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Police Discretion and Maintaining Order

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ABSTRACT

This research focuses on police use of discretion and the way it contributes to maintaining order in society. I will be discussing the process of discretion itself, the consequences and disorder that can occur from a lack of discretion, the ways this disorder is affected by higher versus lower levels of police discretion, and the conditions necessary for effective use of discretion.