



Measuring everyday experiences with the Police in the Netherlands: An experience sampling pilot study

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The current study explores the application of experience sampling techniques to measure experiences with the police and examine to what extent different experiences are associated with within-individual changes in attitudes towards the police. Data for the study were collected over a period of 21 days from 206 young people (aged 18-30) living in the Netherlands. After completing a baseline questionnaire, participants completed daily questionnaires measuring attitudes towards the police and any experiences with the police or other authorities that have occurred. A total of 3042 daily questionnaires have been completed out of a possible 4389 (69%). The results show that the number and type of experiences can vary substantially across individuals and time, and that overall experiences with the police are prevalent in everyday life. These pilot results raise questions about how we measure experiences with the police, and what role different experiences have in shaping attitudes towards police.



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