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## **HISTORICAL-LEGAL ANALYSIS OF THE CRIMINALIZATION OF CORRUPT PRACTICES IN OUR COUNTRY**

**Summary:** Based on the historical-legal analysis of the criminalization of corrupt practices in our country, we can conclude that corrupt practices were noticed and incriminated in the Middle Ages. We can see that with the development of Serbia as a state, its reaction to corrupt practices, that is legal regulation of corrupt criminal acts, gradually developed, but also that corruption in our area has always been present to a considerable extent, especially in the period of the emergence of Serbia as a state and lack of adequate legal regulations. Initially, corrupt practices were primarily related to bribery of church officials and judges (Dušan's Code), and later expanded to bribery in the army (Karadžić's Criminal Code), bribery of officials (Criminal Code), and all the way to modern criminal codes who incriminated corrupt practices in both the public and private sectors, as an attempt by the state to react by suppressing all forms of corrupt behavior and a harsh penal policy. The current Criminal Code of the Republic of Serbia, with all amendments, regulates a significant number of corrupt practices, meeting all standards of the international community set by international documents in the field of anti-corruption.

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