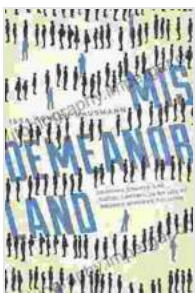


# Criminal Courts and Social Control in an Age of Broken Windows Policing

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This book examines the role of criminal courts in social control in an age of broken windows policing. It argues that the focus on minor offenses has led to a system that is increasingly punitive and less effective at preventing crime.

In the 1980s, the New York City Police Department (NYPD) began to implement a new policing strategy known as broken windows policing. This strategy focused on aggressively enforcing minor offenses, such as graffiti, public drinking, and disorderly conduct. The goal was to prevent more serious crimes from occurring by deterring potential criminals and creating a sense of order in public spaces.



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Broken windows policing has been widely adopted by police departments across the United States. However, there is growing evidence that it has led to a number of negative consequences, including increased mass incarceration, racial disparities in the criminal justice system, and a decline in public trust in the police.

This book examines the role of criminal courts in the broken windows policing era. It argues that the courts have played a key role in legitimizing and perpetuating the focus on minor offenses. The courts have done this by upholding the constitutionality of broken windows policing strategies, by imposing harsh sentences for minor offenses, and by failing to hold police officers accountable for misconduct.

The book concludes by calling for a fundamental shift in the way that we think about crime and social control. It argues that we need to move away from the focus on punishment and deterrence and towards a more holistic approach that addresses the root causes of crime.

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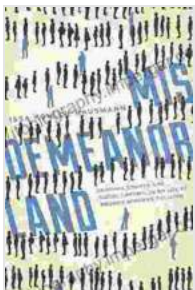
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