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Nota di contenuto	Introduction -- 1. La diversite des controles sociaux et la contribution de la societe civile -- Les sanctions publiques -- La prevention publique -- Les sanctions sociales -- L'autoprotection -- Les regulateurs prives et le deplacement -- Les causes de la richesse et de la securite des nations -- La croissance du secteur prive -- 2. Une theorie des choix delinquants sous la pression du controle social -- Un choix entre trois options -- Orienter le delinquant vers l'option la moins criminelle -- 3. - L'impact des controles sociaux sur les taux de criminalite -- 1. La diminution de la frequence de certains crimes -- 2. La decroissance de la violence -- 3. L'obsolescence du cambriolage comme artisanat -- 4. La force d'attraction de la vulnerabilite -- Conclusion.
Sommario/riassunto	The paper deals with the following question. To what extent do the human efforts at controlling crime succeed ? It starts by proposing an enlarged concept of social control. In the second part, a theory of choices made by offenders under the constraint of social control is put forward. In the last part, it is argued that social control can have four types of impacts : 1 - reducing the frequency of crime ; 2 - reducing its severity ; 3 -rendering obsolete some criminal tactics and stimulating the development of new ones ; and, 4 - channeling offenders toward vulnerable targets. It is concluded that crime is shaped by the means used to control it, meaning that a given state of crime rates should be seen as the result of what people decide to do and not to do about

crime.
