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groups in the police improves civilians' expectations of how the police and government will treat them, both now and in the future. Marginalized minorities in both countries are more trusting of the police and perceive higher levels of security when they perceive the police as inclusive. These expectations are enhanced when officers are organized into mixed patrols: Iraqis feel most secure when policed by a religiously diverse police force, even more secure than they feel when policed by members of their own group. Finally, inclusive policing benefits all citizens, not just those from marginalized groups. In Israel, increases in officer diversity are associated with lower crime victimization for both Arab and Jewish citizens

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