

## Crime, Insecurity, and Community Policing

How can societies effectively reduce crime without exacerbating adversarial relationships between the police and citizens? In recent decades, perhaps the most celebrated innovation in police reform has been the introduction of community policing, where citizens are involved in building channels of dialogue and improving police–citizen collaboration. Despite the widespread adoption of community policing in the United States and increasingly in the developing world, there is still limited credible evidence about whether it realistically increases trust in the police or reduces crime. Through simultaneously coordinated field experiments in a diversity of political contexts, this book presents the outcome of a major research initiative into the efficacy of community policing. Scholars from around the world uncover whether, and under what conditions, this highly influential strategy for tackling crime and insecurity is effective. With its highly innovative approach to cumulative learning, this project represents a new frontier in the study of police reform.

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Abbreviations

ADR	alternative dispute resolution (Pakistan)
AFP	Armed Forces of the Philippines
CAI	Centros de Atención Inmediata (Immediate Service Center, Colombia)
CAPS	Chicago’s Alternative Policing Strategy
CEP	community engagement program
COPS	Community Oriented Policing Services (U.S. Department of Justice)
CPLC	Citizen Police Liaison Committee (Pakistan)
CPO	Community policing officer (Liberia)
CPOP	citizen-centric problem-oriented policing, Pakistan
CPP	community policing plan (Pakistan)
CrPC	Criminal Procedure Code (Pakistan)
CWT	community watch team (Uganda)
DBU	dedicated beat-level unit (Pakistan)
DPO	district police officer (Pakistan)
EGAP	Evidence in Governance and Politics
FIR	first information report (Pakistan)
IGP	inspector-general of the police (Uganda)

IPA	Innovations for Poverty Action (Uganda)
JLOS	Justice and Law Secretariat (Uganda)
LNP	Liberian National Police
MEVAL	Policía Metropolitana del Valle de Aburrá (Colombia)
NPA	New People’s Army (Philippines)
PMSC	Santa Catarina State Military Police
PNP	Philippine National Police
POP	problem-oriented policing
PPO	provincial police office (Philippines)
PRISMA	Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-analyses
RCT	randomized controlled trial
RdV	Rede de Vizinhos (Brazil)
RPP	research-practice partnership
UPF	Uganda Police Force
UPP	Pacifying Police Units program, Brazil
YIDO	Youth Integrated Development Organization