

In-class exercise

Crime in Newark

Zero tolerance - parties
riding bikes on sidewalk
Assaults
Vandalism / break-ins
Hate crime

- ① Identify problem
- ② Develop crime-fighting strategy
- ③ Identify penalty(s) or deterrent.

LEAD 201-010 Introduction to Consumer Policy

Ch. 4 Criminal Justice

The Citizen = The Consumer

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The purpose of the criminal justice system is to protect the safety of the public = the citizen = the consumer

The 4th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution: prevents unfair search and seizure.

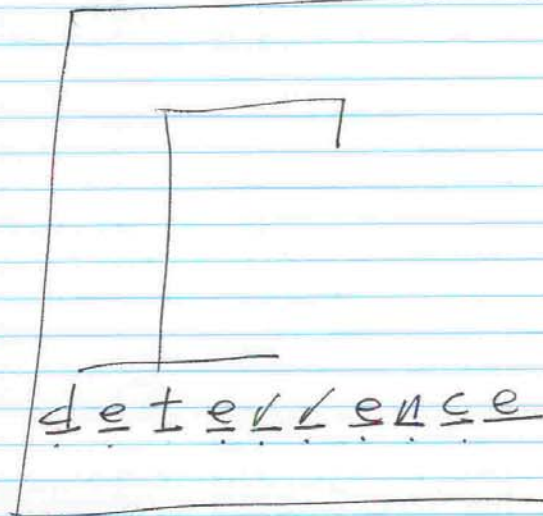
Crime Fighting - Deterrence - Game Theory

The rational individual is deterred from crime.

UD Zero Tolerance Policy against Loud Parties

Criminal Penalties based on an Escalation Policy:

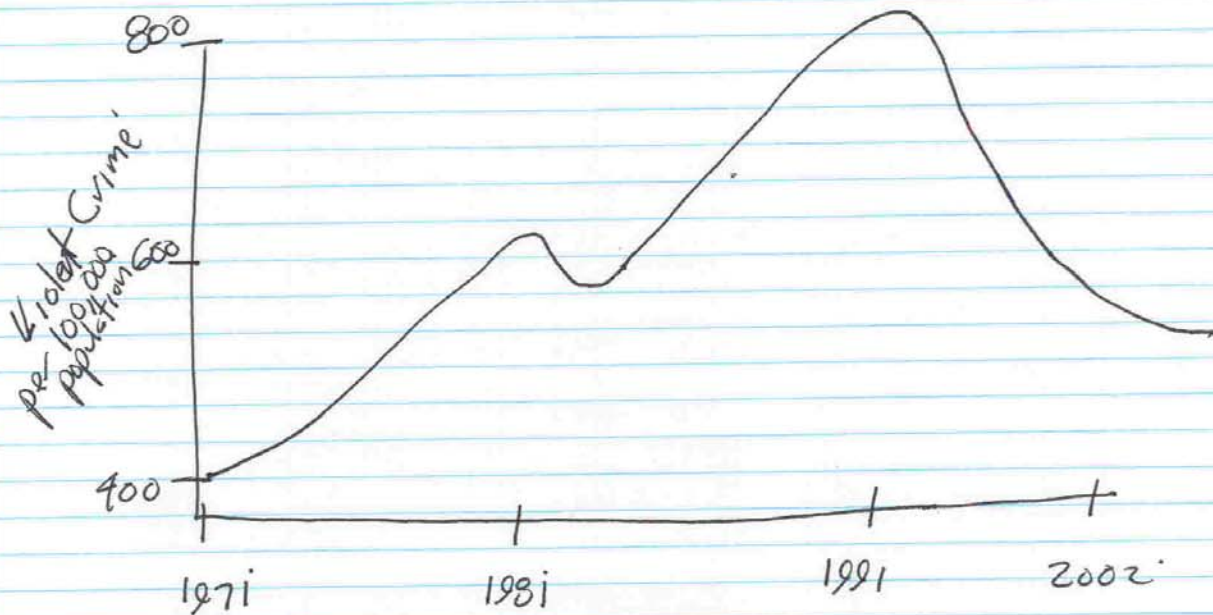
- ① Warning
- ② Penalty
- ③ Probation
- ④ Jail Sentence
- ⑤ Death Penalty



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Crime Rate Declining. Why?

- ① Police crackdowns
- ② Community policing
- ③ Longer prison sentences for repeat offenders, 3 strikes your out.



Victimization - People fail to report crime to police.

- 2x as many fail to report crime
- Why? Police not effective in dealing with crime.

