

Policing Citizens

What does police violence against minorities, or violent clashes between minorities and the police, tell us about citizenship and its internal hierarchies? Indicative of deep-seated tensions and negative perceptions, incidents such as these suggest how minorities are vulnerable and suffer from or are subject to police abuse and neglect in Israel. Marked by skin color, negatively stigmatized or rendered security threats, their encounters with police provide a daily reminder of their defunct citizenship. Taking as case studies the experiences and perceptions of four minority groups within Israel, including Palestinian/Arab citizens, ultra-Orthodox Jews and Ethiopian and Russian immigrants, Ben-Porat and Yuval are able to explore different paths of citizenship and the stratification of the citizenship regime through relations with and perceptions of the police in Israel.

Touching on issues such as racial profiling, police brutality and neighborhood neglect, their study questions the notions of citizenship and belonging, shedding light on minority relationships with the state and its institutions.

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