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Introduction

Gun violence has risen to be a very alarming issue in various cities for instance Chicago city is a severe threat to lives. Across the same period, there have been documented 19,000 gun-related victims and the gun victimization rate US is 13 times higher than in other high-income countries. This issue cuts across the racial and socioeconomic structure of people with the blacks, Latin, and indigenous people to the white people. This concept proposal seeks to address explainable factors behind gun violence in Chicago and the effects of these violent acts on society. Our goal for this analysis is to raise awareness of specific issues such as poverty, unemployment, untreated mental illness, gun culture, and police practices from the CPD as well as data from the censuses that have led to the Crisis. The analysis of such cases will enable us to understand the difficulties encountered by the victims and find ways how to minimize the usage of firearms. Thus, by dealing with the causes of these actions and concerning significant features including income differences, geographical distribution of criminal acts, and the local specialist organizations' participation, this work will help improve the understanding of the increasing safety measures in Chicago.

Effect of time of day on crime severity

The study compares the rate and severity of injured patients by assault type, weekday, month, and weekday-by-month interactions. Concerning the findings, from the US NES data, the researchers defined patterns, for instance, elevated risk on the weekends, especially at night and during summer. These patterns are caused to show how the days of the week and seasons of the year are associated with an increase in violent occurrences. With regards to logistical applications in the study the research provides useful recommendations for public health and safety in large

cities; revealing that potential solutions such as tightened police patrols or preventive efforts to combat crime might be beneficially implemented during specified risky periods including weekends and summer. Furthermore, Health care systems could also use this information to anticipate high incidences of assault-related ED visits during this period. However, the study is deficient in the sense that only ED data are used and non-reported assaults or other incidents that did not lead to the ED visit may not be taken into account, which could result in underplay of the situation in a community. Overall, the study enhances the time-wise understanding of assault-associated injury as the literature lacks such fine-grained temporal analysis but the findings are confined to the isolation of demographic variables and level of severity and these should be extended in future research by including sociocultural characteristics and data other than emergency department records such as police files (Khurana, 2022).

Distribution of crime rates across different income levels

The paper examines how temperature fluctuations affect crime in high and low-poverty urban communities. Both authors emphasize the worsening of crime with heat especially in the poorer neighborhoods through the interaction of environmental and social stressors. The study, with a dataset of crime reports and temperature data, finds that violent crime tends to increase and become more frequent only in high-poverty districts during hot weather, while affluent neighborhoods report more property crimes. This study is based on the conceptual framework of environmental criminology according to which environmental conditions like heat increases the crime rate, the present research incorporates the new aspects of poverty influencing the reaction to environmental stress. The findings suggest that policy-makers and city planners should address specific problems, such as making facilities for the poor to cool their homes in high crime-prone areas during emergencies. However, the statistical study adopts temperature as the key variable

working against the analysis of numerous socio-economic factors contributing to differential crime rates such as unemployment or housing conditions, limiting the study's implication. The findings above suggest the directions for future research are the inclusion of further variables and investigation into a more in-depth relationship between climate context and crime over time. Overall, the work makes a significant contribution to the literature on criminology concerning how environmental factors affect the spatial concentration of crimes in cities thus pointing out measures towards developing safer cities through efficient use of resources for fighting crime in cities such as Chicago (Heilmann, 2021).

Analyze interventions or strategies used to address crime in high-crime districts.

The study gives a systematic view of different assessments of focused policing procedures in violent crime areas to understand the results of these interventions. In this regard, they opine that hot spot policing may reduce the crime rate since the efforts and crackdown are brought to bear on the areas that are most affected by the worst crimes. This review is supported by theories in environmental criminology stating that crime is not evenly distributed but is dispersed, according to socio-economic and environmental features in certain locations. However, it should be noted that the transformation of the policing strategies from the traditional methods to the detailed interventions based on approaches to crime changes should be highlighted. The review shows contemporary trends in policing and finds that police administration is increasingly using data to guide its operation. From a methodological point of view, the review integrates the outcomes of numerous works and shows that a consensus has emerged about hot spot policing's ability to reduce crime rates, especially violent and property crimes. However, some concerns have been presented by the authors such as risks for communities, which are inclusive of impacts such

as negative perception by the public and ethical concern of focalization of policing. Thus they encourage the conduct of more studies to determine other long-term effects and an attempt to understand if doing hot spot policing in conjugation with other community policing activities is effective (Braga, 2019).