Juvenile Crime - Not based on deterrence

- Children not responsible for actions, rarely impose serious punishment
- 15-17yr olds - 20% of nations crime rate.
- absence of deterrent contributes to juvenile crime
- ⁵⁰ States trying juvenile offenders for serious crimes

Deterrence vs. Liberty
(Americans prefer this)
Protection from Crime vs. Freedom from Repression

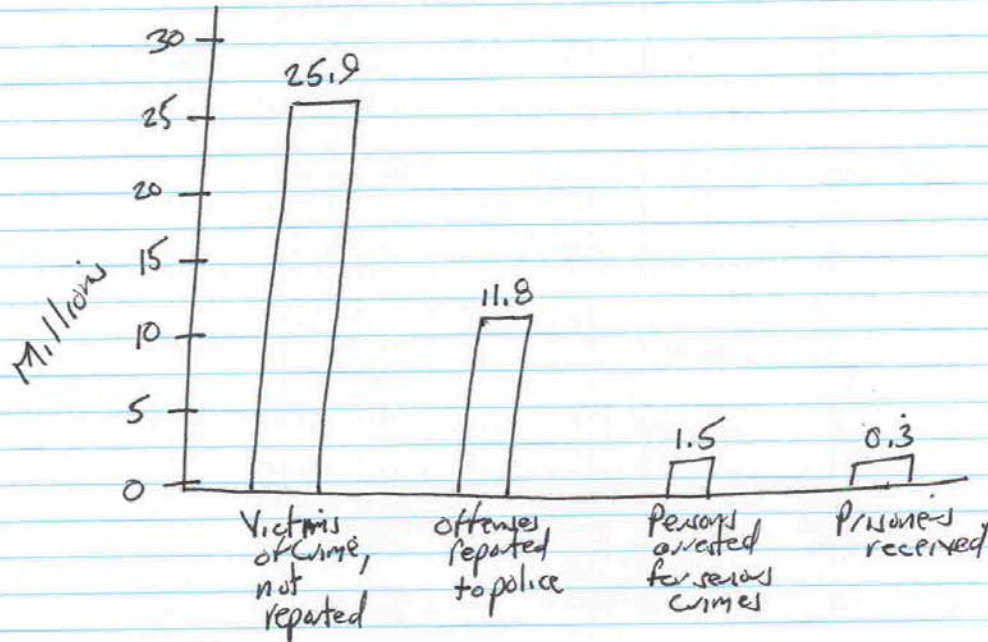
Current Event: Patriot Act.

- Certainty - justice must be sure
- swiftness - justice must be swift
- severity - punishment must outweigh benefits of life of crime on the streets
justice must be severe.

Does Crime Pay?

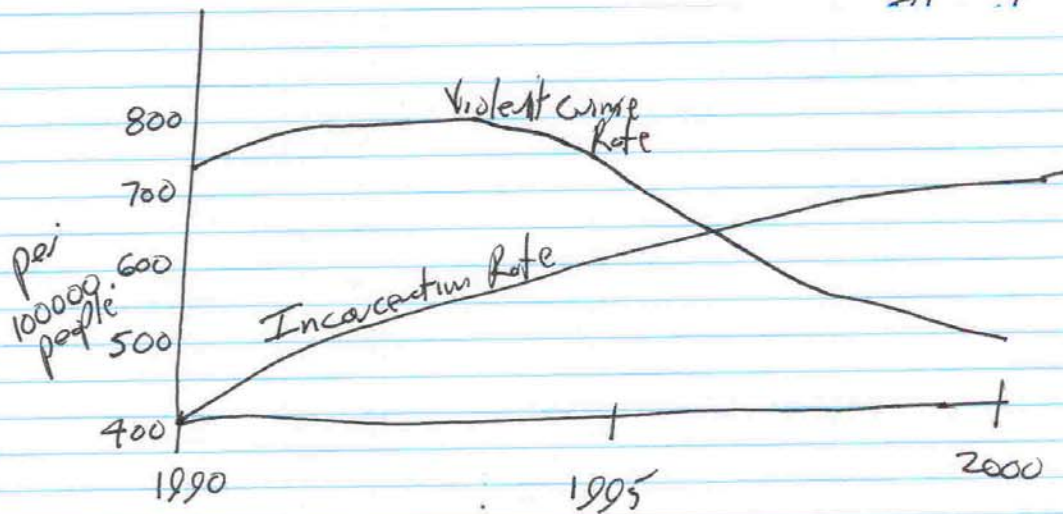
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- ① Lack of certainty - very few crimes result in jail sentences
- ② Lack of swiftness - courts work slowly, delays benefit the criminal defendant.
- ③ Question of severity - dramatic increase in time served for violent offenders

Increased severity of punishment
reason for declining crime rate?



