

Eco 499 Homework #3
due Friday, March 22 in class

Read the following articles:

- “Broken windows,” by George Kelling and James Q. Wilson (from *The Atlantic*, March 1982)
- “What New York owes James Q. Wilson,” by Rudy Giuliani (from *City Journal*, Spring 2012)
- “Broken windows: New evidence from New York City and a five city social experiment,” by Bernard Harcourt and Jens Ludwig (from the *University of Chicago Law Review*, 2006)
- Any other articles of your choosing

Write a 3-5 page (typed) essay addressing the following questions:

1. What is the broken windows theory? What reasons are there for being optimistic that application of this theory could reduce crime?
2. To what extent and in what ways was the broken windows theory implemented in New York City in the 1990’s under Mayor Giuliani?
3. What evidence is there on the effects of innovative policing strategies on crime reduction in New York City in the 1990’s? If there is disagreement on this point, do your best to try to determine who is right, and what the sources of the disagreement are.

Your essay should address all three of the articles listed above, but may also incorporate any other evidence you choose.