

Youth Justice

Culturally diverse perspectives

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WHAT WE KNOW

- Recorded crime has declined, but has gotten relatively more violent and virtual
- Age-crime curve
- Female offending has increased
- Apprenticeship in crime
- Four moral panics about young (CALD) people in the last 20 years



SO WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

- Technology has facilitated (the management of) outsiderhood
- Young people are increasingly diverse
- Perception of increased violence

Reverse your gaze:

- Why are young people still a problem for police?



THREE CONSIDERATIONS

1. VULNERABILITY

➔ Young people are vulnerable

- Inherent
- Situational
- Iatrogenic

➔ Layers of vulnerability

- Young people are not just young
- Silos cannot prepare police officers



THREE CONSIDERATIONS

2. PARSIMONIOUS POLICING (Anderson & Burris 2017)

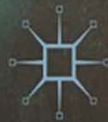
MEDICINE	POLICING
30% of medical care unnecessary or inappropriate	Costly use of scarce resources; “crack-down decay”; overutilisation dulls deterrent effect
Increased intervention = higher mortality	Inherently risky to all (unlike medicine)
Interventions that lack efficacy, have other risks or misused	Too little EBP on efficacy & dirty data; known & significant iatrogenic harm
RESPONSES	
“Less is more” (eg antibiotics)	Reduce the contact young people have with police
Patient education	Fully-funded wrap around intervention
Research on full ecological costs of both intervention and non-intervention	EBP in both crime control and community policing approaches



THREE CONSIDERATIONS

3. PROPINQUITOUS POLICING (Asquith 2018)

- ➔ Developed out of RRR policing research
- ➔ Propinquity
 - nearness in terms of place (proximity), time (shared events), relation (kinship), and affinity of nature (similarity in outlook)
- ➔ Philadelphia Foot Patrol experiment: propinquitous practices can result in
 - 1) Parsimonious policing
 - 2) Crime prevention
 - 3) Community education
 - 4) Increased reporting of crime



LAST WORDS

- **Young people are not a problem**
- **Consider non-intervention**
- **Facilitate propinquity in all its forms**
- **Young people have rich life pathways; age is only one factor**



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