

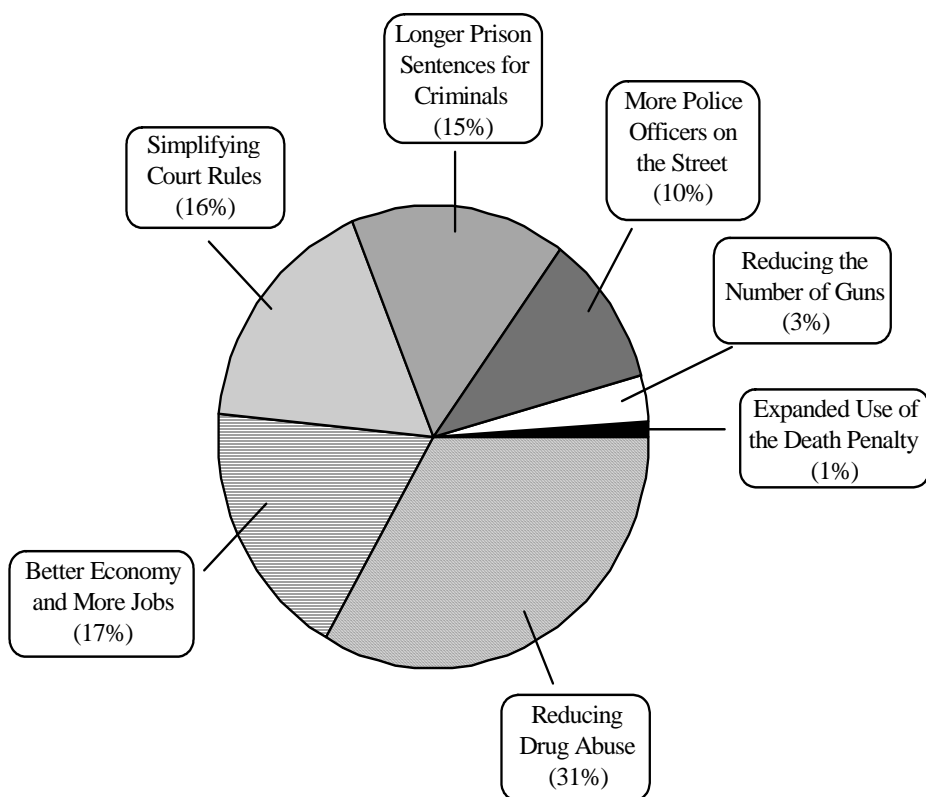
## A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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### *31% of Police Chiefs Believe Reducing Drug Abuse Would Have Greatest Impact on Reducing Violent Crime*

In January 1995, the Death Penalty Information Center commissioned a nationwide telephone opinion poll of a random sample of police chiefs. The respondents were asked to state the strategies that they believed would have the greatest impact on reducing violent crime in their jurisdiction. Almost one third (31%) of the police chiefs surveyed believe that reducing drug abuse would have the greatest impact on reducing violent crime. The poll was conducted for the Death Penalty Information Center by Peter D. Hart Research Associates, an independent polling agency.

#### **Actions Police Chiefs Believe Will Have the Greatest Impact on Reducing Violent Crime (N=386)**



SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from Richard C. Dieter, "On the Front Line: Law Enforcement Views on the Death Penalty," Death Penalty Information Center, Washington, D.C., February 1995. For more information, contact the Death Penalty Information Center at (202) 347-2531.

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