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# *THE APPARENT IDYLIC OF RURAL AREAS*

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# COUNTRYSIDE

 Definitions

 Aspects:

 Population;

 Economic;

 Social structure;

 Cultural;





# ECONOMIC ACPECT

- 🌾 Agriculture
- 🐟 Fishing
- 🏢 Service industry
- 🏞️ Tourism
- 🏭 Production



# SOCIAL STRUCTURE



- ☞ Gemeinschaft = High cohesiveness
- ☞ Lots of family ties
- ☞ Solidarity, caring for others
- ☞ Kindness
- ☞ Honesty
- ☞ Low crime rate



# CULTURAL ASPECT

- \* 🏠 Values, beliefs, attitudes
  - \* 🏠 Behavioral habits
  - \* 🏠 Knowledge
  - \* 🏠 Tradition, conservative society
  - \* 🏠 Slowly changing
  - \* 🏠 Unaccepting of new
  - \* 🏠 Intolerant
- } Stereotype

# RURAL CRIME

- 🌾 Neglected topics
- 🌾 Anti-urbanization trend
- 🌾 Allocation of funds, staff and assistance
- 🌾 Crime is also present in rural areas

# RURAL PROBLEMS

\* 🏠 Loneliness, isolation from urban settlements

\* 🏠 Poverty

\* 🏠 Crime related to agriculture,

\* 🏠 Land and property disputes;

\* 🏠 Illegal hunting

\* 🏠 Environmental crime

\* 🏠 Tightly integrated community = Gemeinschaft

\* 🏠 Social judgments - xenophobia, racism

\* 🏠 Interpersonal violence, domestic violence

\* 🏠 Drug and alcohol use

\* 🏠 Lack of anonymity - ostracism





# CONCLUSION

- ✖ Rural areas have unique problems, values, beliefs and norms that affect the types of crimes committed and the ways in which the community responds to them
- ✖ Discreetly adhere to their unofficial norms
- ✖ “Rural” police are likely to close their eyes to certain violations





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