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## Criminal Justice Issues and Prisoners' Rights

**<https://www.vera.org/publications/testimony-of-michael-e-smith-before-the-senate-judiciary-committee-subcommittee-to-investigate-juvenile-delinquency>**

## Policy Issue Resources

### Publication

This 1978 testimony discusses the need for programs and for program-related research targeting serious juvenile delinquents. It also discusses the unpopularity of this issue and the lack of funding available for this kind of work. It concludes that work in this field is underfinanced because of the daunting practical and political difficulties certain to arise when trying to deal with even a small number of chronic delinquents who have committed serious crime.

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