

# COMPAS When Do Inequalities Matter? Columbus, OH



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# How Mass Incarceration Matters: Returning Citizens and Principled Transformations

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**Terence Crutcher**, 40, is one of at least 15 African-Americans to die during encounters with police since Kaepernick began protesting before NFL games in late August. <a href="http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/colin-kaepernick-police-killings\_us\_57e14414e4b04a1497b69ba6">http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/colin-kaepernick-police-killings\_us\_57e14414e4b04a1497b69ba6</a>

# My Time With You Today

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- Introduction; the conference question
- "History is a current event."
- Where we are now
- Transformations, Reconstruction, Inc.
- A possible future

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### **NVESTMENT BANKS**

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### PRIVATE PRISONS ("for-profits"

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### FEAR & HATRED OF IMMIGRANTS: XENOPHOBIA

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# When Do Inequalities Matter?

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# **Historical Foundations**



The Peculiar Institution

The Criminalization of the Black Body

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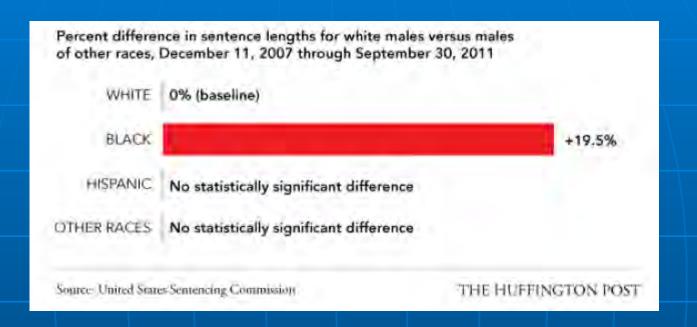
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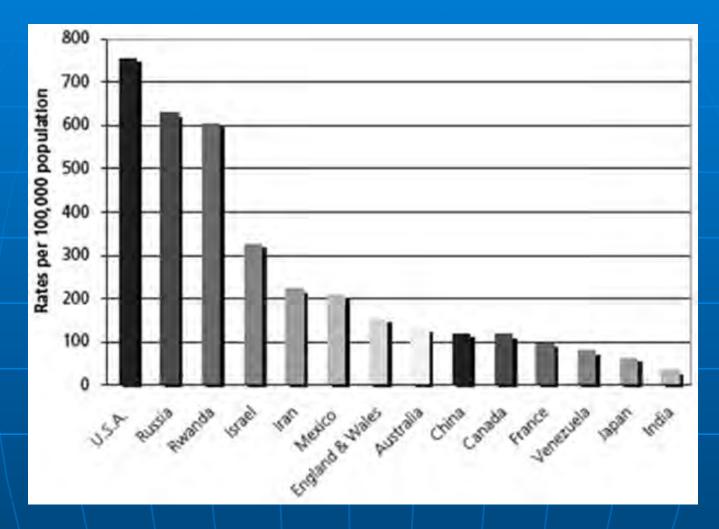
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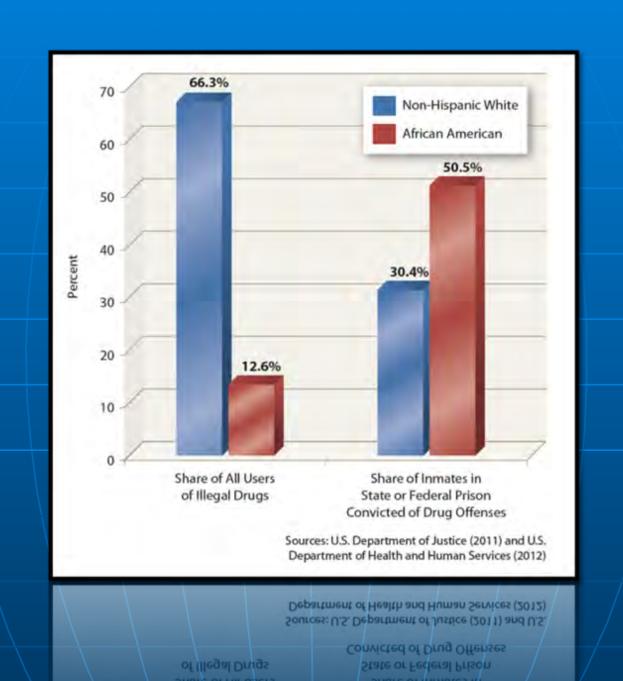
International Center for Prison Studies (2010)

# LAND OF THE FREE\*



\*The US has 5% of the world population and 25% of the world's prisoners.





