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## WHAT WORKS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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Delivering crime prevention : making the evidence work

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**Australian Government**

**Australian Institute of Criminology**



**Crime Prevention Division**

**Attorney General's**

department of nsw

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<http://www.aic.gov.au/conferences/2005-cp/>



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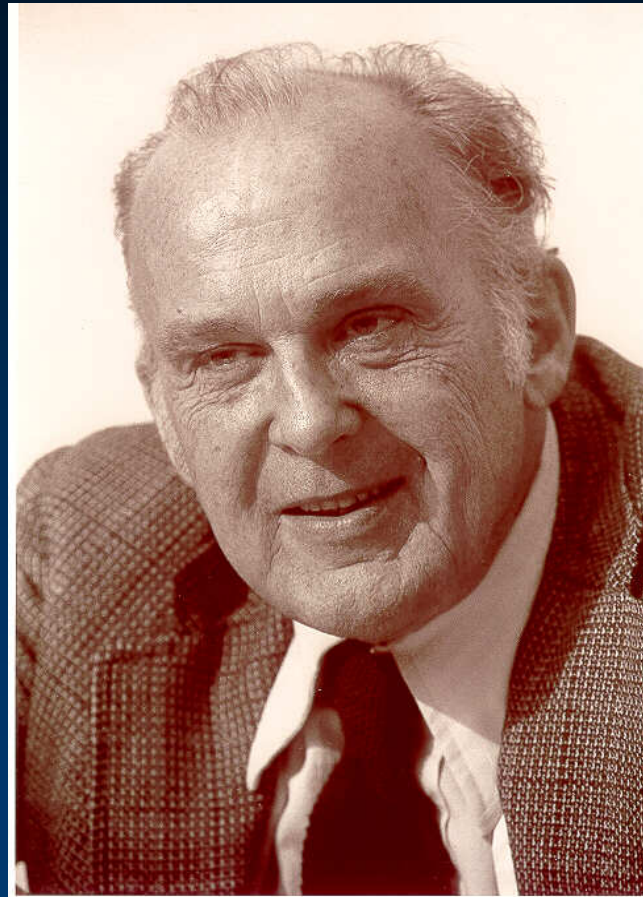
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# Donald T. Campbell

## 1916 - 1996



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# "Reforms as Experiments"

American Psychologist, 24, 409-429  
(April 1969)

# Problem:

Policies are introduced  
and celebrated by their  
proponents as if they are  
certain to be successful.

The proponents tend to be  
staunch advocates,  
and often refuse to  
countenance the possibility  
that the policy may not  
work.

Donald Campbell proposed  
An experimental approach to  
social policy:  
Pilot,  
Evaluate, then  
Replicate  
Modify  
or Discard



Sir Iain Chalmers,

Cochrane Collaboration

(Healthcare Interventions)



# Naltrexone maintenance treatment for opioid dependence

<http://www.cochrane.org/cochrane/revabstr/AB001333.htm>



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Campbell Collaboration  
Founded at  
University of Pennsylvania  
February 24-25, 2000

# Campbell Collaboration's Mission:

Advancing the cause of  
“evidence-based” social  
policy.



Finding out  
and documenting

What Works  
(and what doesn't)



# Commission and Publish

Systematic reviews of the  
effects of interventions in  
Social Policy



Founded on the  
Cochrane Collaboration's  
9 (currently 10) Principles

- collaboration
- building on the enthusiasm of individuals
- avoiding duplication
- minimizing bias
- keeping up to date
- striving for relevance
- promoting access
- ensuring quality
- continuity
- enabling wide participation



