Crime & Punishment (Criminal Justice Policy)

Introduction: Crime in America
- Major changes in crime rates
- Cross-national perspective
- Explaining the changes
- Crime and deterrence

Crime Rates

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- Interdiction and Enforcement (The War on Drugs)
- War on Drugs and militarization of the police
- Education
- Treatment
- Legalization/decriminalization
  - Marijuana
- Smarter enforcement
- Politics and public opinion
Guns and Crime

- Guns in crime and gun ownership
- America and guns
- Effectiveness of gun control?
- The 2nd Amendment and gun control
  – DC v. Heller and McDonald v. Chicago
- Reforming gun laws
Prisons and Correctional Policy

- Too many prisoners
- Rising Prison populations
- Prison overcrowding
- Mandatory sentencing
- Prison bottlenecks
- Prison alternatives
Death Penalty

- Executions
- Comparative perspective
- Death Penalty and Constitutional Law
- Death penalty and deterrence
  - The deterrence paradox
- Death penalty eligibility
- Death penalty mistakes
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• Thinking smarter about criminal justice