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## Categories of financial crime

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### Abstract

#### Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to present a systematic approach to classify financial crime into main categories as well as sub categories.

#### Design/methodology/approach

Based on a literature review, the main four categories were labeled corruption, fraud, theft, and manipulation, respectively.

#### Findings

There is a massive variety of crime types and crime names in the literature that can successfully be allocated to main categories of financial crime.

#### Research limitations/implications

The paper is based on exploratory research to stimulate future research in refining and improving the categories suggested here.

#### Practical implications

The great variety of criminal activities is classified in this paper so that practitioners can organize their thinking around crime themes rather than crime examples when mapping crime.

#### Social implications

The public and society at large will be able to understand the confusing variety of financial crime in terms of main categories.

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## Keywords

- Corruption
- Fraud
- Theft
- Classification

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