2021 Special Issue of Justice Quarterly

Addressing High Priority, “Big” Policy Questions in a Polarized Society

Description of Special Issue

The field of criminology and criminal justice continues to struggle with how best to inform and address the major high priority and big policy questions facing policymakers and practitioners. Issues such as mass incarceration, mandatory minimums, gun control, death penalty, life without parole, immigration, police use of force, school shootings, opiate addiction, and adult and juvenile violence remain key concerns of policymakers and some portions of the public. The goal of this issue is to publish sound empirical research 1) aimed at addressing big policy questions such as these, and 2) considering the real implications of the research for policy and practice in a polarized society where “sides” of many of these issues seem very far apart on preferred responses. That is, articles should address the meaning of the results in practical terms and indicate how can they be translated into policies that address both multiplicity of policymaker and public concerns and the need to make a concrete impact on the problem without unduly harming those at whom the policies are aimed.

Submissions:

Submissions are due March 15, 2021 and should report results of new, empirical research. Articles are limited to 30 pages, including references and tables.

Articles should follow the standard JQ format and be submitted through the online system. See https://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?journalCode=rjqv20&page=instructions

Cover letters should be addressed to Jodi Lane, Special Issue Editor and should clearly indicate that the submission is for consideration in the Special Issue.

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March 15th, 2021: Authors submit full manuscripts via JQ submission system (addressed to Special Issue Editor, Jodi Lane)

April 30th, 2021: Reviewer comments back to authors

July 30th, 2021: Authors resubmit revised manuscripts via JQ submission system