not what is commonly thought: economy, aging boomers, gun control, capital punishment yes, subtle other things: more police, potential criminals in prison, end of crack epidemic, legalized abortion since 1973 crime down others, too: reduced 1990-2010 violence, no lead gasoline, later marriage, genrtification Silver but lots of incarcerated Lining? were non-violent "improving society no longer a popular political objective" children of inmates: worse outcomes, less educated, higher arrest rates