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The Effect of Vacant Building Demolitions on Crime Under Depopulation.

Abstract

Many policymakers argue that vacant or blighted houses are havens for crime and that to make people and communities safer, we just need to tear them down. But is improving public safety as simple as turning vacant buildings into vacant lots? The answer is yes, according to a new study, which analyzes data from Saginaw, Michigan—the most violent city in America from 2003 through 2008.

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