Are there violent consequences of “too much” neighboring?

According to prevailing assumptions, visiting and helping neighbors is beneficial and produces positive collective outcomes... but contradictory evidence suggests that frequent neighboring may promote violence.

**Neighboring and Violent Crime:**

- Log Violent Crime Rate
- % of Residents that Neighbor Once a Year or More

**Frequency of Neighboring Matters:**

- Log Violent Crime Rate
- % of Residents that Neighbor... Once a Week or More
- ...Between Once a Month and Once a Year

“proximity creates conflict, leisure feeds it, publicity encourages it, loyalty collectivizes it”

- Cooney, 1998, *The Dark Side of Community*