Crime and Justice Group (CCJG)
November 2008 update
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1916 - 1996
“Reforms as Experiments”

American Psychologist, 24, 409-429
(April 1969)
Problem:

Policies are introduced and celebrated by their proponents as if they are certain to be successful.
The proponents tend to be staunch advocates,

and often refuse to countenance the possibility that the policy may not work.
Donald Campbell proposed an experimental approach to social policy:
Pilot, Evaluate, then Replicate, Modify or Discard.
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There are at present five Coordinating Groups:

- Crime and Justice
- Education
- Social Welfare
- Methods
- Users Group
Campbell Collaboration’s Mission:

Advancing the cause of “evidence-based” social policy
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Commissions and Publishes

Systematic reviews of high-quality research conducted worldwide on effective methods to reduce crime and delinquency and improve the quality of justice.
Crime and Justice Group: Progress

- **Systematic Reviews**
  - 17 PUBLISHED REVIEWS
  - 7 reviews undergoing editorial process
  - 12 reviews in development

- **Protocols**
  - 7 protocols undergoing editorial process
  - 6 protocols in development

- **New Titles**
  - 2 new titles awaiting approval
Correctional boot camps: effects on offending  

Scared Straight and other juvenile awareness programs for preventing juvenile delinquency  

Counter-terrorism strategies  
Cynthia Lum, Leslie W. Kennedy and Alison J. Sherley; 2006.

Custodial vs. non-custodial sentences: effects on re-offending  
Martin Killias, Patrice Villettaz and Isabel Zoder; 2006.

Incarceration-based drug treatment: effectiveness on criminal behavior  
Non-custodial employment programs: impact on recidivism rates of ex-offenders
Christy A. Visher, Laura Winterfield and Mark Coggeshall; 2006.

Serious (violent and chronic) juvenile offenders: treatment effectiveness in secure corrections

Street-level drug law enforcement
Lorraine Mazerolle, David W. Soole and Sacha Rombouts; 2007.

Cognitive-behavioral programs: effects for criminal offenders

Hot spots policing: effects on crime
Cost-benefit analysis of sentencing
Cynthia McDougall, Mark Cohen, Raymond Swaray and Amanda Perry; 2008.

Court-mandated interventions for individuals convicted of domestic violence
Lynette Feder, David B. Wilson and Sabrina Austin; 2008.

Family programs implemented up to age 5: effectiveness in reducing later antisocial behavior/delinquency
Alex R. Piquero, Brandon C. Welsh, David P. Farrington and Richard Tremblay; 2008.

Improved street lighting: effects on crime
David P. Farrington and Brandon C. Welsh; 2008.

Problem-oriented policing: Effects on crime and disorder
David Weisburd, Cody W. Telep, Joshua C. Hinkle and John E. Eck; 2008.
Second responder programs: Effects on repeat incidents of family abuse
Robert C. Davis, David Weisburd and Bruce Taylor; 2008.

Mentoring programs to affect juvenile delinquency and associated Problems
Patrick Tolan, David Henry, Michael Schoeny and Arin Bass; 2008
Steps to a Successful Review

• Title Registration
• Protocol
• Final Review
• Online Publication
Title Registration

- Submit title and brief description to Managing Editor
- Editorial checks
- Coordinating committee and co-chairs approve or decline title
- Title registered and posted on website
Protocol

- Document describing how the review will be carried out
- Editorial checks and revisions
- Peer reviews
- Circulated to Steering Committee for approval (3 weeks)
- Registered in C2-RIPE and posted on website
Final Review

- Conduct and write up systematic review
- Editorial checks and revisions
- Peer reviews
- Circulated to Steering Committee for approval (4 weeks)
- Registered and posted on website
Issues:

Delays in delivery
Issues:

Massive Bodies of Literature
Issues:

Small effect sizes
Issues:

Assessing the impact of multi-modal interventions
Issues:

Identification of Counterproductive Interventions
### Issues: Identification of Counterproductive Interventions

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Test for heterogeneity chi-square = 8.50 df = 6 p = 0.2
Test for overall effect z = 2.55 p = 0.01
Issues:

Policy development through “deeper analysis” of findings

Wilson, Mackenzie and Mitchell, “The effects of correctional boot camps on offending”
Figure 1: Odds-Ratio and 95% Confidence Interval for Any Recidivism (most general outcome)
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Many thanks!