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Reducing Violent Crime – International Perspectives

Focused and cost-effective interventions that prevent crime

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Crime in the United States remains near the lowest levels in a generation, yet violent crime in our country remains much higher than in most other industrialized nations. Death by deliberate violence is very rare in most advanced nations, but in the United States homicide is the fifteenth leading cause of death for all Americans. Around the world, many nations have taken a different approach to reducing violent crime by investing in evidence-based prevention strategies such as education reform and programming for at-risk individuals. This panel of world-renowned prevention experts will discuss the successful efforts used in other countries to reduce and prevent violent crimes.

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