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**EDITORS' NOTES**

Another noisy election cycle has just concluded. The winners, federal and state, are overwhelmingly of a different party than the one that triumphed in 2008. But one curious commonality of the two campaign seasons has been the virtual absence of serious discussion of criminal justice issues. In the run-up to 2008, *FSR* devoted an issue to criminal justice questions we and our contributors thought *should* be talked about. Some of the themes explored two years ago have gained real salience, particularly in the states. Others have not. But we thought the exercise sufficiently worthwhile to reassemble our cast of commentators (with some additions), this time to assess what has happened since 2008 and to suggest what should now be done. This issue contains their reflections.



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