

Environmental Factors Affecting Goal Achievement

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Technology			
Advances in high-speed telecommunications, computers and other technologies are creating new opportunities for criminals, new classes of crimes, and new challenges for law enforcement.	X		X
Changing technology requires continual updating of employee skills.	X	X	X
Stakeholder expectations will demand better service and faster response times.	X	X	X
Economy			
The interconnected nature of the world's economy provides increasing opportunities for criminal activity, including money laundering, white collar crime, and smuggling and diversion.	X		X
A strong U.S. labor market may make it difficult to attract and retain workers with the requisite skills.	X	X	X
Economic conditions may affect crime rates.	X	X	X
Government			
Changes in the fiscal posture or policies of State and local governments could have dramatic effects on the capacity of State and local governments to remain effective law enforcement partners.	X	X	X
Differential tax rates can increase the profitability of illegal diversion of tobacco and alcohol products.			X
Globalization			
Issues of criminal and civil justice increasingly transcend national boundaries, require the cooperation of foreign governments, and involve treaty obligations, multinational environmental and trade agreements and other foreign policy concerns.	X	X	X

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Globalization (<i>cont'd.</i>)			
The new democratic states of eastern Europe are susceptible to drug and arms trafficking, organized criminal groups, and other illegal activities that impact the United States.	X		X
Social-Demographic Factors			
The level of criminal activity is influenced by societal attitudes toward the use of illegal drugs and alcohol.	X	X	X
The numbers of adolescents and young adults, the most crime-prone segment of the population, are expected to grow rapidly over the next several years.	X	X	X
The United States is an increasingly multi-cultural and multi-racial society. Isolated instances of intolerance and violent resistance to this societal change affects the scope and nature of our work.	X	X	X
Demographic and cultural changes make ensuring a diverse and representative workforce a more challenging and essential task.	X	X	X
The increase in the number of convicted felons released from prison increases the potential criminal populace.	X	X	X
The Unpredictable			
Changes in Federal law may affect our responsibilities and workload.	X	X	X
With increases in the number, kinds, and complexity of tasks we are required to perform, demand can challenge our capacity to respond.	X	X	X