Predictors and Impacts of Police Legitimacy in the City of São Paulo

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Tom Tyler's work:

- critics of the traditional criminological theories concerning the determinants of crimes – especially the effectiveness of crime control based in coercion and punishment;

- importance of self-regulation

- legitimacy influence on self-regulation

- performance of the criminal justice system: procedural justice

What we want to advance here:

- Formulation and operationalization of legitimacy: measuring "truly" legitimacy (without coercion and resignation)

- Cross cultural contexts

- Do not obey not necessarily means lack of legitimacy

Legitimacy: Obedience and moral alignment with the police

Obedience:

- When asked do "you think you should obey the police, even when you believe that they are not right":
68% "Yes"
32% "No"

- When asked "why do you think you should or shouldn't obey":

"Because laws are made for welfare, to avoid conflicts"

"Because one needs to comply with the police, no matter if they are right or wrong"

"Because if one does not obey, one gets beat"

"So I can avoid getting arrested"

"There's not much to do, they are the authority"

"Everyone will always believe they are right and we are wrong"

"I firstly obey, and then I fight for my rights"

"Because our laws aren't always correct"

"The policemen are wrong"

Variable created: obey and consent

	Legitimacy: yes	Legitimacy: no
Obey: yes	Consensual Obedience	Obedience by coercion
Obey: no	Legitimate Disobedience	Disobedience by mistrust

Procedural Justice and Police Legitimacy

	Model 1		Model 2	
	Model 1		**Model 2**	
Treatment Variable	β (s.e)	p-value	β (s.e)	p-valor
Procedural Justice	(0,584) (0,01)	< 0,001	(0,7) (0,02)	< 0,001

$$R^2 = 0,53 \qquad\qquad R^2 = 0,45$$
$$n = 1302 \qquad\qquad n = 1214$$

Police Legitimacy and Cooperation

	Model 1		Model 2	
	Model 1		**Model 2**	
Treatment Variable	β (s.e)	p-value	β (s.e)	p-valor
Police Legitimacy	(0,214) (0,03)	< 0,001	(0,16) (0,03)	< 0,001

$$R^2 = 0,064 \qquad\qquad R^2 = 0,064$$
$$n = 1560 \qquad\qquad n = 1458$$

Police Legitimacy and Compliance

	Model 1		**Model 2**	
Treatment Variable	*β* (s.e)	*p-value*	*β* (s.e)	*p-valor*
Police Legitimacy	(0,113) (0,02)	< 0,001	(0,09) (0,02)	< 0,001

$$R^2 = 0,083 \qquad R^2 = 0,083$$
$$n = 1581 \qquad n = 1476$$