

SOC-315 : Public Security and Insecurity

Examines perceptions of security and danger in America since the early 20th century and their effect on the balance between public safety and individual liberty. Examples include organized crime, labor conflict, the communist threat, youth gangs, drugs and terrorism. The role of "moral entrepreneurs," special interest groups, mass media, intelligence and surveillance, and political manipulation are explored. The balance of public safety and individual liberty is central to exploration throughout the course. Offered alternate years.

Credits 3

Prerequisites

[SOC-101](#)

Term Offered

Fall Only

Session Cycle

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