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Kelly Welch, PhD, is an expert on racial and ethnic profiling, racial disparities in school discipline and public punitiveness toward crime.

Biography

Dr. Welch is the source to turn to for information and comment about some of the most provocative criminal and racial justice issues today. She can speak authoritatively about racial and ethnic profiling, harsh school discipline, terrorist stereotypes of Middle Easterners, and public support for punitive criminal policies. Her research, published in top-tier national and international outlets, explores how these matters affect both adults and children in the contexts of criminal justice as well as educational institutions. As an expert witness in federal court cases, Welch has effectively cited theoretically and empirically relevant evidence related to racial and religious disparities in criminal justice practices and policies as well as in school discipline.

Industry Expertise

Research, Education/Learning

Areas of Expertise

Racial Profiling , School-to-Prison Pipeline, Race and Justice, Social Justice, Public Opinion and Public Policy, Sociology of Punishment, Terrorist Stereotypes, Criminology

Affiliations

Editorial Board Member, Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice: An Interdisciplinary Journal, American Society of Criminology, ASC Division of Terrorism and Bias Crimes

Education

Florida State University

PhD

Florida State University

MS

University of California, Irvine

BA

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