## Co-Chairs:

**Robert Boruch** Graduate School  
of Education University of  
Pennsylvania

**Haluk Soydan** The National  
Board of Health and Welfare,  
Stockholm, Sweden



# Campbell Collaboration Home Page:

<http://campbell.gse.upenn.edu/>

**Trials Register N=10,000**

**Social, Psychological,  
Educational,  
and Criminological Trials  
Register  
(SPECTR)**



# **Campbell Collaboration Coordinating Groups**

**Crime and Justice**

**Education**

**Social Work and Social Welfare**

**Methods Review Groups**

**Statistics**

**Quasi-Experimental Design**

**Process and Implementation**

**Communication and Dissemination**



# Campbell Crime and Justice Coordinating Group

[http://www.aic.gov.au/campbell  
cj/](http://www.aic.gov.au/campbell<br/>cj/)



Chair:

Professor David Farrington  
Cambridge University

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- Smith Richardson Foundation
- UK Home Office
- US National Institute of Justice
- Jerry Lee Foundation
- Department of Justice (Canada)
- The Australian Institute of  
Criminology (website)



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**Welcomes proposals from all  
interested individuals**

1. Prospective author submits  
proposal for Review
2. CCJ Steering Group approval
3. Author submits protocol  
(search strategy)
4. Peer Review  
(CCJ Steering Group member  
plus 2 external reviewers)

5. CCJ Approval
6. Clearance from Campbell
7. Author prepares draft Review
8. Peer Assessment
9. Author Incorporates Feedback
10. Author Submits Final Review
11. CCJ/Campbell approval
12. Review Published

## Special Efforts to Identify

- Fugitive Literature
- Non-English Language Literature

## Objections/Resistance:

- Those whose work does not lend itself to Random Assignment (area-based studies)
- Those who lament unreasonably stringent criteria for inclusion
- Delay in Publication

## Recent Cochrane Review:

Family and parenting  
interventions in children and  
adolescents with conduct  
disorder and delinquency aged  
10-17



970 titles initially identified  
through the search strategy.

8 trials met the inclusion criteria.



Campbell review in progress:

Electronic monitoring effects on  
recidivism of  
moderate-to-high risk offenders



