

work on short-term contracts? Isn't there the danger that these people would just become monoliths themselves and would sooner or later fail to bring forth anything new? You have just a small number of people and in the end you stand the real risk of having these people after a while grow stale themselves?

Dr. BLUMSTEIN. I would certainly hope that the environment as created and the management is effective so that the institute attracts good people and provides a continuing healthy environment so that good people stay and those who are not good are weeded out.

Mr. WAGGONER. How do you determine what is a good man in this type of law-enforcement work?

Dr. BLUMSTEIN. Based on the quality of the research he does. That is the problem of managing research. In my own work, among the people who work with me, I know who is putting out good work and who isn't. There is amazing agreement on who the good guys are and who the not so good guys are. That is not a terribly complicated issue.

Mr. WAGGONER. But that involves personal judgment?

Dr. BLUMSTEIN. Yes; no question.

Mr. WAGGONER. That is all.

Mr. DADDARIO. Mr. Brown?

Mr. BROWN. Let me ask you this question. The United States is the wealthiest country in the world and has a standard of living that goes up 5 percent a year. Obviously we are a very affluent society. What simple answer would you give to the question of why our crime rate in almost every category is increasing every year?

Dr. BLUMSTEIN. There are no simple answers. Some heroic attempts at providing still inadequate answers took, I believe, nine volumes of the Crime Commission report. There are just so many factors involved. I could start enumerating some of them, but I don't know that it would help very much.

Mr. BROWN. Do you think it is a matter that will be solved by more effective law enforcement?

Dr. BLUMSTEIN. I think more effective law enforcement will solve some of it. I don't think there is any simple solution. There is a whole range of attacks that need to be used in making it more clear that those who do violate the law will, in fact, be apprehended. More effective law enforcement is a part of it, but only a part.

There are much more fundamental issues that we have got to get at. We have got to recognize that what we define as crime is not something that is going to be eliminated. In many respects the price we would have to pay to really eliminate crime is a price that none of us want. I think we have got to view crime as one aspect of an evolving social order that must be viewed in perspective of the things we do and don't want in our lives.

Mr. BROWN. I have no other questions.

Mr. DADDARIO. Dr. Blumstein, thank you ever so much.

Because we are in a little bit of a rush this morning, I hope we might send to you some additional questions for the record?

Dr. BLUMSTEIN. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. DADDARIO. Thank you.