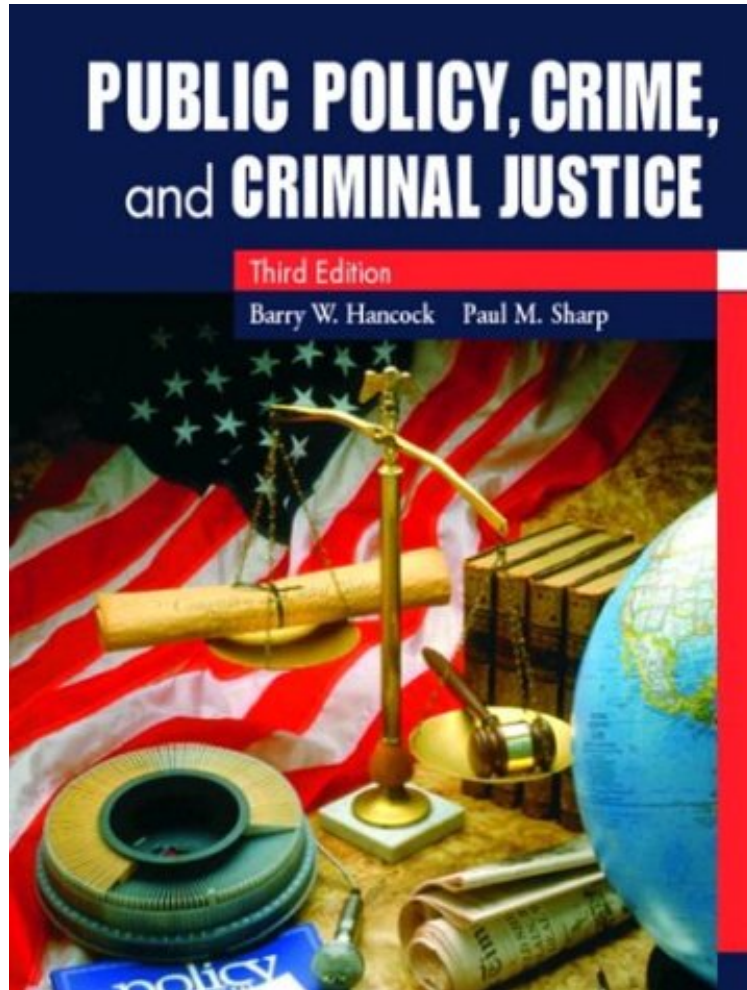


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Provides a bridge between issues related to public policy and crime through the use of original articles to present a "whole-system" view of policy, crime, and criminal justice.
From the Back Cover
The third edition of *Public Policy, Crime, and Criminal Justice* presents current public policy articles covering the major areas of the criminal justice system. It continues to combine theoretical perspectives and discussions of the most difficult issues the criminal justice system faces beginning in the new millennium. The focus is on general public policy and specific areas of the criminal justice system as well as innovative approaches that hold the promise of effectively addressing especially problematic areas. New features and additions to this edition include: An update of many of the articles, topics, and the inclusion of new articles
Ideology, politics and the relationship to media
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An anthological work requires careful selection, editing, and a fastidious blending of pedagogical materials and original works into a congruent whole. This synergistic approach helped us achieve our major goals as we produced this third edition of *Public Policy, Crime, and Criminal Justice*. Certainly, our most important goal was to create, through original sources, a solid foundation of knowledge about public policy and crime in an up-to-date manner. Consequently, we selected articles that represent some of the best ideas, thinkers, and genre within the policy arena regarding crime and criminal justice. We are especially proud of the cohesive style achieved by the selection of not only superb articles, but an organizational format that groups these readings into traditionally recognized categories. A second goal was to fill a void that we feel has existed for far too long; the creation of a text that addresses, with original works, the policy dimensions of crime and criminal justice specifically rather than in supplemental fashion. Original sources allow students to broaden their understanding of a particular area, not through an author's interpretation of materials, but by reading in an area. We have noticed some movement away from traditional textbook approaches in criminal justice courses and there is little doubt policy concerns have been anything but primary concerns in these formats. Our hope is to be a part of the efforts to broaden students' knowledge and experience in courses dealing with public policy and crime through this anthology. Of course, this is not to imply that there is no need for textbooks for many courses, but rather to suggest a trend toward more in-depth understanding of the policy processes that help shape the system of justice in America. Our final goal, the addition of pedagogical materials, was achieved by the development of questions placed at the end of each reading in the anthology. These "Questions for Discussion" integrate the reading materials into major points and weave readings one to another. This provides added consistency and flow to the total work and allows for *Public Policy, Crime, and Criminal Justice* to be adopted as a primary or supplemental text. This learning tool is intended to integrate the reading into your thinking through either open class discussion, exercises, or individual assignments. Each reading serves as a beginning point for further enhanced learning or as an overview of a particular policy issue.
ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK
Public Policy, Crime, and Criminal Justice is organized into three major parts. Part One, *Public Policy and Crime*, consists of seven articles that lay the foundation on which the anthology is built. Beginning with the public policy process and covering topics such as family, drugs, race, and science, Part One is essential to understanding historical and political realities as these processes shape and often determine policy regarding crime. This grouping of articles illuminates the often dark background of events and processes that have created and even recreated the system in which justice now presides. Part Two, *Public Policy and Criminal Justice*, is a very large section consisting of fourteen readings divided into five subsections for purposes of organizational and topical clarity. Specifying the elements of the system first, we further divide readings into the categories of law enforcement, courts, corrections, and juvenile justice. By organizing in this fashion, the traditional components of the criminal justice system are covered as each relates to policy within that particular component and the system as a whole. Part Three, *Trends in Public Policy Crime, and Criminal Justice*, presents the final five readings in the anthology and presents some leading ideas regarding future crime policy. As a collective, these readings are more provocative and thought provoking as they poignantly argue past mistakes, current circumstances, and future directions in public policy regarding crime and criminal justice.