

THE NOTION OF THREAT IN CRIMINAL LAW

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Summary: The paper discusses the problems related to the determination of concept of threat as one of the two forms of coercion. In doing so, it assumes that the notion of threat can be determined in the same way as when a threat is the act of committing a particular crime, and when it is used to coerce another person to commit an offense. Refinement of the threat concept requires considering several issues, primarily the question of what kind of evil and in which way it has to be placed on the appearance to the person being threatened. When it comes to a situation where a person uses a threat to coerce another person to commit an offense, it is discussed whether that person is an instigator (and whether in this case he commits in concurrence the particular crime of coercion, too) or he should be considered as the indirect perpetrator.

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