# Now?

In Need of Transformation(s)

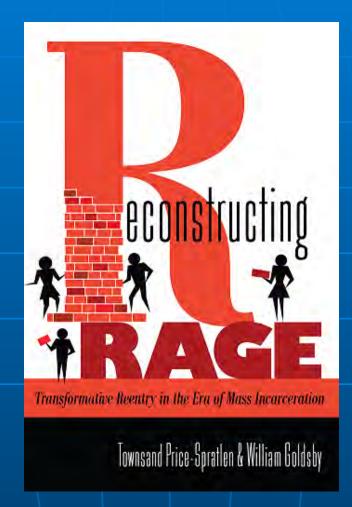


# America Is Finally Closing Prisons. Now What Do We Do With Them?

Emily Badger Dec 06, 2012



Two years ago, the federal Bureau of Justice Statistics announced a small data point marking an inglorious milestone: In 2009, America's prison population declined for the first time in decades... dating all the way back to 1972, America had been in the business of constantly imprisoning more and more people.



# Reconstruction, Inc. Philadelphia, PA



- Founded on the Sacred Circle
  - Of, by, for returning citizens, their families, others
  - Ancient African/First Nation Cultural Traditions
  - Prioritizing shared respect, reciprocity, consensus

# Social Context, Neighborhood Comparisons Reconstruction's Neighborhood

# Reconstruction's

	<u>Neig</u>	Neighborhood	
<u>Philadelphia</u>			
African American	94.2	41.2	
Bachelor's Degree	3.5	10.3	
Poverty (100% lvl.)	38.6	22.2	
Agg. Assaults	11.5/1000	6.7/1000	
Narcotics Arrests	16.0/1000	8.5/1000	



# Three Pillars — Capacity Building Curriculum

"Can specific programs affect levels of social integration among released persons enough to affect the quality of life for them and their family and to reduce their criminal involvement?"

(Lynch 2006:410)

- Principled Transformation
  - Pillar 1 Leadership Dev.
  - Pillar 2 Situation Management

• Pillar 3 – Support Group Dev.

# Appendix

### Reconstruction Community Capacity-building Curriculum (6/2009)

Reconstruction's curriculum is designed for individuals, families, and community groups in and outside of institutions. We believe that each human being is sacred and is valuable to themselves, the family, the community, and to society. Each of us needs to be critical thinkers, be good decision makers, and give principled leadership to our family and eventually change the world. This curriculum has three pillars, is interactive, and transformative.

### The Curriculum Concept

Pillar I. The Leadership Development entails understanding the principles and practices of four themes: from alienation to building community, from arrested development to self-determination, from co-dependency to reciprocity, and from individualism to collectivism. This pillar enhances the ability to recognize behaviors that keep one from transforming. It enhances economic and political awareness as well as builds potential to make necessary personal, economic, and political analysis.

Pillar II. Situation Management builds on the previous pillar and shows how to understand the differences between crises, ongoing drama, dysfunctional family versus crises within the family. This pillar helps with interpersonal and group conflicts, and identifies existing skills as well as develops new problemsolving skills. An individual's ability to effectively participate and coordinate Emergency Response Systems is heightened.

Pillar III. Support Group Development trains how to create and facilitate support groups and systems. Members learn how to build personal and group working agendas that address any needs of the participants, and develop the skills that produce principled solutions to the various issues.

Reconstruction recognizes the phenomenon of intellectual licensing as well as the need to promote faith and collective wellness. To that end, the above concepts do not include style of facilitation, suggested text, activity protocol, nor does it include coalition building. It is simply a series of concepts to be tailored to specific groups with specific missions.

> The art of development is changing ourselves to change the world and uniting the many to defeat the few.

