The Economics of Crime
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Intro:
This paper covers economic models which explain the relationships between crime rates and several variables through the view of an economist.

Research:
Research for this topic involved exploring commonly cited factors for crime and examining statistics and studies to affirm (or rebut) the supposed correlations. If a correlation was established, further research would be done to offer an explanation with economic principles.

Methodology:
Much of the information was gathered from government agencies and studies, and the remainder was gathered via independent studies and the existing literature on the matter.

Results:
Ultimately, while economics alone couldn’t account for everything, it proved to be a useful tool in understanding and explaining criminal behavior. Furthermore, some commonly cited correlations with crime proved unreliable, such as the economy and the degree of punishment.

Significance:
If crime and its causal factors can be better understood, this can aid in crime prevention and guide us towards a smarter criminal justice system.