

Croatian public believed more in rehabilitation than punishment as a primary sentencing goal, and they attribute criminal behavior mostly to the social factors, then to individual or the economic factors. Majority of Croatian respondents, similar to those in other countries, believed that judicial practices are in general lenient or too lenient, but in the hypothetical case of burglary relative majority preferred community work as the most suitable punishment for this type of crime. Classification results showed that depending on the type of used dependent variable, and the type of response given to each variable, 0% to 95.2% of original grouped cases were correctly classified. Definition of each significant function showed to be related to the type of dependent variable. Regardless of the type of dependent variable, canonic correlation for the first significant discriminant function ranged from 0.22 to 0.30. Definition of the first significant function showed to be related to the type of dependent variable, but in each case it was mostly defined by the punishment or rehabilitation as sentencing goals.