Factors influencing fatal outcomes in gun-involved incidents

This research explores the Influence of Elements of the Social and Physical Environment on Neighborhood Gun Crime and looks at the relationship between the social and physical environment and gun crime within neighborhoods. The theory presented is grounded in criminology with special references to routine activity theory and environmental criminology that gives much importance to opportunity in crime. The methodology of how environmental factors have been considered in the study of crime has also changed over time, but people decided that the characteristics of the neighborhood play a significant role in crime. The authors outline the latest focus of research trends, and it can be observed that scholars pay considerable attention to the socio-spatial aspects of gun crime. In terms of approach, the study uses a historical review of published materials where the researcher systematically identifies and categorizes studies that report on factors that can lead to gun violence. The previously mentioned major studies reveal social disorganization was also strongly associated with the level of gun crime and that rate characteristics, comprising empty buildings, played an important role in the crime rate. The author determines that there are practical implications and if special efforts are made to address the relevant environmental factors gun violence can be prevented. Issues include a lack of robust data, the need for qualitative and quantitative analysis, and an interaction of thoughts across disciplines (Thomas, 2021).

Predicting and Preventing Gun Violence

According to the research which is done on the performance of the READI (Rapid Employment and Development Initiative) Chicago program, which has been developed to reduce the probability of gun violence incidents in people who are close quarters to similar incidences. The theoretical foundation for the strategy derives from concepts of behavioral economics and social psychology and mainly involves applying cognitive behavioral therapeutic techniques to change the behaviors of high-risk individuals. The study provides a historical approach to gun violence in Chicago and points out the fact that earlier intervention measures were somewhat effective. The authors describe contemporary practices, focusing on the fact that the key approaches to creating successful scopes for disabled people are the combinations of therapy, employment as well as social services that are being developed progressively. Regarding the research design, this will employ an RCT to assess READI Chicago and obtain data on violent crime and gun violence among the participants of the program. According to the program's major findings, there has been a reduction in participants' gun violence compared to a non-program control group. Concerning practical applications, the authors insist on enlarging such programs because the findings point to positive effects concerning the safety of communities. But old issues persist; for instance, implementation costs are high and there is the issue of sustainability. Overall, this article adds to the body of knowledge of effective practice mechanisms to help Chicago reduce the incidence of violence, especially the use of guns (Bhatt, 2024).

In measuring the effects of precision policing on gun violence, the paper explores “gang takedowns” with special reference to New York City. The study has theoretical importance by adopting the principle of focused deterrence, according to which crime can be contained by targeting the offenders. To offer historical background, the authors reveal the organizational

transformations of police work, while precision policing appeared as a contemporary model associated with the fight against organized criminals and gun violence. The researchers relied on a quasi-experimental research design and relied on police data and statistical analysis on the effects of those interventions. However, the major conclusions indicate that gang operations had an impact on the minimization of gun violence in those regions and, thus, the assumption here was that targeting high-risk individuals and teams would prove effective. Issues like the possible displacement of crime and the importance of the ethical aspects of focused deterrence are elaborated. The study also argues that there is practical relevance to carrying out more research on how to improve such policing approaches as well as discharge any undesirable consequences. The study therefore advocates for policy improvement in precision policing to guarantee ideal and community-based criminal prevention measures (Chalfin, 2021).

The authors conduct a statistical analysis of urban demolitions related to problems of firearm violence and drug crime to investigate changes in crime rates. The theories applied in the context of the research are derived from an area of environmental criminology that postulates that changes in the environmental environment can influence the amount of crime. Derelict buildings that act as breeding grounds for anti-social behavior are then earmarked for destruction to rid the neighborhood of this blight and curb related crime. Previous urban renewal interventions have sought to reactivate cities, but this analysis directly targets demolition Violence, and Drug-Related Crimes. Fixed effect models were employed to compare the findings before and after the demolition of buildings from several urban neighborhoods in a quasi-experiment research study by the authors. However, the fundamental facts reveal the general overall decrease in gun violence and drug crime, thus providing evidence that the qualitative alteration in the physical texture of urban space is a realistic crime control strategy. These studies have implications for real life

especially for metro-urban centers such as Chicago where violence is still a pivotal concern. The same types of progressive demolition endeavors would be useful in mitigating firearm violence and drug criminal activity in high-risk areas (Jay, 2019).

