The Department of Justice
Social & Behavioral Science
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The **National Institute of Justice** (NIJ) is the research arm of the Department of Justice, and plays a critical role in helping us understand and implement science-based strategies for crime prevention and control. The **Bureau of Justice Statistics** (BJS) produces data that provides statistical evidence needed by criminal justice policy decision makers. Taken together, investments in NIJ and BJS represents the only dedicated source of federal research support committed to enhancing our understanding of crime and the criminal justice system.

Fund **NIJ** at **$52.5 million**
and **BJS** at **$61.4 million**
in FY 2016 and
End sequestration

More information: http://www.justice.gov/about/fy16-budget-and-performance

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE
includes, but is not limited to the fields of: sociology, anthropology, political science, psychology, economics, statistics, language and linguistics, demography, law, communications, educational research, criminology and criminal justice research, geography, and history.

SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH
studies social contexts across various time and spatial scales, including economic, cultural, demographic, and political contexts.

BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH
seeks to better understand learning, cognition, emotion, temperament, motivation, and biobehavioral interactions.

These investments in NIJ and BJS in FY 2016 would:

- Continue to build the evidence base related to **human trafficking, anti-gang programs, policing, crime and justice, children exposed to violence, incarceration alternatives, elder abuse, and reentry and probation**.
- Help ensure that policies and investments made at U.S. schools to **keep students, teachers, and administrators safe** are evidenced-based.
- Fund a new **domestic radicalization research program** to better understand violent extremism and related phenomena, and advanced evidence-based strategies for effective prevention and intervention.

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