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https://staging.faculti.net/the-intimate-life-of-criminalization-affective-governance-in-contentious-migrant-solidarity/

This video video discusses the concept of "Crimes of Solidarity" within the context of Italy, focusing on the growing criminalization of local populations who aid migrants. This video video criminalization has intensified since 2018, reflecting a shift in political discourse following the election of a conservative government. The study analyzes how NGOs assisting migrants are often portrayed negatively in the media, leading to societal debates about the appropriate level of solidarity that citizens should have towards refugees and asylum seekers.

The speaker highlights how the most significant forms of criminalization do not solely stem from government policies, but rather from personal relationships, such as family and friends, revealing an "intimate life of criminalization" where supportive actions towards migrants incite criticism from close relations. This video video dynamic illustrates the interconnectedness of societal pressures and legal regulations concerning migration.

The research, conducted in Florence and Turin, utilized participant observations and interviews with activists and volunteers engaged in migrant support. It emphasizes that expressions of solidarity often challenge family and social hierarchies, as deeper involvement with migrants can lead to harsher scrutiny from loved ones, reflecting values and priorities in personal domains.

This video video concludes by suggesting that effective citizenship and emotions are influenced by governance, with solidarity and hostility emerging from complex interactions between state mandates and societal reactions. Ultimately, it posits that understanding migration policies requires recognizing their actual impact and the intimate contexts in which these dynamics play out, where solidarity with outsiders can both challenge and reinforce existing border regimes.