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Pourquoi est-ce que les Américains ont des aides aux pauvres faméliques, et les Finlandais des saunas dans leurs prisons ?

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In most societies, there is a segment of the population that is not integrated by labor markets. These are the people who are the most likely to constitute a threat to social order. They will exhibit unpleasant behaviors—crime, vagrancy, riots, etc.. These people are dealt with a mix of welfare and punishment. We know welfare and punishment to vary wildly across time and space, with social policy more or less stingy and punishment more or less barbaric. My question: what determines the generosity of social policies, and the humanity of penal policies? The principle of less eligibility holds that in every society, welfare will be made less attractive than lower wage work, and punishment will make crime less attractive than welfare. This, I contend, is the iron law of social engineering. It explains why American poor relief is meager, and why Finnish prisons have saunas. Punishment and welfare are capped by the situation of the lowest class of workers on the labor market.



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Les travaux de François Bonnet portent notamment sur la production de l'ordre dans les métropoles à travers une perspective comparatiste.

Il a récemment publié "Better residential than ethnic discrimination!: Reconciling audit's findings and interviews' findings in the Parisian housing market", *Urban Studies*, 53 (13), 2016 (avec Etienne Lalé, Mirna Safi, Etienne Wasmer) et "Managed Informality: Regulating Street Vendors in Bangkok", *City and Community*, 2016, 15 (1) (avec Quentin Batréau).

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La langue de travail sera le français

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