

Social Change and the Community Psychologist

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ABSTRACT People engage and participate in social change more than ever before these days. Both a power elite and community psychologist have role that incorporate changing social structures in communities and groups. Community psychologists can operate as effective social change agents, but they must be aware, skilled, and able to endure the possible charges of "social engineering" made by those threatened by change. A case situation of violence reduction is used to present some ideas about social change.