Should the Poor be Allowed to Violate the Law?

Enforcement Against Squatters and Street Vendors in Latin America

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Why do governments tolerate the violation of their own laws and regulations?

This talk examines the politics of property law violations by Latin America's urban poor, such as squatting, street vending, and electricity theft.

It uses the examples to discuss the broader political and ethical debate on whether governments should punish legal violations if the state cannot guarantee basic social rights.

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