Research Methods Using Databases and Avoiding Plagiarism

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Research Methods
Selecting Your Research Topic

- Racial Profiling in Law Enforcement
- Search and Seizure
- Domestic Violence
- Police Abuse
- 4th Amendment
- Juvenile Delinquents
- Crime Prevention
- Recidivism
- Discrimination in Criminal Justice Administration
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SEARCH AND SEIZURE

A hunt by law enforcement officials for property or communications believed to be evidence of crime, and the act of taking possession of this property.

In INTERNATIONAL LAW, the right of ships of war, as regulated by treaties, to examine a merchant vessel during war in order to determine whether the ship or its cargo is liable to seizure.

Overview

Search and seizure is a necessary exercise in the ongoing pursuit of criminals. Searches and seizures are used to produce evidence for the prosecution of alleged criminals. The police have the power to search and seize, but individuals are protected against ARBITRARY, unreasonable police intrusions. Freedom from unrestricted search warrants was critical to American colonists.

Under England's rule, many searches were unlimited in scope and conducted without justification. Customs officials could enter the homes of colonists at will to search for violations of customs and trade laws, and suspicionless searches

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Wrongful Convictions

Is overhaul of the criminal justice system needed?

By Steve Weinberg

Introduction

Until March 2009, few Americans had heard of Ronald Cotton, who was convicted in North Carolina of raping a college student and served 11 years in prison before being exonerated by DNA testing. Now Cotton is a household name because of a book about his case and appearances on "60 Minutes" and NBC's "Today" show. As recently as 10 years ago, the proposition that innocent men and women regularly end up in prison failed to find traction. Today, thanks to the power of DNA evidence, media coverage and the establishment of innocence projects, there is general acceptance that wrongful convictions indeed occur. Dozens of states have passed laws to prevent wrongful convictions and compensate those wrongly imprisoned. Defense attorneys and many academics say wrongful convictions are a recurrent problem requiring substantial changes in the criminal justice system, but prosecutors, police and other academics say...
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Pro/Con

Can the number of wrongful convictions be calculated?

Pro

Samuel R. Gross
Professor, School of Law, University of Michigan. From "Convicting the Innocent," Annual Review of Law and Social Science, December 2008

Almost everything we know about false convictions is based on exonerations in rape and murder cases, which together account for only 2 percent of felony convictions. Within that important but limited sphere we have learned a

Con

Justice Antonin Scalia

In identifying exonerations, the dissent [by Justices Stevens and Souter] is willing to accept anybody's say-so. It engages in no critical review, but merely parrots articles or reports that support its attack on the American criminal justice system. The dissent places
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Criminal Justice

The criminal justice system in the United States is a combination of the laws against criminal behavior and the institutions that enforce those laws. Such institutions include law enforcement, the courts (including prosecutors and defense attorneys), and correctional programs and facilities. The purpose of the criminal justice system is to deter and control crime. Whether or not the laws and institutions are successful at deterring and controlling crime is an issue of much controversy and dispute, and criticism of the US criminal justice system comes from many different perspectives. Whether technical law is the same throughout the United States, laws...
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The Trouble(s) with Unification: Debating Assumptions, Methods, and Expertise in Criminology.

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Abstract: Describing the ‘trouble’ in criminology is hardly new. In response to recent concerns, Robert Agnew (2015) has started an important conversation about the value of working toward unifying criminology. In this paper we explore in more depth the complications of such an endeavor. We focus on theoretical assumptions, the political implications of methodological decisions, and the complexity required for a more robust approach to the question of expertise in criminal justice policymaking. We hope to continue this conversation and propose one means to consider on what basis theoretical integration, mixed methods, and a more modest criminology best can proceed. [ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR]
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Researching in the social sciences

Social scientists interpret and analyze human behavior, generally using empirical methods of research. Though original data gathering and analysis are central to social sciences research, researchers also use library and Internet resources to:

- obtain raw data for model building or analysis
- locate information about a particular model, theory, or methodology to be used in a research project
- review the literature to place new research in context

Subjects of study in the social sciences sometimes cross disciplines and may be difficult to locate through typical subject headings in indexes and abstracts. In addition, new theories may take some time to circulate in the literature, especially in print sources. Consequently, the researcher should be prepared to:

- identify potential search terms by scanning indexes and abstracts in relevant works
- use the references in published articles and books to trace connections among theories and ideas
- work from the most recent to older sources

A review of the literature for a social sciences research project not only should identify what research has been done but should also compare and contrast the available information and evaluate its significance.

Each of the social sciences has a well-developed set of research tools to help you find relevant material. The tools listed here will give you ideas for beginning your research. Consult a librarian for help in refining your search.

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