

Understanding Perspectives on Punishments for Crime

A Pilot Study Proposal

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This pilot study is aimed at gaining insights into individuals' perceptions, experiences, and evaluations of punishments for crime within the criminal justice system. The subjects of the study include individuals with direct or indirect experience with the criminal justice system, such as former inmates, crime victims, and criminal justice professionals. By gathering data from these diverse perspectives, the study aims to answer research questions regarding the effectiveness of various forms of punishment, the impact of deterrence and rehabilitation, and society's views on recidivism.

To seek potential subjects, an introductory statement is crafted, inviting individuals to contribute their thoughts, experiences, and opinions to shape future research and inform policy decisions on punishments for crime. Additionally, an informed consent statement is provided, outlining the purpose, procedures, confidentiality measures, and voluntary nature of participation. The study emphasizes the removal of identifying information to ensure anonymity and the ability to withdraw from the study without any consequences. The proposed pilot study will serve as a foundation for further research in the field, aiming to deepen our understanding of punishment in the criminal justice system and potentially guide future policy decisions.

Punishment for crime is a complex and multifaceted topic within the criminal justice system. It encompasses the sentences received upon conviction, the requirement of bail before trial, and the effectiveness of different forms of punishment. This pilot study proposal aims to explore individuals' perspectives, experiences, and evaluations of punishments for crime, with a focus on understanding the effectiveness of these punishments and their impact on deterrence, rehabilitation, and society's views on recidivism.

Recent empirical evidence highlights the need for a deeper understanding of punishments for crime. With changes in bail laws, fewer offenders are being sentenced to jail, particularly for non-violent property crimes committed by youthful and first-time offenders. This shift raises questions about the deterrent factor of punishment and the potential consequences for recidivism rates. Furthermore, the effectiveness of alternative forms of punishment, such as fines and incarceration, requires examination to inform future policy decisions within the criminal justice system.

How do individuals perceive, experience, and evaluate punishments for crime within the criminal justice system?

It is hypothesized that there will be a diversity of perspectives among individuals with direct or indirect experience with the criminal justice system regarding the effectiveness of different forms of punishment. Additionally, it is hypothesized that the impact of deterrence and rehabilitation will vary across these perspectives, and societal views on recidivism will also differ.

To address this question and test my hypothesis, the proposed pilot study will gather data from individuals with direct or indirect experience with the criminal justice system, including

former inmates, crime victims, and criminal justice professionals. By capturing insights from these diverse perspectives, the study aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of punishments for crime and their implications for the criminal justice system.

By participating in this study, individuals will have the opportunity to shape future research in this field and potentially influence policy decisions regarding punishments for crime. Their thoughts, experiences, and opinions will contribute to the development of a more nuanced understanding of the effectiveness of different forms of punishment and their impact on deterrence, rehabilitation, and recidivism.

This pilot study proposal seeks to address the research problem surrounding punishments for crime within the criminal justice system. By examining individuals' perspectives, experiences, and evaluations, we aim to contribute to the existing body of knowledge and inform future policy decisions in this crucial area.

“The study subjects are voters in New York City.

The paragraph does not provide the exact number of subjects who participated in the survey. No determined sample size.

The information was obtained through a survey, which suggests a quantitative research approach.

The paragraph does not mention any specific theories that are discussed or applied in the study.

This indicates that likely voters, including Democrats and African Americans, expect the new policy of not seeking prison sentences for many crimes and treating felony cases as misdemeanors to increase crime. However, liberals appear to be less concerned, with a majority believing that the policy will either reduce crime or have no significant effect.”

The proposed research design for this pilot study is qualitative, utilizing interviews as the primary method of data collection. Qualitative research allows for an in-depth exploration of individuals' perspectives, experiences, and evaluations of punishments for crime within the criminal justice system. By conducting interviews, researchers can gather rich, nuanced data that captures the difficulty of the topic.

The subjects for this study will include individuals with direct or indirect experience with the criminal justice system, such as former inmates, crime victims, and criminal justice professionals. A sample size of 20-50 individuals will be sufficient to gain meaningful insights into their perspectives. The proposed sampling method will be purposive sampling, as it allows for the selection of participants who have specific characteristics or experiences relevant to the research question.

We will be using advertisements to recruit participants, placed in community centers, correctional facilities, and online platforms frequented by individuals with direct or indirect experience with the criminal justice system. Additionally, partnerships with organizations working in the criminal justice field will be established to reach potential participants. The target population for this study includes former inmates, crime victims, criminal justice professionals, and community members affected by crime.

Semi-structured interviews allow for flexibility in exploring participants' perspectives while also providing a framework of predetermined questions. The interviews will be conducted face-to-face or through video conferencing platforms, depending on the participants' preferences and logistical considerations. The interviews will be audio-recorded with participants' consent to ensure accurate data collection.

"Dear potential participants, your participation in this study is crucial in gaining a deeper understanding of how individuals perceive, experience, and evaluate different forms of punishment within the criminal justice system. We are seeking individuals with direct or indirect experience with the criminal justice system, including former inmates, crime victims, criminal justice professionals, and community members affected by crime. By sharing your thoughts, experiences, and opinions, you can help shape future research in this field and potentially inform policy decisions regarding punishments for crime."

"You are being invited to participate in a research study on the topic of punishments for crime. Before deciding whether to participate, you must understand the purpose, procedures, and potential risks and benefits of the study. This document serves as an informed consent statement, outlining the necessary information to help you make an informed decision. The purpose of this study is to gain insights into individuals' perspectives, experiences, and evaluations of punishments for crime within the criminal justice system. If you decide to participate, you will be asked about your feelings and opinions regarding punishment for crimes. All information collected during the study will be treated with strict confidentiality. Your identity will be anonymized, and any identifying information will be removed from the data. Only the research team will have access to the collected data, and it will be securely stored. Participation in this study is entirely voluntary, and you have the right to withdraw at any time without penalty or consequence. If you decide to withdraw, your data will be removed from the study and will not be used in the analysis or publication of the research findings."

Demographic data that will be collected include age, gender, race, ethnicity, location, education, employment status, and previous involvement with the criminal justice system. These

demographic variables will be linked to the participants' perspectives, experiences, and evaluations of punishments for crime.

The prepared questionnaire will consist of 15 semi-structured questions. These questions will be designed to explore participants' perspectives on punishments for crime, their experiences with the criminal justice system, their opinions on deterrence and rehabilitation, and their views on recidivism. The questions will include a mix of open-ended and closed-ended questions, allowing participants to provide detailed responses while also providing options for concise answers. Contingency questions will be included to allow for further exploration of participants' responses and to capture additional relevant information.

In conclusion, the proposed methods section outlines the research design, subjects, research method, data collection method, and analysis plan for the pilot study. The qualitative approach using interviews as the primary data collection method will allow for an in-depth exploration of individuals' perspectives on punishments for crime within the criminal justice system. The recruitment of participants will be done through purposive sampling, targeting individuals with direct or indirect experience with the criminal justice system. The prepared questionnaire will consist of 15 semi-structured questions, including open-ended, closed-ended, and contingency questions, to gather comprehensive data.

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