# **Vision Statement**



# Capacity Building

- "Regardless of one's past...we value each voice being informed by equal access to education, legal rights, health care, and comprehensive political participation.
- We recognize the excellence in every human being and facilitate a process where our members along with members of allied organizations, value their own potential.
- When this is true, that person is prevented from becoming a commodity to be auctioned off by the Prison Industrial Complex."

# Ch. 8 – Reciprocity, Best Practices

☐ A former felon member

"...It's truly amazing to me, the selflessness of the participating individuals of Reconstruction. I haven't run across anything [else] like that, Townsand. The ability to pull together and assist in any way possible. To just give...If Reconstruction put in any time or effort with an individual, they only ask that that individual come back and do something likewise that was given to them...for the next person coming through the doors."

– Deion Morrison, longtime affiliate

# Policies, Possibilities?

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- Decriminalization, drug diversions
- Closure of private prisons!
- Reentry begins at entry
- National HIRE Network
- Ending school-to-prison pipeline
- and...

# PICTURING

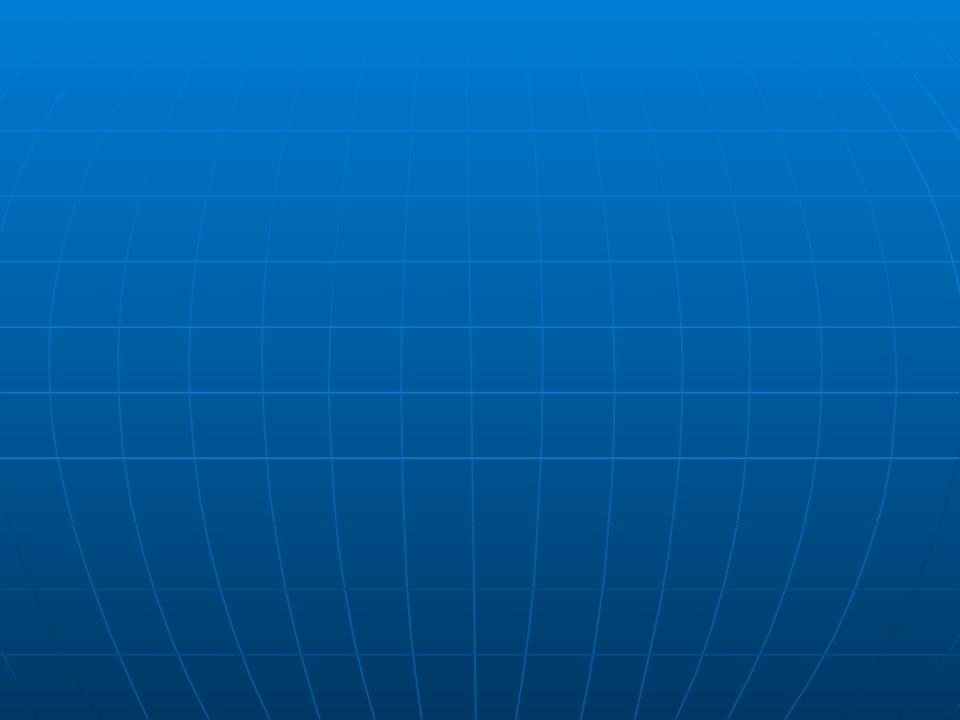
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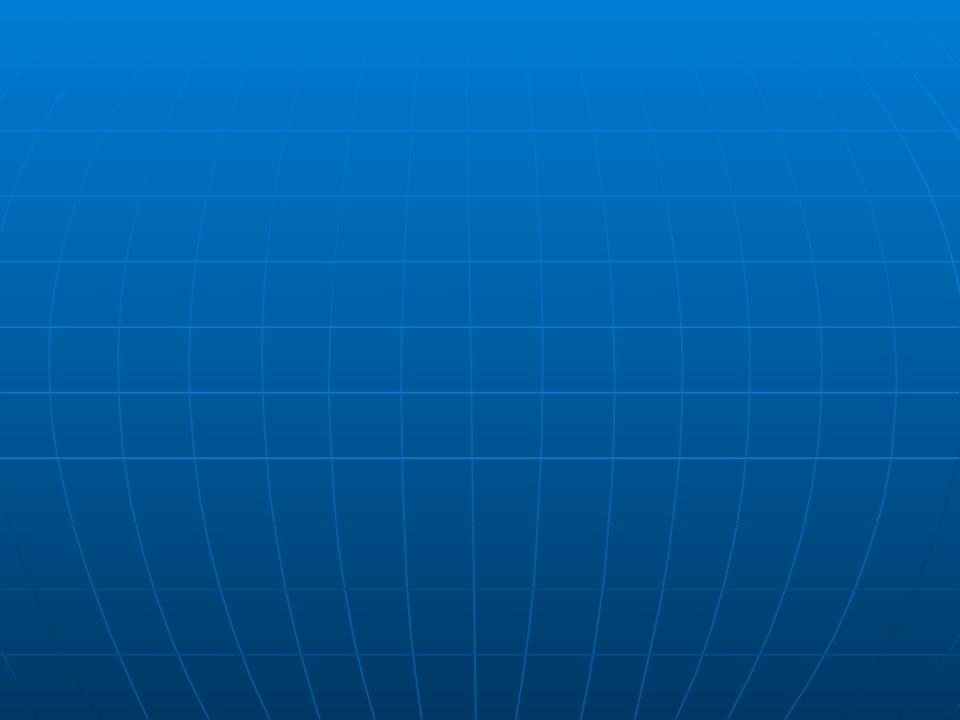
# Now?

