

FIGURE 8.1

External Influences on Policing



Political

- Police officers enforce laws passed in the political arena.
- Policy makers develop policies that guide criminal justice activities.



Economic

- Economic influences determine amount of budget for policing.
- Reduced budget may mean fewer police officers.



Social

- Evolving social norms influence policing.
- Police departments reflect social stratification and social power.



Technological

- Technology creates new opportunities for offending.
- Technology creates new opportunities for detecting and investigating crime.