

Crime Victims: An Introduction to Victimology

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A first in the field when initially published and now a true classic, CRIME VICTIMS: AN INTRODUCTION TO VICTIMOLOGY, Ninth Edition offers the most comprehensive and balanced exploration of victimology available today. The author examines the victims' plight, carefully placing statistics from the FBI's Uniform Crime Report and Bureau of Justice Statistics National Crime Victimization Survey in context. At the same time, he "humanizes" victims' stories through compelling case studies. The text systematically investigates how victims are currently handled by the criminal justice system, analyzes the goals of the victims' rights movement, and discusses what the future is likely to hold. This Ninth Edition presents current coverage of the seriousness of intimate partner violence, child abuse, sexual assaults in the U.S. military, acquaintance rapes on college campuses, shootings on campuses, whether arming for self-protection is an effective strategy, and similar high-profile issues. It also includes new information about "survivorology" and "bystanderology" as well as new material on practical issues facing victims.

Andrew Karmen has been a professor in the Sociology Department at John Jay College of Criminal Justice since 1978. He has taught courses on a wide range of subjects including general sociology, criminal justice, criminology, crime and justice in New York City, drug abuse, delinquency, social problems, race relations, research methods, statistics, and victimology. He has previously served as the coordinator of both the criminology and criminal justice undergraduate majors, the co-director of the master's program in criminal justice, and as a member of the doctoral faculty. Dr. Karmen has written journal articles and chapters in books on a number of subjects, including drug abuse, police use of deadly force, auto theft, providing defense attorneys to indigents, victims' rights, the victimization of women, and predictions about the plight of crime victims in the future. His investigation of why crime rates rise and fall, NEW YORK MURDER MYSTERY: THE TRUE STORY BEHIND THE CRIME CRASH OF THE 1990s, (NYU Press, paperback edition 2006) unearths statistical evidence that casts doubt on most of the widely held beliefs about the reasons for the dramatic improvement in public safety in New York City. In 2012, Dr. Karmen was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by the World Society Of Victimology.

Other Books

The Praeger Handbook of Victimology. This work is the first interdisciplinary compilation of entries related to the crime victim to encompass the breadth of the 70-year-old discipline of victimology. The Praeger Handbook of Victimology is the first full-scale reference to encompass the full scope of the discipline of victim studies, marking its evolution from an initial focus on homicide, child abuse, sexual assault, and domestic violence to a more wide-ranging modern interpretation that includes hate crimes, terrorism, and cyber crimes such as online bullying, stalking, and identity theft. The Praeger Handbook of Victimology offers an up-to-date portrait of its field, including the latest research from criminal justice studies, feminist studies, and other disciplines, as well as the changing views of the victim from law enforcement and the public at large. The nearly 200 alphabetically organized entries cover everything from terminology unique to the field to victimizations relative to specific crimes to the extension of crime victim rights and victim interactions with the criminal justice system. Victims' advocates, legal professionals, students, researchers, or anyone fascinated by the impact of crime on society will find this a uniquely informative resource. Includes nearly 200 entries on the development and scope of the 70-year-old field of victimology. Over 90 contributors from across the nation, representing 13 academic areas of study, including criminal justice, criminology, gerontology, psychology, sociology, and victim

studies Includes a chronology of selected events from 1941 to 2008 reflecting the development of the discipline of victimology and the expansion of rights for victims of crime Offers a bibliography of 17 recently published books that provide a broad look at crime victims and the field of victimology Lists 22 journals that publish research on crime victims and describes 24 websites that provide information ranging from victimization statistics and organizational membership opportunities to victim services and legal remedies

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