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Safe Streets, Safe Cities

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Across Latin America, military-led anticrime strategies are losing ground to newer concepts such as community policing.

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Violent drug cartels, extreme poverty and inequality, high unemployment rates for young men, and the illegal trafficking of small arms and light weapons have kept Latin America one of the most violent regions in the world.

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