Dialogues like this one, Enriching a more equitable present

# Thank You!

Our Ongoing Dialogue...





# What Reconstruction, Inc. Does

Within, Transition, Ongoing

- Within Prison: Curriculum for transformation
  - Therapeutic community; indivs., families, communities
  - Systemic awareness
- In Transition: Embracing tensions; agent of change
  - Former felons as asset
  - Program affiliation, each-one, teach-one
- Ongoing: Civic engagements
  - Youth empowerment, prevention
  - Land, skill-building

# The Three Programs

Community Capacity Building Programs

Alumni Ex-Offenders Association (AEA)

- Returning citizens, family, others
- Fellowship and feedback, emotional intelligence

Fight for Lifers (FFL)

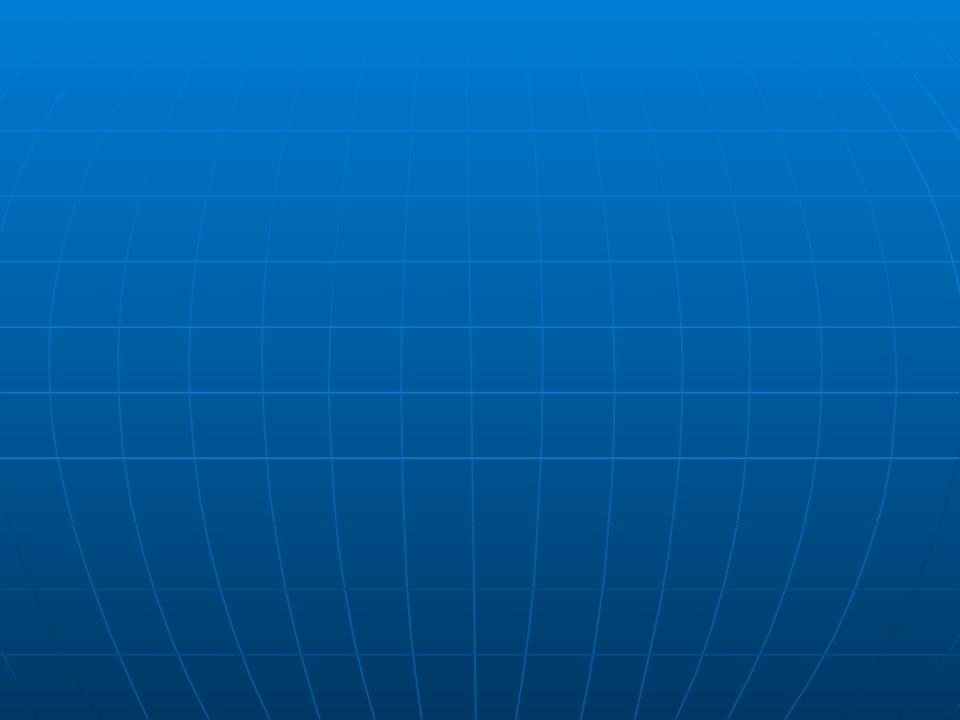
- Lifers, family, others
- Advocacy, leadership, mentoring

L.E.A.D. (Leadership, Education, Advocacy, Development)

- Emotional intelligence
- Fellowship and feedback, therapeutic community



Source: In the Public Interest analysis of CCA's and GEO Group's 10-K forms.