381 Articles

154 apparent evaluations

119 classified as such

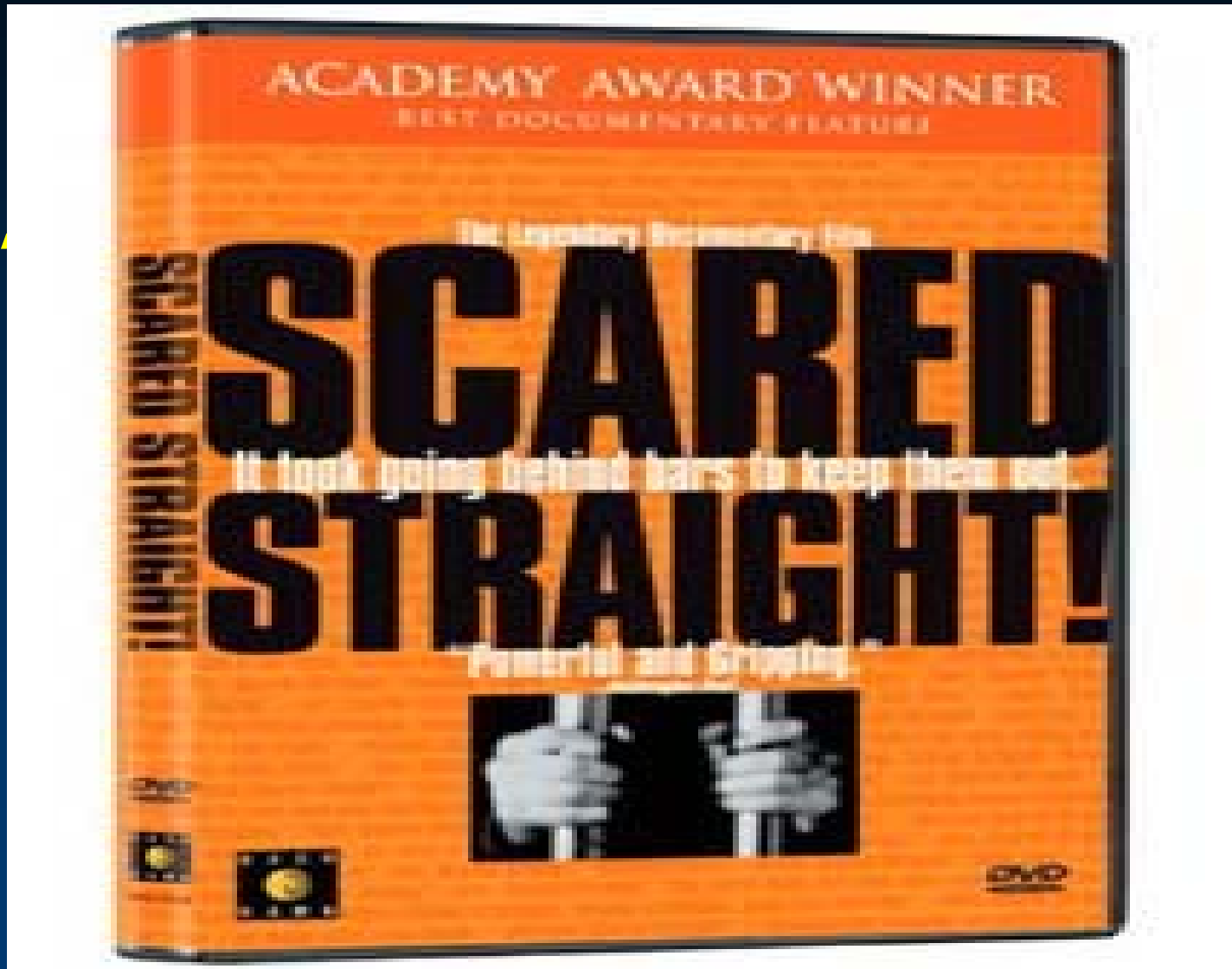
3 met inclusion criteria



