

Vera Institute of Justice

Criminal Justice Issues and Prisoners' Rights

<https://www.vera.org/publications/adolescent-violence-state-processes-and-the-local-context-of-moral-panic>

Policy Issue Resources

Publication

The authors argue that recent societal reactions to youth violence can be characterized as a moral panic. They argue that the current moral panic over youth violence both arises from and has been contributing to a restructuring of the role of the state. This takes the form of reductions in public investment in social welfare and education and a concomitant transfer of resources to a more repressive apparatus of social control through policing and incarceration.

Transformative change, sent to your inbox.

Vera Institute of Justice. All rights reserved.