# My Time Today



# The New York Times

# Schwarzenegger Seeks Shift From Prisons to Schools

**JENNIFER STEINHAUER** 

Published: January 6, 2010



SACRAMENTO — "The priorities have become out of whack over the years," the governor told lawmakers.

"I mean, think about it, 30 years ago, 10 percent of the general fund went to higher education, and 3 percent went to prisons. Today, almost 11 percent goes to prisons, and only 7.5 percent goes to higher education."

"What does it say about any state that focuses more on prison uniforms than on caps and gowns?" he continued. "It simply is not healthy."

# **My Community Interests**

Mixed Periods, Mixed Methods

	Time Focus					
Method	Histo	Historical		Contemporary		
Focus	Place Utility,		Neigh. Disorder			
Quantitative	Great Migration (U.S. urban system)		and Res. Stability (Columbus neighs.)			
Qualitative	Social Gospel, Justice Narratives (Historiography)	Capacity Building, Reconstruction, Inc.	Faith, Youth Well-being, Service, Hip Hop (CoCHY)	Faith, Health Disparity (D.O.P.E. Ministries)		

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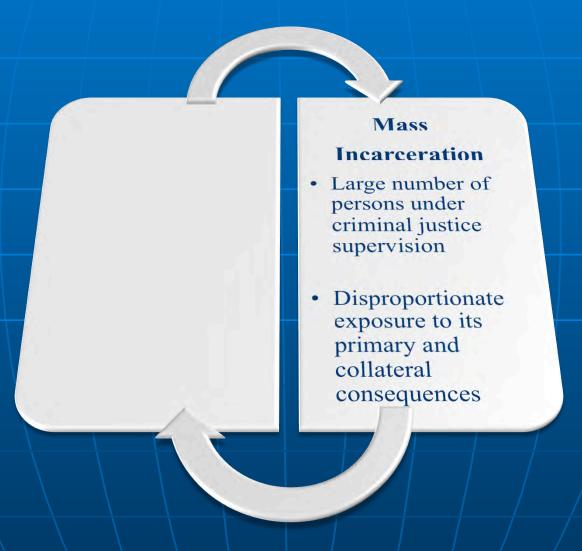
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# A Relationship

# Environmental (In)Equity

- Fair distribution of valued assets
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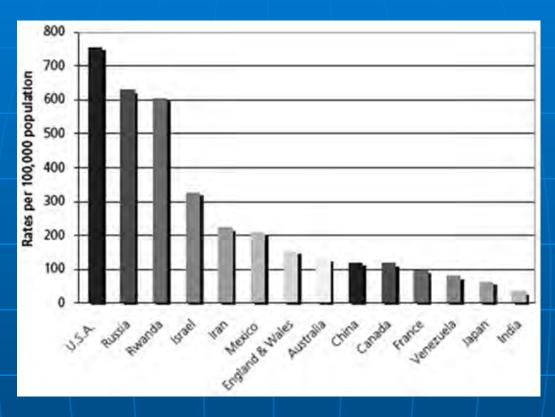
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International Center for Prison Studies (2010)

# LAND OF THE FREE\*



\*The US has 5% of the world population and 25% of the world's prisoners.



