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Criminal Justice Reform Explained by Experts

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On June 26 and 27th, Democratic presidential hopefuls face their first debate on a national stage. While the debates will cover a broad range of issues, criminal justice reform is likely to be among them. As you prepare for your coverage of the debates and resulting policy discussions, the following scholars are available and prepared to comment on criminal justice reform.

Criminal Justice Reform

IAN T. ADAMS

University of South Carolina-Columbia



Expert on the effects of body-worn cameras in policing, particularly the unforeseen impact on vulnerable victim populations as well as on police officers themselves.

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Expert on juvenile justice as well as the fines and fees that people who make contact with all levels of U.S. systems of justice are charged upon citation or conviction.

CHAD POSICK

Georgia Southern University



Expert on the intersection of violent behavior and victimization, the developmental outcomes associated with trauma and abuse, and violence prevention.

DOUGLAS AARON BERMAN

The Ohio State University



Expert on criminal justice reform surrounding marijuana convictions.

KATHERINE BECKETT

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Expert on death penalty reform and the causes and consequences of the expansion of the U.S. criminal justice system. She also studies racial disproportionality in the criminal justice system, the assessment and consequences of legal financial obligations, urban social control, drug policy, and capital punishment.

KERAMET REITER

University of California-Irvine



Expert on prisons, prisoners' rights, and the impact of prison and punishment policy on individuals, communities, and legal systems. Her research has examined medical experimentation on prisoners, record-clearing programs, gun control laws, and the use of long-term solitary confinement in the United States and internationally.

KEVIN H. WOZNIAK

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Expert on the politics of punishment and criminal justice with a particular focus on public opinion.

KIMYA NURU NURU DENNIS

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Expert on interdisciplinary approaches to mental health, community violence, Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for law enforcement, and race and ethnic relations.

MICHAEL SIERRA-ARÉVALO'

The University of Texas at Austin



Expert on policing in the United States, gangs, firearms, social networks, and violence prevention.

MICHELLE SUZANNE PHELPS

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities



Expert on criminal justice policies, practices, and institutions in the United States over the past half-century, including penal change, mass probation, and policing.

NAZGOL GHANDNOOSH

The Sentencing Project



Expert on parole, racial disparities in criminal justice outcomes, and the dramatic reductions in New York, New Jersey, and California's prison populations.

SARA WAKEFIELD

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Expert on the consequences of the prison boom for families, with an emphasis on childhood well-being and family functioning.