Two Decades of Registration and Notification Laws: What has the U.S. learned?

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Outline

• Context: What is known about relevant crime patterns?
• Research Evidence
• Collateral consequences
• Perspectives and comparisons
National Estimate
Child Sexual Abuse (1990 – 2010)

62% Decline (1992-2010)
3% Decline (2009-2010)

Source: National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System
FBI Forcible Rape 1990-2010

*Source: FBI, Crime in the United States Reports*
Percentage Change Rate of Violent Victimization Since 1993

Percentage Change

-80 -70 -60 -50 -40 -30 -20 -10 0 10

'93 '94 '95 '96 '97 '98 '99 '00 '01 '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11

Total violent crime
Serious violent crime
Pawson’s Theorem
"We do not know whether, or to what degree, the laws assist police, deter recidivism, and empower communities with information to self-protect.”

– Wayne Logan, 2011
Affect on crime

- Single state studies:

- Multiple state studies, more sophisticated methods:
What’s Different for citizens?
US Criminal Justice Policy: Redrawing some boundaries