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The strongest predictors of gang violence.

1. Gang activity is strongly influenced by the environment in which they operate, with factors such as urbanization, poverty, and availability of resources playing a significant role.
2. Gangs often form under conditions of stress and social disorganization, such as those found in areas with high levels of unemployment and poverty.
3. Membership in a gang is more likely to be influenced by factors such as peer pressure, and these members are more likely to engage in criminal activity. Smaller gangs benefit from the relative anonymity and the ability to operate in the criminal underworld.
4. Social networks are important for survival. Smaller gangs benefit from the ties to the local community and the ability to operate in the criminal underworld.

A promising alternative to policing high-crime streets

A promising alternative to policing high-crime streets is to develop strategies that focus on reducing the economic benefits of crime. One promising approach is to use data to identify the areas with the highest levels of criminal activity and target interventions to these areas. This approach can be more effective than traditional policing approaches, as it is more likely to reduce crime by targeting the underlying drivers of crime.

Cybercrime Through the Online Banking Ecosystem

Cybercrime through the online banking ecosystem's risk and compliance controls by setting up fake online businesses and laundering. The talk highlights how criminal organizations circumvent the payments and laundering. The talk discusses the importance of understanding the criminal organizations' strategies and developing effective countermeasures.

Meet the Eastern New Mexico University CINA Summer Faculty Team

Omar Camarillo, Ph.D., a professor of criminal justice and sociology, and students conducted a study on the connections between Mexican drug cartels and U.S.-based gangs and how the public perceives these criminal organizations. The study explored the role of law enforcement agencies in dismantling these organizations and the effects of the pandemic on criminal networks.

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My two big takeaways from this last year are (1) the only constant in life is (unexpected) change, and (2) a good organization and team sees the opportunities in such a dynamic environment, thinks creatively, and pivots quickly, and not only survives but thrives.

The Annual Meeting reflected on the last 12 months during which we helped plan and execute the second COE Summit, positioned three research projects for transition, launched a running OpenRFP, and conducted this research as part of the U.S. DoD-funded network science center.