

## Youth criminal justice policy in Canada: a critical introductionx

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### Abstrak

Canada has a new Act governing youth crime, and there are indications that the Act will be revised again to make it "tougher" on youth in conflict with the law. At the same time, Canadian child poverty rates (which are strongly correlated with criminality) have remained high, despite a commitment, made by governments in 1989 to eradicate the problem by the year 2000. Immigration patterns have changed, and unemployment rates for young Canadians remain almost twice as high as those for adults. In this volume, the author addresses these and other developments in relation to youth crime in Canada from a critical criminological perspective.