



Police, Power, and the Production of Racial Boundaries

By Ana Muñoz

Rutgers University Press, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Based on five years of ethnography, archival research, census data analysis, and interviews, *Police, Power, and the Production of Racial Boundaries* reveals how the LAPD, city prosecutors, and business owners struggled to control who should be considered dangerous and how they should be policed in Los Angeles. Sociologist Ana Muniz shows how these influential groups used policies and everyday procedures to criminalize behaviors commonly associated with blacks and Latinos and to promote an exceedingly aggressive form of policing. Muniz illuminates the degree to which the definitions of gang and deviant are politically constructed labels born of public policy and court decisions, offering an innovative look at the process of criminalization and underscoring the ways in which a politically powerful coalition can define deviant behavior. As she does so, Muniz also highlights the various grassroots challenges to such policies and the efforts to call attention to their racist effects. Muniz describes the fight over two very different methods of policing: community policing (in which the police and the community work together) and the broken windows or zero...



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