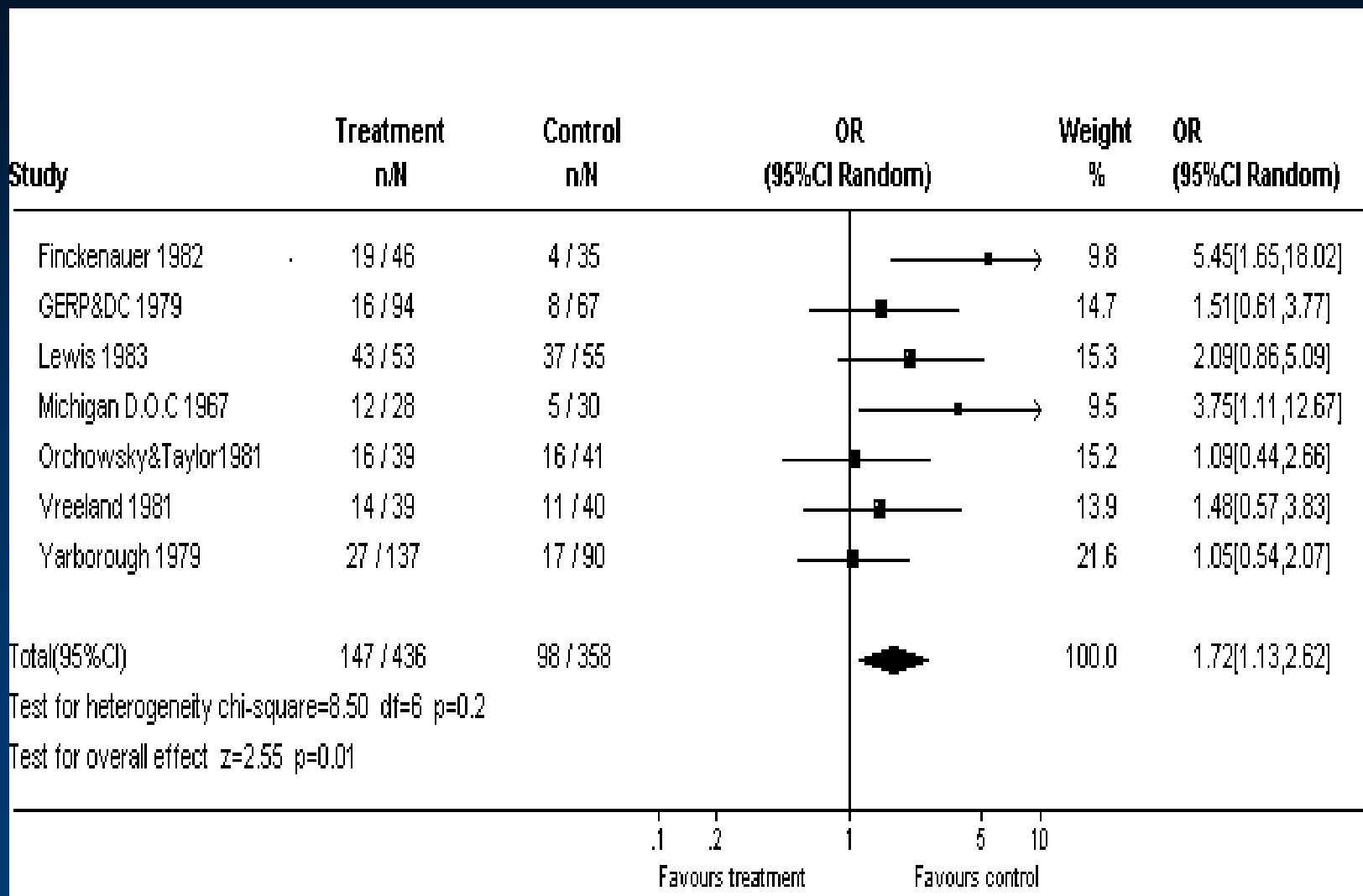
No significant difference in  
outcomes  
Between treatment and controls



