Policy Plan for Policing in America Released Today

Re-Imagining Public Safety: Prevent Harm and Lead with the Truth

Today the Justice Collaboratory, in a joint effort with Center for Policing Equity, released a report calling for a new conversation about police reform in America. Re-imagining Public Safety: Prevent Harm and Lead with the Truth focuses on advancing policing through strategies backed by science and experience. It is being released in advance of the 2020 Presidential Election with the goal of making these important concepts part of the ongoing national dialogue.

The action plan focuses on four core principles — safety, dignity, parsimony, and equity. Under that framework, the authors detail five actionable steps they believe should lead the charge towards re-imagining public safety.

- Law enforcement setting a new standard that focuses on building public trust.
- Federal Government facilitating the culture change by incentivizing procedural justice programs.
- Law enforcement agencies measuring and managing police behavior through data.
- Law enforcement and communities coming together to reconcile past harms.
- Creation of a National Review Board framework to address negative policing events.

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