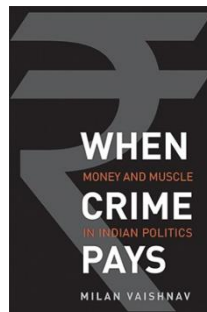


When Crime Pays: Money and Muscle in Indian Politics

A BOOK TALK WITH THE AUTHOR



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About the Book:

The first comprehensive study of the nexus between crime and democracy in India. In India, the world's largest democracy, the symbiotic relationship between crime and politics raises complex questions. For instance, how can free and fair democratic elections exist alongside rampant criminality? Why do political parties actively recruit candidates with reputations for wrongdoing? Why do voters elect (and even reelect) them, to the point that a third of state and national legislators assume office with pending criminal charges? In this eye-opening book, political scientist Milan Vaishnav takes readers deep into the marketplace for criminal politicians by drawing on fieldwork on the campaign trail, large surveys, and an original database on politicians' backgrounds. The result is the first systematic study of an issue that has profound implications for democracy both with and beyond India's borders.

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