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Crime: A Second Look

Despite the recent decline in crime rates, a study due this week cautions against official "triumphalism." The Milton S. Eisenhower Foundation report, updating a prophetic 1969 study commissioned by Lyndon Johnson, calls the sharp increase in shooting deaths among adolescents "the most alarming trend over the past 30 years," and cites a 30 percent rise in public fear about crime. The authors advocate greater funding for after-school programs in the inner cities, where violent crime, FBI stats show, is up 40 percent from three decades ago.