

Cabinet Retreat: Outline of Bruce Reed's Presentation on the Clinton Crime Legacy

I. Thematic Overview

- A. Preserve and build on established legacy (See II below)
- B. New legacy initiatives (See III below)

II. Established Legacy / Expand Efforts

- A. Community Policing
 - 1. Continue implementation of COPS program
 - 2. Establish a national 911 alternative
 - 3. Develop "Quality of Life" community policing initiative (e.g., NYC model)
- B. Guns
 - 1. Preserve Brady Act and assault weapons ban
 - 2. Improve criminal history records
 - 3. Develop gun safety initiatives (e.g., consumer safety protections)
 - 4. Ban cop-killer bullets

III. New Legacy Initiatives

- A. Youth Violence and Drug Use
 - 1. Pass youth violence legislation
 - 2. Provide incentives for states to reform their laws; encourage cities to adopt comprehensive community-based responses to youth violence (e.g., Boston model)
 - 3. Use bully pulpit to focus attention on juvenile drug use
 - 4. Achieve unified Federal response to juvenile drug use
 - 5. Implement drivers license/drug testing initiative
- B. Victims' Rights
 - 1. Support passage of Victims' Rights Constitutional Amendment
 - 2. Issue Presidential directive on victims' rights -- result of AG report
 - 3. Highlight use of Crime Victims Funds
- C. Violence Against Women
 - 1. Use bully pulpit to highlight violence against women initiatives; educate public
 - 2. Expand and strengthen victim services and programs
 - 3. Train law enforcement to more effectively identify and respond to violent crime against women

DOJ Enhancements to Bruce's Outline

- I. Community Policing**
 - A. Apply community policing principles to other elements of the criminal justice system -- community policing to community justice**
- II. Guns**
 - A. Develop new initiatives to disrupt illegal gun markets -- Brady dealt with legal guns sales; new efforts should target illegal markets**
 - 1. One gun a month**
 - 2. Allow AFT to computerize gun records to assist law enforcement in targeting persons who illegally transfer firearms to juveniles**
 - 3. Target straw purchasers, others who illegally transfer firearms -- new penalties and enforcement initiatives**
 - 4. Require FFL cooperation for firearms traces by law enforcement**
 - 5. Complete implementation of Treasury gun tracing initiative (YGCII)**
- III. Youth Violence and Drug Use**
 - A. Highlight new programs**
 - 1. Danforth-Bradley after-school program**
 - 2. Prosecution grants for anti-gang/violent youth initiatives**
 - 3. Anti-truancy/crime intervention grants**
 - 4. Youth violence courts**
 - B. Link back to community policing and community justice**
- IV. Additional Legacy Initiative -- Leadership in Global Law Enforcement**
 - A. Technology**
 - B. Terrorism**
 - C. Immigration**
 - D. International drug organizations/trafficking**
 - E. International organized crime**

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Dennis --

Thanks for the "Legacy" paper. It makes for good reading. A couple of thoughts on VAWA just while I am thinking of it. I started to mention some specific items that can be worked on, but let me spell out a little more:

Legislative Items:

Fixing the definition of serious bodily harm to include rape throughout the criminal code. (As I mentioned yesterday, the car jacking bill only touched the carjacking statute).

Enhancing the federal prosecution provisions by creating a career offender category for domestic violence and stalking. This was brought up at last May's hearing on VAWA. I think it might have been Specter who asked if we needed to tighten any provisions of the Act and suggested that we consider this -- so that if you are a repeat offender under these statutes your sentencing is enhanced. 20 years -- 50 years -- life.

I also heard that Schumer's office (I think) is interested in starting a National Sexual Assault hotline, modeled after the domestic violence hotline. It may be more effective to seek funding to expand the existing hotline so that it can respond more effectively to the overwhelming response it has already received. (I think something like 60,000 calls since it began last February -- and so it can have specialists for sexual assault. Two numbers may get confusing.

Non-Legislative Initiatives to Consider: (I haven't actually come up with specific proposals but think these are areas worth looking into)

Children and Domestic Violence

As you recall, you and I both attended a pretty interesting meeting on the fate of children in the domestic violence rubrik. They often witness DV and are emotionally and psychologically affected. They are often pawns in a DV relationship where the abuser threatens custody if the spouse leaves the relationship. This is a somewhat difficult issue because many of the DV groups do not like to bring children into the DV debate because they feel such a direction would take away from the attention and plight of women in this country. Nevertheless, the idea that children can be used as pawns against

women and the idea that when little boys witness DV they are more likely themselves to become batterers (American Psychological Association) seems to give weight to the proposition that without paying heed to the plight of children in this context, women (not to mention the nation as a whole) will infact pay the consequences if not now, later. Also, this whole topic fits into the Administration's youth violence focus.

Possible Ideas: enhanced penalties under DV statutes if child is witness or involved; Advisory Council conference on children; education programs for schools on how to identify and help kid witnesses; HHS programs for health care providers on how to identify and help kid witnesses etc.

Substance Abuse and DV

It might be worthwhile to do a survey of the connection between alcohol and drug use and DV and sexual assault. My instinct tells me it would be a strong link. Then maybe ONDCP could do a specially targetted program. Also, of course there still is the problem of these date rape drugs (rohypnol and others).

These are just a few thoughts. Maybe we can brainstorm some more if you want.