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Paper Title: **The Pacification of Rio de Janeiro's Favelas: Continued Dissonance in Brazilian Drug Policy**

**Abstract: This paper explores recent changes in the Brazilian war on drugs in preparation for the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Olympics. In particular, this paper examines the new process of pacifying Rio de Janeiro's favelas, the slums that more than eleven million Brazilians call home. The pacification process has been lauded as a revolutionary attack on the gangs, drug lords, and violence that has plagued Rio for decades, but research reveals an enormous disconnect between federal law and local pacification efforts. While pacification has proven effective in reducing violence, the Brazilian government has failed to make a firm commitment to ending drug trafficking and drug use in the country.**