Community Police discretion - attitude of people toward police. More respectful, less chance of being arrested.

Community Policing - walking, bicycling, being visible

Police Crackdowns - beefed up actions only work if supported by community.

Broken Window Strategy - NYC Times Square
 - Mayor Giuliani
 - one broken window leads to other broken windows.

Broken windows \Rightarrow Petty offenses \Rightarrow more serious crime.

Worked in NYC, crime fell in 5 yrs
 by 50% and murders fell by 70%.

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Crimes - Think, Pair & Share Activity

Formulate Crime Fighting Policy to protect public safety for following cases:

- zero tolerance - parties
- riding bike on sidewalk
- Assaults
- Vandalism / Breakins
- Hate Crime, talking

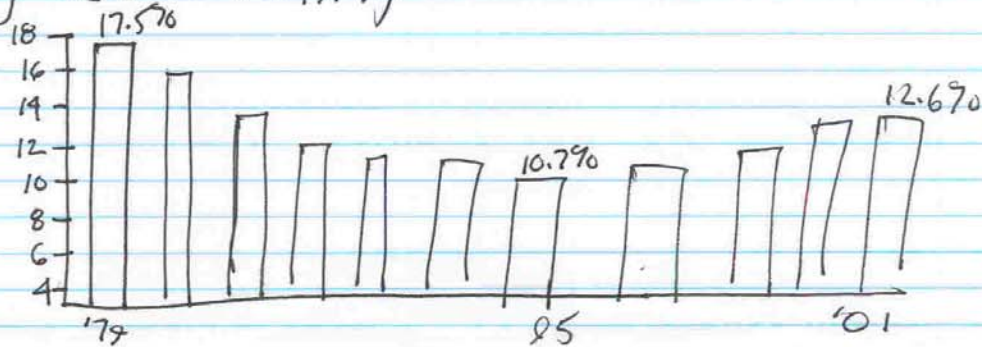
DRUG WAR

Alcohol and tobacco legal

Heroin and cocaine criminal offenses

Marijuana decriminalized in several states

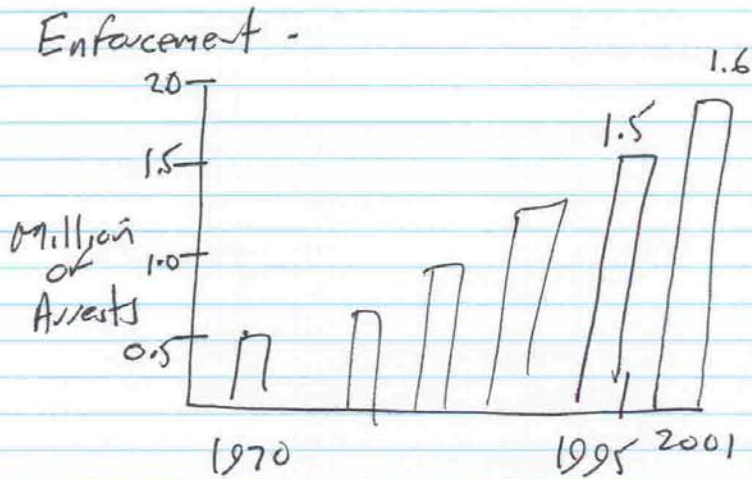
Drug Use - Falling



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Nancy Reagan
Education - Just Say No

- This is your brain on drugs



SUMMARY

- ① Crime rates falling since 1983.
 - stricter penalties, longer-jail time.
- ② Deterrence requires punishment to be:
 - certain
 - swift
 - severe.
- ③ Punishment is not certain or swift.
 - Likelihood of going to jail 1 in 100
 - Speedy trial rare.
- ④ Longer prison terms leading to lower crime rate.

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- 5) Not sure if increased police protection reduces the amount of crime.
 - Community policing effective?
 - Broken windows NYC effective?
- 6) States with strict gun control laws do not have lower rates of crime.
- 7) Public policies toward drug use are mixed and ineffective.
- 8) Increase court bargaining such as endless appeals, increases trials and detracts from deterrence.
- 9) 50% of serious charges dismissed before trial. Plea bargaining most effective means of reducing criminal cases.
- 10) Prisons fail to rehabilitate prisoners. Prisons reduce crime only by keeping criminals off streets. Most parolees will commit crime again.
- 11) Capital punishment is not an effective deterrent for murder.

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