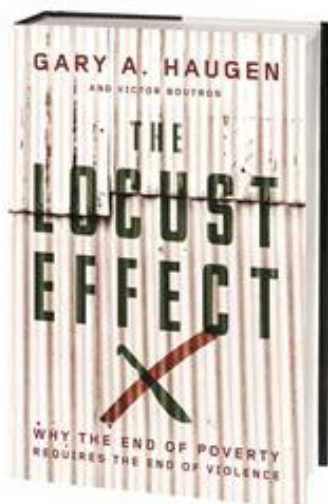




## About *The Locust Effect*



### ***The Locust Effect: Why the End of Poverty***

***Requires the End of Violence*** – a new book by Gary Haugen, founder and CEO of human rights organization International Justice Mission – **exposes a hidden plague of everyday violence that is destroying the lives of our poorest neighbors – and undermining the world’s efforts to help them escape poverty.**

This plague of violence is massive. Its implications are stunning. But *The Locust Effect* offers fresh insights about the urgent opportunity to **fix the broken public justice systems in a state of utter collapse in the developing world.**

**The violence is hidden.** When we think of poverty, critical issues like health, education, access to clean water and economic empowerment are top of mind. But there’s another issue endemic to poverty that *hasn’t* yet made it into the conversation: pervasive criminal violence like trafficking, rape, and police brutality.

**The violence is relentless.** While most of us expect to live every day in relative safety, across the developing world, the poor live *every day* in fear and chaos. It’s *normal*.

**The violence is devastating.** The medical clinic can’t help the slave who isn’t allowed out of the rock quarry to go see a doctor. The new school can’t benefit the girl who cannot walk there because she fears being sexually assaulted on the way. **Years of research and nearly two decades of working directly with victims of violence have exposed the devastating truth: violence destroys lives, blocks the road out of poverty and undermines development.**

**The violence *can* end.** Global studies report that most poor people in the developing world live outside the protection of law – nothing shields them from violence. We need to change that equation. **To end violence, justice systems – from law enforcement to the courts – must protect the poor.**

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