The effectiveness evaluation of the Safe Passage Program in Chicago is the subject of the study that was initiated to improve safety at schools by increasing children's supervision in unsafe areas. Before analyzing the results of the program, the authors use difference-in-differences and state-of-the-art matching techniques for crime data collected before and after the program. By their records, they prove that there is crime reduction, especially violent ones, in the Safe Passage areas. The research also offers a strong theoretical argument for the so-called 'broken windows theory' - according to which much crime can be prevented with small-scale signs or symbols of law and order. The residents are engaged to own and be a part of the transformation since they are activated as monitors of the program. The study also contributes to the existing debates on urban safety. Despite such limitations as displacement effects and long-term sustainability, the authors provide evidence to support their claim that Safe Passage and similar programs can become a model to be followed by other cities. All in all, it is revealed that Community-based intervention can effectively decrease violence in urban areas to the stakeholders who are aware of the similar context (McMillen, 2019).

From the study, a survivor is shown to face a lot of practical impairments, suffering from physical, emotional, as well as social effects of gun violence. Medical requirements, psychological counseling, resettlement, etc. are required on an ongoing basis. ESP was mainly highlighted in feelings of loneliness and exclusion; it would take integrated community services for participants to return to normalcy and wholesale reintegration into society. The results show the lack of care for gun violence survivors as a clear gap which means that healthcare needs to change a lot after

discharge. They will include not only doctor visits but also counseling sessions as well as social support services since the above clients are in one way or another complicated. Thus, the present study may contribute to the analysis of the experiences of those who faced gun violence providing a variety of potential recommendations for politicians and practitioners who work to decrease violence rates together with improving the quality of life of the shot victims. This paper locates itself within a large existing knowledge base about violence prevention by arguing that intervention following a shooting would be helpful; such post-tension would address the effects of gun violence on people and communities. Therefore, this current study advocates for a complex mimic in signing the complexity of the issue of gun violence and its aftermath in the urban settings of Chicago (Patton, 2019).

Perhaps explaining that through crime statistics before, during, and after the time of major sports events, the authors show that the crime rate is significantly lower during such events and among the neighboring areas. They were in a position to associate this decrease with security enhancement, policemen patrols, and people's encampments in areas that can easily be guarded, which in turn discourages any criminal-like conduct. This paper argues that any form of entertainment such as sports games can act as an unconventional tool in discouraging the occurrence of crime as it clears the chances of the occurrence of the acts in the nearby areas. Also, the authors point out that this particular strategy helps to keep people away from corrupt places and gives some measure of reprieve to specific precincts that are likely to have higher crime rates. Therefore this study indicates that policing efforts in areas experiencing violence could be supported by other approaches of crime prevention like planning and hosting community or entertainment-related activities. Chicago and all other cities with massive population concerns should embrace this research as a means of understanding how or else group assembling can fuel

crime rather than prevent it. The conclusions expand on the issue of urban violence by arguing that large-scale entertainment events are a feasible form of crime reduction strategies beyond conventional crime policies. It is therefore in line with continuing initiatives to prevent violent crime and violence in towns and cities and to promote innovative approaches to reducing violence (Copus, 2019).

The authors explain that injustice factors like racism and limited economic opportunities have the role of pro-actively maintaining violent patterns. Through examining programs undertaken by local people, this research thus provides real-life evidence that community-organized strategies like neighborhood watch and violence eradication programs are solutions to these systemic adversities. The article also reviews the use of technology, or more precisely HCI, in these drives. Here they give examples of how the technology is used to facilitate the voices of the impacted groups in addition to strengthening the networks of such groups. This bottom-up Violence prevention model, which is backed up by technology is different from the traditional policing approach that is normally top-down. When it comes to Chicago's continuous fight against urban violence, the focus of the study on local approaches to the problem relates to the wider discourses of community resilience against violence. The authors present a very persuasive case for technology solutions when envisioning community-centered violence reduction as a means of addressing the forms of structural oppression that hinder social change. The findings of this research are useful in understanding how community intervention strategies can lead to safer spaces as well as total elimination of the incidence of violence With the goal of violence prevention in Chicago in mind, therefore, this work is helpful (Dickinson, 2021).

The authors note that these youths are violated and highlight that any violence affects them in terms of mental health and development. Since formative research methods are used, the study

features the participants' perspectives on violence and the strategies they build. The last analyzed concept is the social networks: positive connections within families and communities help build a resilient environment. Mentors, educators, and peers all played a big role for the participants in helping them deal with the environments as stated by the participants. Further, the study aims to show that it is possible to prevent the effects of violence through functioning social capital that is evident in most communities and through putting up protective environment-based interventions. The authors also state that prevention and elimination of violence are not limited to addressing immediate and tangible dangers; in addition, they should presuppose changes that would help young people become active and influence societal processes. In doing so, the study is useful to policymakers and practitioners interested in violent crime prevention and community violence reduction to appreciate the underlying causes and promote community resilience. In aggregate, this research effort adds to the literature focusing on enhanced understanding on the youths residing in urban settings; therefore, outlines directions for creating programs that can potentially foster increased resilience, coupled with the decreased incidence of violent tendencies (McCrea, 2019).

