Guidelines for Term Paper

The purpose of this assignment is to provide students with the opportunity to become more familiar with the activities of specific organized crime groups, as well as governmental efforts to investigate and prosecute these groups.

For this paper, students are to select a large-scale operation against organized crime, and address the following

components:

1. Which organized crime group was targeted in the operation and how many individuals were arrested? Briefly

describe the origins of this group

a. If multiple groups were targeted, describe the origins of all groups involved

2. Criminal activities

a. Which criminal activities were uncovered by the operation? Were any violent crimes uncovered?

b. Where did these criminal activities take place? Were any of them transnational?

3. Which techniques were used by law enforcement to investigate the activities of the organized crime group?

a. Investigative techniques are discussed in Chapter 9 of the textbook

4. Which tools were used by the prosecution in order to obtain convictions against the organized crime members?

a. Prosecutorial tools are discussed in Chapter 10 of the textbook

5. Conviction and sentencing

a. How many of the individuals indicted as part of the operation were convicted?

b. What was the most severe sentence?

c. Were any of the indicted individuals acquitted? If available, what were the reasons for the acquittals?

6. Impact of the operation

a. To what extent did the operation weaken the organized crime group that was targeted?

b. Is there evidence that the operation led to a reduction in organized crime activities overall?

7. Conclusion

a. Which strategies can be used to prevent the crimes discovered as a result of this operation in the future?

i. Based on the theoretical perspectives presented in Chapter 4

b. Overall thoughts about this government operation against organized crime

Every component of the paper needs to be addressed in as much detail as possible. If there is no information

available regarding a particular question, please indicate so in the paper. Do not skip any of the questions; I can only

grade what is in front of me. For this assignment, students are to use articles, documentaries, or video news reports

from reputable sources, including but not limited to: CNN, CBS News, NBC News, any local news station, The New

York Times, The Washington Post, The Guardian, The Atlantic, The History Channel, National Geographic, and Al

Jazeera.

Below is a list of government operations against organized crime that can be used for this paper. If the operation did

not involve the United States, the country in which it primarily took place is shown in parentheses. Please note that

this list is not exhaustive; if you want to write about an operation that is not on this list and have doubts about

whether it is appropriate for this assignment, feel free to contact me.

1) The Maxi Trial (Italy)

2) The Pizza Connection Trial

3) The Mafia Commission Trial

4) Patriarca crime family trial in the early 1990s

5) Operation Family Secrets

6) Operation Old Bridge

7) Project Reckoning

8) Operation Troika (Spain)

Technical Requirements for the Paper

1) Cover page

2) References page at the end

3) 6-9 pages of text (not including cover page or references)

4) Must be double-spaced

5) Written in font size 12, Times New Roman

6) Subheadings are not required, but highly encouraged

7) A minimum of 7 sources

a. Including your textbook

8) Sources need to be cited within the text and referenced at the end, in accordance with APA style. For specific

information on how to cite sources using this style, please refer to the following

website:https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\_and\_citation/apa\_style/apa\_style\_introduction.htmla.

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1) Organization and flow of paper

2) Completenessa. Addressing every component listed above

3) Adherence to APA style

4) Submission of the paper on Canvas by 11:59 p.m. on May 2nd, 2021a. Late papers will be accepted only in the

event of a university-approved emergency