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# Webinar | Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to Reduce Crime and Violence: Evidence on Long-Term Effects from Liberia

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**10:00-11:00AM CST / 11:00AM-12:00PM EST**

As policymakers look for non-police responses to crime and violence, interventions informed by Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) are becoming increasingly popular. These interventions seek to address the violence that springs from poor decision-making and distorted thinking by helping people learn how to think and react differently. Some questions still remain about the long-term effects of these interventions and there is still little evidence of their effectiveness outside the US. However, a program in Liberia has shown to be effective in preventing antisocial behaviors in high-risk young men using CBT-informed therapy and training.

In this webinar, **Chris Blattman (University of Chicago)** presented the results of the Liberia experience, 10 years after the original intervention. Pablo Vazquez (**Mexico City Ministry of Citizen Security**) commented on the policy implications of this research. A 10-minute Q&A followed the presentation.

## Speaker

- **Chris Blattman**, *Ramalee E. Pearson Professor of Global Conflict Studies at The University of Chicago*

## Policy Discussant

- **Pablo Vazquez**, *Undersecretary of Citizen Participation and Crime Prevention at the Mexico City Ministry of Citizen Security (SSC)*

## Moderator

- **Helke Enkerlin**, *Policy and Implementation Manager at IPA Mexico*

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