Citizen security, engagement, and trust in the police

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Proposal Description: The project “Building Effective, Resilient, and Trusted Police Organizations in Mexico” is seeking someone with experience working with data in Excel, and Stata or R, to help us with data analysis for the project. Specifically, she or he will work with our research manager to understand if the police’s participatory security strategies foster shared governance measured using citizen reports. Filing a citizen report, or police notification, is one of the most basic acts of reliance and engagement with the state, the legal system, and security agencies (Desmond et al 2016; Manning 1988; Reiss 1992). Locals have a role to play in shared governance (Scott 1998) and among the many things that citizens might do to increase the state’s capacity to govern is to cooperate with law enforcement agencies.

Responsibilities
Conduct a descriptive analysis to identify patterns and draw insights from a database focused on citizen-police relations.
Draft a report that describes and summarizes the results of the data analysis.
Draft a report that reviews relevant literature related to citizen-police relations.

Requisite Skills and Qualifications: Undergraduate student with an interest in organizational theory, police organizations, and citizen-police relations. Proficient in data analysis and at least one data analysis software (like R or STATA). Excellent research and writing skills. Priority will be given to candidates that are proficient in Spanish.

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