

No evidence Prop. 36 will achieve goals

Re: <https://www.mercurynews.com/2024/10/08/prop-36-support-bay-area-residents-poll/> (Page A1, Oct. 8).

The fact that certain crimes have increased after Proposition 47 was passed is not scientific evidence that the law is responsible for an increase in crime. It must be remembered that correlation does not imply causation. To argue that Proposition 47 is at fault is irresponsible, misleading and smacks of fear-mongering.

Where is the evidence that Proposition 36 will be successful in achieving any milestones that supporters claim? There isn't any.

What the media fails to report is that the primary reasons for our difficulties reside with the police, prosecutors and the courts who do not hold misdemeanor offenders accountable. Too many offenders are released without bail after multiple failures to appear or who, while awaiting trial, re-offend.

Adding new laws without changing the behavior of the above actors will not change outcomes.

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