Assessing Public Punitiveness Toward Emerging Adult Sentencing

This study explores public opinion regarding emerging adult (18-to-25-year-old) sentencing, with attention to punitiveness and the consideration of biopsychosocial factors that may influence emerging adults’ culpability and potential for rehabilitation. Data was collected by administering a survey with factorial vignettes to emerging adult college students. Quantitative analyses were employed to answer exploratory questions about the influence of emerging adult age and biological, psychological, and social information about a defendant convicted of homicide on respondents’ sentence choices and perceptions of responsibility and rehabilitation potential. The findings inform policies about sentencing emerging adults and areas for future research.

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