influence**
 - **Socialize as a group**
- 'Ad Hoc' groups, **emerge** in order to **exploit** a **specific criminal opportunity**
 - **Small, inter-ethnic**
 - **Limited hierarchy + cohesiveness**
 - **Networking** among members occurs **when they need to carry out criminal activity**



ORGANISED CRIME GROUPS



CRIMINAL NETWORKS

Transnational Mafias



- **Mafia** is a hierarchically structured society of criminals of primarily Italian or Sicilian birth or extraction
 - The term no longer only refers to Italian/Sicilian criminals
- **Transnational Mafias 'export' illegal activities through immigrant links** (Sicilian/Odessa Mafias in the US)
 - **Opening borders + mass emigration** after the break-up of the USSR provided Russian criminals an **opportunity to organize criminal enterprises abroad**, to create **networks among immigrants**
- The **Odessa Mafia** is considered the **dominant** Russian organized crime group in the **US**
 - Established in the **Brighton Beach** area of NYC, expanded in the 1980s
 - Involved in extortion, money laundering, fraud, loan sharking, homicide

Operating Techniques

Execute Transnational Criminal Activity =>

- Violence
- Online communication, satellite phones
- Money laundering & corruption

Blending Formula

- Mixing **legitimate & illegitimate** activities/funds
- **Hard to detect** where criminal funds end and legitimate funds begin
 - **Bank of New York case in 1999: Global money laundering operation, Illegal transfer of billions of dollars through one of the world's biggest banks**

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Russian mob 'used US bank' to launder cash

Detectives fear press reports have damaged transatlantic inquiry into illegal transfer of billions of dollars

Jane Martinson in New York and Dan Atkinson

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United States authorities are investigating allegations that the Russian mafia has infiltrated the Bank of New York in what could be one of the largest ever money laundering operations on Wall Street.

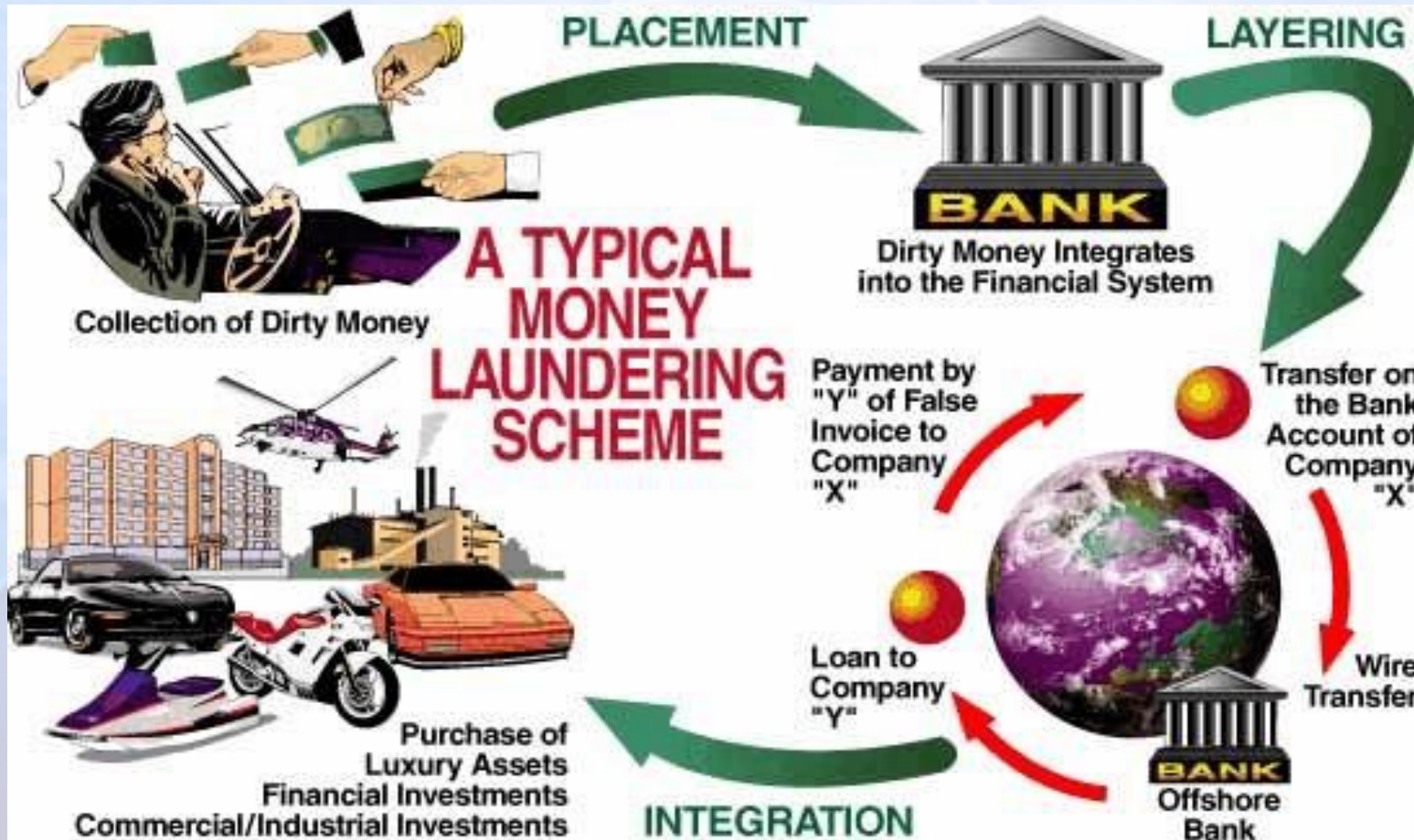
But American press reports have seriously compromised the London end of the inquiry carried out by Britain's national crime squad.

The investigation by the US attorney's office in New York and the FBI involves the alleged illegal transfer of billions of dollars through one of the world's biggest banks. A report in the New York Times has suggested that up to \$10bn (£6.25bn) passed through the bank's accounts in a global money laundering operation.

British authorities are understood to have first alerted the US investigators to the mafia's activity last year, after an investigation into Russian organised crime and the City.

Money Laundering

- Movement of **illicit funds** for the purpose of **concealing** their true **source, ownership** or **use**



- Money derived from **criminal activity** turned to funds with a legal source
- Essential to long-term, lucrative criminal activity
 - Provides the **fuel** for criminal activities + **expansion** thereof

Money Laundering

- **Rapid developments** in financial information, technology, communication, **globalization**, allow money to move **globally, quickly** and **easily**
 - **Dollarization** of black markets
 - General trend towards **financial deregulation**
 - Increase in financial secrecy havens
 - Cryptocurrencies
- Combating money-laundering is more **challenging** than ever



Human Trafficking



- The **illegal sale/ trading of persons across borders** against their will for **financial gain**
- Often includes an element of **smuggling**, an **international crime**
- Negative consequences:
 - Fuels organized crime
 - Deprives of human capital
 - Undermines public health
 - Promotes social breakdown
- **Women** are particularly susceptible to be trafficked
 - **Not the same as prostitution**
- **Children's trafficking**

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Questions???

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