

Crime and the Media



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The public's knowledge of crime is primarily derived from the depiction in the media. If the media is responsible for the headlines, the conclusion to be reached is that they influence the public's attention regarding crime. This book examines, through the study of cases that have made headlines, what is noted as the fear of crime among the populace. In addition to cases such as Scott Peterson, Marilyn Sheppard, and Jon Benet Ramsey, the authors focus on the changes in the sentencing laws, policies, increased incarceration rates as well as the war on drugs and try to find the factors that brought about change. KEY TOPICS: Focuses on the mass media and how it has transformed the criminal justice system. Presents 10 cases ranging throughout history right up until the 21st Century. Allows the reader to become involved in the case with an understanding of how the case was portrayed in the media. Explains the theory of crime and what attracts the media. The focus of this work, the media and its handling of the criminal justice system, will have appeal to anyone involved in criminal justice. The case descriptions, the commentary will fascinate all readers.

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