# “Prevention”: Causing Crime



## Effects of "Scared Straight" on Crime: 7 RCTs



## Effects of Correctional Bootcamps on Re-arrest: 23 RCTs

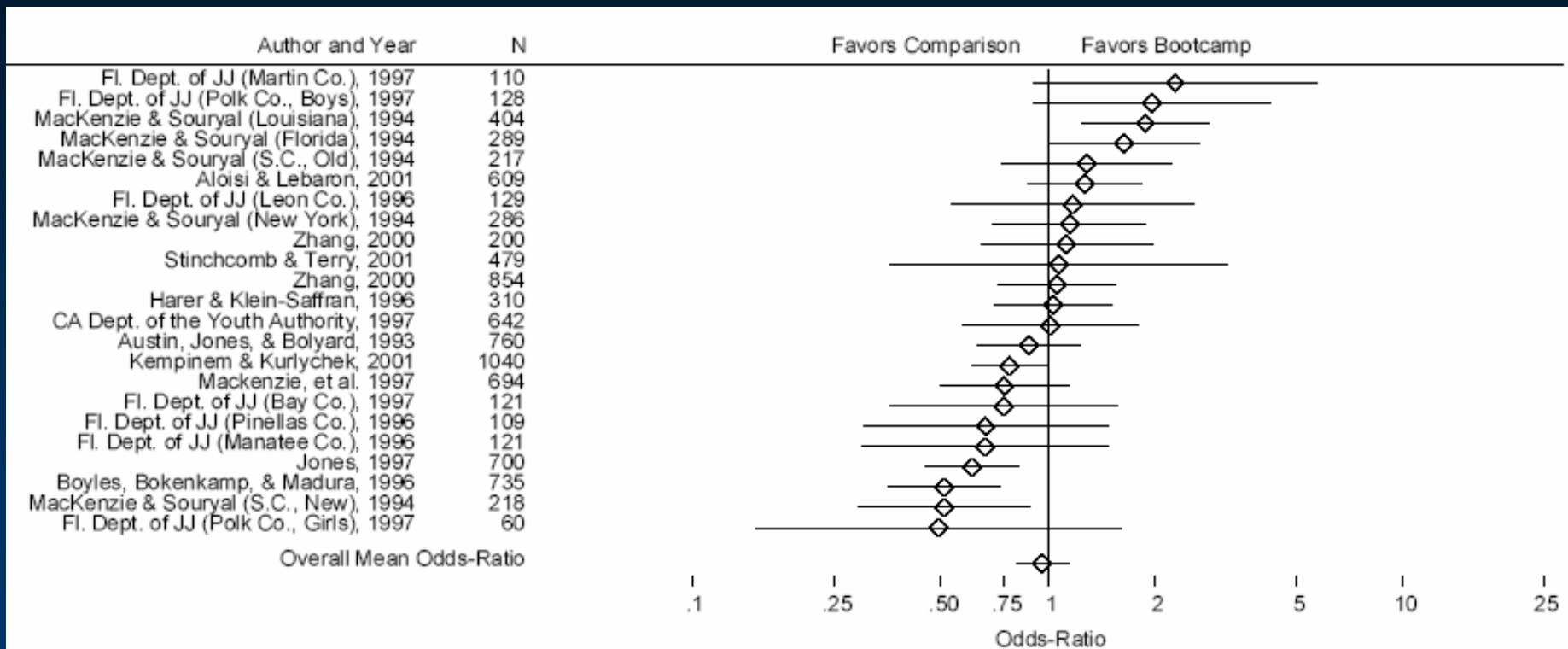


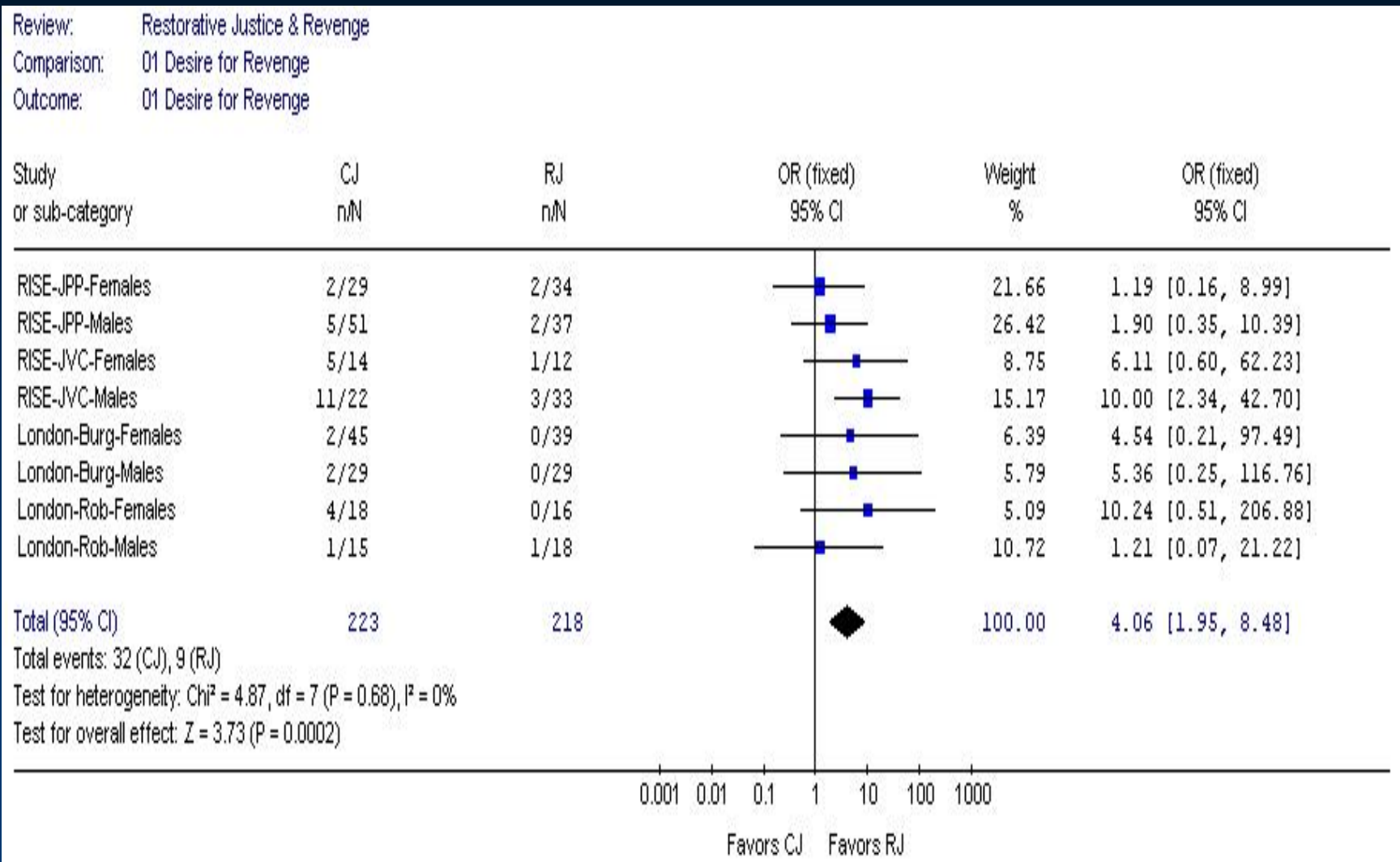
Figure 2: Odds-Ratio and 95% Confidence Interval for Arrest Only Outcome Measures



