Apr 18th, 1:00 AM - 3:00 AM

Exploring Cross-National Differences in the Incarceration of Women: A Conjunctive Analysis Approach

Breanna Boppre  
*University of Nevada, Las Vegas, bboppre@unlv.nevada.edu*

Terance D. Miethe  
*University of Nevada, Las Vegas, miethe@unlv.nevada.edu*

Emily J. Salisbury  
*University of Nevada, Las Vegas, emily.salisbury@unlv.edu*

Repository Citation

https://digitalscholarship.unlv.edu/grad_symposium/2016/April18/6

This Event is brought to you for free and open access by the Graduate Research (GCUA) at Digital Scholarship@UNLV. It has been accepted for inclusion in Graduate Research Symposium (GCUA) by an authorized administrator of Digital Scholarship@UNLV. For more information, please contact digitalscholarship@unlv.edu.
Exploring Cross-National Differences in the Incarceration of Women: A Conjunctive Analysis Approach

Breanna Boppre, Terry Miethe, & Emily J. Salisbury
Department of Criminal Justice

Structural-Level Theories of State-Sponsored Punishment
- The presence of particular social conditions explains national imprisonment rates over place and time.
- Important causal factors underlying these theories include nations’ levels of development, criminality, socio-economic inequality, and political volatility.

Research Question
Given differences in female imprisonment rates worldwide (see map), what structural-level factors account for cross-national differences in these rates?

Worldwide Imprisonment Rates of Women

Theoretical
- Overall, development matters in incarceration rates for women.
- Contrary to structural theories, ethnic diversity and political instability decrease the odds of high imprisonment.
- The effect of each structural variable depends on the other attributes that define its context.

Methodological
- CACC reveals the joint influence of particular factors that is often neglected in conventional regression analysis.
- The primary advantage of CACC is the ability to assess whether the influence of particular structural attributes vary across different contexts.

A Conjunctive Analysis of Case Configurations (CACC)
CACC identifies the profiles (configurations) of structural attributes always associated with high or low imprisonment rates across nations.

Socio-Economic Profiles that Lead to High Female Imprisonment

Socio-Economic Profiles that Lead to Low Female Imprisonment

Logistic Regression Results

For more information about our data collection, methodology, and results, please access the QR code