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EDITOR'S NOTES

American criminal justice policy is in a ferment. Every stage of the criminal process, from initial police-citizen contact to the reentry of imprisoned felons to the society from which they came, is under scrutiny. Change is coming. But the nature and extent of that change is very much in dispute. Whether the brewmasters of the criminal law will produce a fine, full, potent ale or bitter small beer remains to be seen.

This Issue of *FSR* peers into two yeasty brewhouses of incipient reform. The first half of the Issue considers the various processes for reducing and assessing recidivism risk among inmates, back-end release, and post-release supervision that come under the broad heading of "parole." The second half of the Issue analyzes the content and prospects for success of the multiple federal sentencing and corrections reform bills pending in Congress.



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