Legitimacy as a topic is becoming more central in criminological and criminal justice contexts. For example, the Chief Inspector of Constabulary, in his evidence to the Leveson Inquiry, has emphasized the central importance of legitimacy to the police in our fast-moving multicultural society. Again, Professor Alison Liebling’s recent study of staff-prisoner relationships in a high security prison illustrates some of the dangers of promoting managerial strategies that take insufficient account of legitimacy.

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