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## **U2 Reflective Annotated Bibliography**

### Introduction

My topic and what I would be doing in my research on Criminal Justice laws - Why is NYC becoming a dangerous place and why are crime rates increasing and what could be the reason behind it. Something that caught my interest in this topic it's my own experience and how everyday there's more and more crimes happening. If we look at the news, there's always a lot of violence going on and just by looking at things out there it reminds me of my Country El Salvador in the news there was always news about homicides and a lot of crimes happening also I couldn't even go out because it was very dangerous. I chose this topic because NYC it's a mess and dangerous but here in Queens/ Jamaica it gives me flashbacks of how bad and dangerous the streets are out there. When I think about the reasons behind it, some ideas that come to my mind are the reduction of criminal laws? Are the overcrowded jails, overpopulation in New York. Is it gun violence? What is the reason why crime is rising and what crimes are decreasing? In this education narrative I expect to find an answer to that question. Maybe I could be wrong, or I

could be right about the reasons that I feel that increasing crime is. My goal it's to find information documents or videos that can support my topic and discover more reasons for why people commit crimes and which crimes have the most statistics here in NYC or Queens.

### *Citation*

Kim, Dae-Young. "The Impact of COVID-19 on Gun Violence Across Census Tracts in NYC." *Homicide Studies*, vol. 26, no. 4, 2022, pp. 379–402, <https://doi.org/10.1177/10887679221077036>.

### *Summary*

A News Reporter-Staff News Editor at Health Policy and Law Daily -- Current study results on Legal Issues - Criminal Justice have been published. According to news reporting out of Boca Raton, Florida, by NewsRx editors, the research stated, "Commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) of minors is a major social justice concern in the U.S. and youth who run away from their home or placement are at an increased risk of experiencing CSE. Runaway youth have higher rates of prior victimization, substance abuse, depression, suicidal behavior, and problems at school compared to youth who do not run away. "Financial support for this research came from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Our news journalists obtained a quote from the research from Florida Atlantic University, "When youth run away repeatedly, youth may end up arrested and detained for this status offense. Detaining runaway youth and those who are CSE victims can be detrimental to their health and well-being, in addition to being against federal laws. However, it is unknown whether runaway youth and CSE victims, when compared to other juvenile delinquents, present unique risk factors when they enter the juvenile justice

system. Using a nationally representative sample of justice-involved youth, this study examines the risk factors of youth who are detained for running away or CSE victimization. This paper then compares these youth whose most serious offense is running away or 'prostitution' to the characteristics of youth detained for more serious offenses. Comparing the characteristics of youth incarcerated for running away or CSE victimization to other incarcerated youth has not yet been done with a nationally representative sample. This study finds significant differences in many of the characteristics among runaway and sexually exploited youth who are detained, compared to youth incarcerated for more serious offenses."

According to the news editors, the research concluded: "Policy and programs recommendations are given to reflect the unique needs of these vulnerable youth."

### Reflection

During my research I found some really interesting information about youth and how gun violence affects them. Gun violence has been a problem that has last a very long time, but the main point it's that there has been an increase over the years I know one of the amendments gives the people the right to bear arms, but in my opinion it's alright for people to have a gun that they can use to defend themselves but the problem it's the regulations and how easily anyone can get their hands on a gun my research is based on crimes and regulations but guns are almost in every crime. But everything that can be dangerous and can cause some serious damage to other people should have some serious regulations and also more strict laws about it, young people are more exposed because they are young and would always do some really dumb things, like i said before if there's an increase on regulations and also an increase of the punish

people gets it can help reduce crimes and makes young people think twice before doing something.

#### Quotation

The main idea is” Young who run away from their homes have more chances to end up in a juvenile system”.

#### Citation

NYPD Announces Citywide Crime Statistics for September 2023

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/nypd/news/p00093/nypd-citywide-crime-statistics-september-2023>

#### Summary

For the month of September 2023, New York City saw a 34.2% drop in shooting incidents compared to September 2022 (77 v. 117). This distinct decline extended the 27.1% decrease in shooting incidents citywide through the first nine months of 2023 compared to the same period one year ago (760 v. 1,043) – which translated to 378 fewer people shot this year compared to last year. Additionally, the number of homicides in September 2023 dropped by 27.9% (31 v. 43).

In September, the NYPD continued to make hundreds of gun arrests – 413 arrests resulting in 550 illegal firearms seized during the month. Overall, NYPD officers have effected 3,353 gun arrests and seized nearly 5,100 illegal firearms through the first nine months of 2023. Since the

start of this administration, police have arrested nearly 8,000 people for illegal gun possession and seized more than 12,200 illicit firearms – each of which will never claim another victim.

### Reflection

NYPD have made hundreds of gun arrests and those arrests include guns. At the beginning of the year there was a drop of shooting incidents but on September that changed and there was an increase of arrests, I think that the problem it's that the regulations for guns because gun violence has been a really big problem and people can get guns easily which increases the chances of crimes happening, I've seen how there's always guns involve in every crime that always happen and we have seen how there's always shootings happening but most of the people that have guns are not stable or have second intentions a solution other than regulations could be making the acquisition of guns more difficult for people.

### Quotation

A main issue that continues to have the same negative impact on people "NYC has seen an increase of illegal gun possession"

Crime in the City.

Fox news -Crime in the City

<https://youtu.be/0vIkXY9vWrE>

### Summary/Reflection

During my research, I came up with this video a watched it and it give a very interesting understanding about my topic and it gives a description on how people feels out there, and it connects to how I feel too, because it's sad to see how everyone feels insecure when the go out or scared in a part of a video where someone says “ before people didn't even know what was happening out there, but now they do because a lot of things happen every day. Some things can't be stopped but others can be reduced. keep my word criminal justice laws should have an increase because people doesn't feel safe anymore and also more regulations for guns because those have the most impact and are almost involved in every crime.

### Quotation

The people feels “The average New Yorker is definitely more aware”.

In conclusion, while an increase in criminal laws may have some impact on reducing crime in Queens or any other jurisdiction, it is not a silver bullet solution. The relationship between criminal laws and crime reduction is intricate and influenced by many factors. At the end I discovered that out of all the reasons or choices or things that causes crimes to happen the main is gun violence and there should be a limit access to firearms infringe on the right of citizens to bear arms given in the Second Amendment of the Constitution. The laws and regulations for

guns are so poor and so unsafe for everyone, it's easy to get your hands on a gun now days and that's the problem with guns, people who has it most of the times uses it incorrectly and can cause an accident or they end up being involved in a crime. Therefore, guns and the bad criminal justice that we have are the reason why crime is rising and rising everyday more with the criminal justice system's three largest issues are police retention and recruitment, lack of resource parity between prosecution and public defenders, and its public perception. Currently, police recruitment and retention are arguably the largest problem facing the criminal justice system, the safety of the people should also be a priority at the end we have an opinion and how we feel matters.