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Tweet: Felonious assaults on New York City's subways are up significantly since the pandemic. @foxjust suggests this “may have something to do with local criminal justice practices,” including the ending of cash bail.

Summary: While the number of subway homicides remains so small that one or two fluke occurrences can have a big impact, the far more numerous felony assaults show a two- or threefold pandemic increase. The failure of the criminal justice system to rein in people with long histories of violence raises some questions about the bail reforms enacted in New York in 2019 and other local changes in prosecution and sentencing. New York’s continuing assault problem, which does not match what’s going on in the rest of the country, seems likelier to have something to do with local criminal justice practices. The reform-friendly Data Collaborative for Justice has found that while ending cash bail in New York for most misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies hasn’t resulted in overall increases in recidivism or crime, it does seem to have led to increased recidivism among those previously charged with violent felonies. Related: The Collapse of Broken-Windows Policing in New York City, Los Angeles, and Washington, DC, 2013–22 and New York’s Subways Have Less Crime but More Violence and “New York, Just Like I Pictured It”

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