

Procedural Justice in Israeli Policing: What We Know and What We Need to Know

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This article reviews the body of research on procedural justice (PJ) in Israeli policing, integrates the findings, and offers conclusions and directions for future research. The studies reviewed have examined the relationship between fairness perceptions, police legitimacy and law obedience; addressed the perspective of the police regarding fair treatment; and examined the historical development of the Israel Police (IP). The review reveals that, as findings worldwide indicate, in Israel PJ is generally the primary predictor of police legitimacy. Officers in the IP show support for the idea of fair process, but only partial awareness of its importance to citizens. The findings regarding the effects of PJ training are mixed, and the security roles of the IP seem to have made the application of the PJ model in Israel particularly challenging. These conclusions are linked to recent discussions on the challenge of public trust in the IP.