The authors examined the effects of lockdown and social distancing on crime by focusing on several different categories of crimes including, burglaries, assaults, as well as narcotics. The authors believe that this is due to people's increased presence at home, which was accompanied by a decrease in burglaries. Nevertheless, some violent crimes, for example, assault, have remained almost the same in the course of the pandemic, and worse in areas that were already notorious for violence before the outbreak of the pandemic. This type of research is very significant to the task of reducing violence particularly in Chicago because "One Size Fits All is' not preferred where people live. According to the authors, the single approach does not seem to work since different

neighborhoods with different socio-economic types show different changes in crime. Understanding these processes is considered to be indispensable for effective crime prevention as the interventions that are aimed at the main sources of criminal activity in the high-risk zones are designed by practitioners. The study also contributes to insights into how external factors, like a pandemic, affect crime in cities and disrupt ongoing crime prevention measures, so the study offers a useful roadmap for subsequent studies concerning violence prevention (Campedelli, 2020).

The study examines how various environmental features or indices, particularly air pollution, impact criminal rates in employing cities. In this map, the authors use micro geographic data in Chicago to determine how air quality influences different types of crimes and establish that inflation in pollution significantly leads to increased crime levels. The authors use sound statistical tools to decompose the impact of air pollution with the impact of other factors that can affect crime rates including the level of income and population density. According to the study, the level of pollution of the atmospheric air used as a criterion significantly corresponds to the overall rate of crime in a specific area and the rate of violent crimes. This paper establishes that the concern about crime prevention should involve public health hence the need to address environmental issues affecting most urban areas. However, the lessons in this research are not insignificant for policymakers who seek to minimize violence in other cities, especially Chicago. Using environmental factors as an antidote to explaining criminal activity, the study promotes the integration of air quality into schemes that aim at controlling violence. In essence, this research adds great value to the global discourse on crime and environmental health within urban environments thus creating room for subsequent research that seeks to unpack the radicals of violence in metropolitan areas (Herrnstadt, 2021)

The study explains in detail how newspapers use specific discursive measures that reinforce negative attitudes towards the neighborhoods in question as dangerous and vulnerable. Indeed, this framing often requires the use of what can be described as over-the-top language and giving it a rather one-sided look and that is where the worst of it appears to stem from, as it further stigmatizes these areas, which seem to already be struggling enough as it is. The interpretive lens utilized in the present article included media studies and territorial stigmatization, which will elaborate in the analysis as the principle for examining the generality of discursive media influence on community dynamics and perceptions of The Real Estate Market has changed with time and stigmatization is not the exception, the current perception of some sections of the neighborhoods as ‘no go areas’ can be attributed to such historic occurrences. Analyzing the negative media imagery and the resulting communal attitudes in Schwarz’s research offers theoretical approaches toward reducing violence in Chicago, which need to be supplemented with the identification and elimination of discursive stigmatization. The results imply that the modifications for the media practices may be identified as one of the key treatments for improving community relations and enhancing policy outcomes (Schwarze, 2022).

Summary

All the articles put together focus on issues related to crime control and the causes of violence with special reference to cities such as Chicago. Research and development’s findings presented in READI Chicago evidence effective reduction of gun violence following the experiments while identifying and implementing precise police tactics, such as gang takedowns, are effective in gun violence reduction. A reliable method of instability control, known as hot spot policing of a small area is identified and recommended. Indeed, involving citizens throughout all schemes like Chicago’s Safe Passage tends to indicate that grassroots movements matter to

violence abatement and that impoverished neighborhoods for instance should equip their inhabitants with necessary strength reserves. Some changes in crime rates during the COVID-19 pandemic are observable, but these effects might be different for various areas; other research on crime rates in cities during hot weather and periods of increased air pollution proved that environmental conditions affect criminal activity. Furthermore, existing research on the subject of violence reporting by media is also analyzed, which reveals the territorial branding of certain districts. In addition to this, entertainment; for example, sports events is also used to indicate that it has an influencing factor of directing attention and reducing crime during certain periods. The experiences of patients who are shot and require care post-discharge show that the patients require better support. Last, the neighborhoods' physical and social setup as well as schedules of assault injuries by the weekdays are additional valuable information about crime and violence.

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