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[http://www.aic.gov.au/campbellcj/  
reviews/2005-06-bootcamps.pdf](http://www.aic.gov.au/campbellcj/reviews/2005-06-bootcamps.pdf)

## Effects of Restorative Justice on Victims' Desire for Revenge: 8 RCTs



- **Police-led drug enforcement strategies**  
Lorraine Mazerolle and Ross Homel (Griffith University)
- **School-based anti-bullying initiatives**
- **Strategies related to the prevention, detection, management and response to terrorism**
- **What works in rehabilitating offenders? : A systematic review of Israeli criminal justice practices**



- **The effects of problem-oriented policing**
- **Interventions for offenders with co-occurring disorders**
- **Mentoring programs**
- **Community-based programs for juveniles**

- **Corporate crime deterrence**
- **Assessing the effectiveness of interventions designed to support victims of crime: A systematic review of psychological outcomes**
- **Interventions to prevent violent behaviour specifically targeted at people with a diagnosed mental illness presenting to forensic services**
- **The effectiveness of neighbourhood watch**

- **Outpatient treatment for drug-involved offenders**
- **Risk assessment strategies for the forensic mental health population**
- **Screening and assessment tools used to assess juvenile/young offenders for risk of suicide/self-harm on admission to a prison/secure institution**
- **Institutional violence : situational factors**

- **Cost-benefit analysis and cost-effectiveness of sentencing**
- **Effects of custodial vs. non-custodial sentences on re-offending**
- **Aftercare treatment for juvenile offenders**
- **Drug courts**

- **Court-ordered interventions for domestic batterers**
- **Police strategies for reducing illegal possession and carrying of firearms**
- **Prison-based drug treatment programs**
- **Programs for serious (violent and chronic) juvenile offenders in secure corrections**



- **The effects of non-custodial employment programs on the recidivism rates of ex-offenders**
- **Repeat victimization programs**
- **Treatment for sex offenders**

- **Child skills training**
- **Effects of closed circuit television surveillance on crime**
- **Cognitive-behavioral programs for offenders**
- **Electronic monitoring's impact on reoffending**
- **Effects of improved street lighting on crime**

- **Hot spots policing**
- **Juvenile curfews**
- **Parent support and training during early childhood**
- **Effects of face-to-face restorative justice for personal victim crimes**

Heather Strang (Australian National University) and  
Lawrence Sherman (University of Pennsylvania)

# Street Lighting and CCTV

(Welsh and Farrington

Criminology and Public Policy 2004)

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