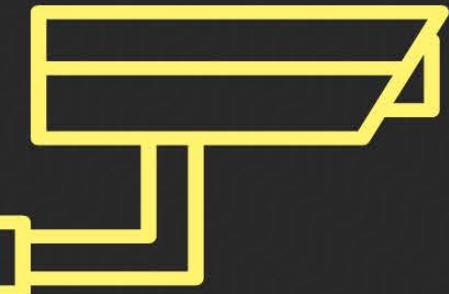


crime myth or fact?

- Homelessness has been criminalized
- Mass surveillance will not prevent violent crime
- Most parolees successfully complete their parole

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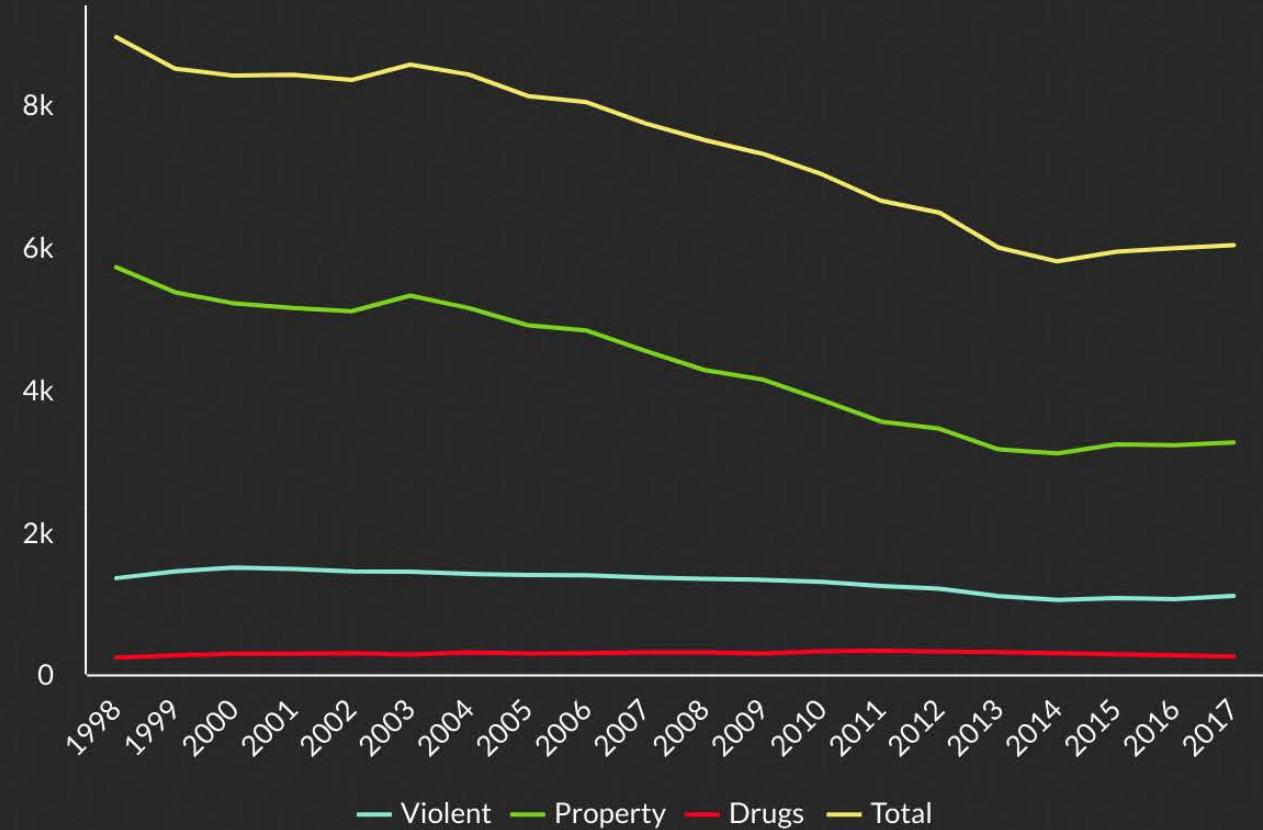
Mass surveillance will not prevent violent crime: myth or fact?



On 10 August 2020,
the Ontario government announced a
\$6 million investment over 3 years to expand
the use of CCTV surveillance cameras to fight
crime



Crime rates in
Canada have
been decreasing ↓
since 1998





CCTV cameras are used worldwide.



The argument is that they will deter crime

Despite these claims, deterrence has not been proven

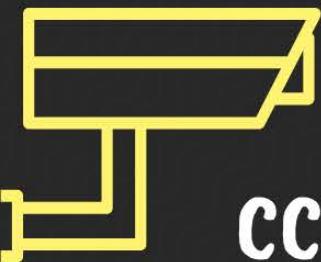
Ontario Premier Doug Ford,
announced that

This new investment
towards a CCTV
system is "an important tool
in the fight against gun and
gang violence, human
trafficking and sexual
violence."

But evidence shows that CCTV
cameras do not have a significant
impact on violent crimes



At best, deterrence may be achieved
with auto theft, in locations such
as parking garages



CCTV surveillance will likely reinforce already existing race, gender, age and class inequalities

A 2020 Ontario Human Rights Commission report confirmed that Black people are "disproportionately arrested, charged, subjected to use of force by Toronto police"



In 2019, Toronto Police got from the Province **\$3 million** over three years to extend its surveillance network by **40** more CCTV cameras



Assertions that CCTV systems are cost-effective → are **unfounded**

The costs:

the cameras, installation, wiring, on-going maintenance, data encryption and storage, training costs for supervising, operating the cameras, privacy protections, etc.

"The idea to keep pumping funding into policing, into surveillance...I think that's misguided. [We should] use those funds to bump up the safety net of communities, so our schools are more funded, our community centres would be lively places where life can happen."

~ Sam Tecle,
Community Organizer in the Jane-Finch
area, 2020