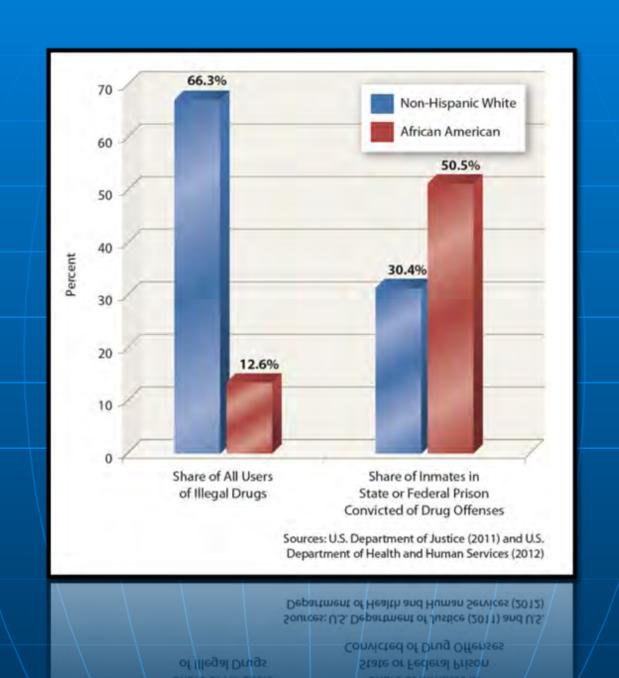
### What it is

- **☐** Mass incarceration
  - "refers not only to the criminal justice system but also to the larger web of



laws, rules, policies, and customs that control those labeled criminals BOTH IN <u>AND OUT</u> OF PRISON."

- ☐ Why both (in and out)?
  - "Once released, former prisoners enter a hidden underworld of legalized discrimination and permanent social exclusion" (Alexander 2010:13).



# Race Disparities Vary by Place

### ☐ Closer to Home

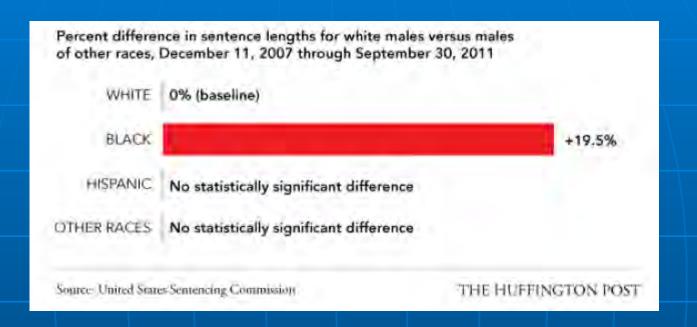
- U.S. African American rate 7 times White rate
- Considering the Local
- Considering county and crime/substance
- Racial rate disparities magnified exponentially

### Racial disparity

Here's a list of the top 10 counties in the nearly 200 surveyed by the Justice Policy Institute and the ratio at which they incarcerated blacks to whites for drug offenses:

COUNTY	ARREST RATIO
Forsyth County, NC	164 to 1
Onondaga County	99 to 1
Dane County, WI	97 to 1
Kane County, IL	67 to 1
Westmoreland County, PA	66 to 1
Albany County, NY	58 to 1
Cook County, IL	58 to 1
Morris County, NJ	49 to 1
Chester County, PA	44 to 1
Washtenaw County, MI	42 to 1

Justice Policy Institute, 2007



12) Black men receive prison sentences 19.5 percent longer than those of white men who committed similar crimes, a 2013 report by the U.S. Sentencing Commission found.



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### Michigan Study Shows Incarceration Can Cause Illness in Loved Ones

Loaded on MARCH 15, 2010 by Gary Hunter published in Prison Legal News March, 2010, page 20 Filed under: Crime/Demographics, Statistics/Trends. Location: Michigan.

A study, sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and released in December 2008, concludes that "Incarceration may not only affect those individuals incarcerated, but also those family members and friends left behind in the community."

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In a unique approach to the study of the disparity of physical illness between blacks and whites, Daniel J. Kruger PhD and E. Hill DeLoney, MA attempted to establish a correlation between the higher incidence of physical illness in the black community and the higher rate of incarceration within the same group.

In their own words, "We hypothesized that the incarceration of individuals close to survey respondents would correspond with greater adversity in physical and mental health outcomes. Differential incarceration rates for Blacks and Whites may be a contributing factor to health disparities."

# Flint still tops in nation for violent crime but officials see signs of hope



Ryan Garza/The Flint Journal Damita Richard, of Flint, stands next to a memorial for her son, Darryl Richard, 21, who was killed in a triple shooting in November near Mackin Road and Chevrolet Avenue. Damita Richard said the fact that her son's killer hasn't heep found has left her depressed and parapoid.









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FLINT, MI – Final numbers from the FBI show Flint as the most violent city in America for the third consecutive year, but officials said violent crime is down so far this year.

Flint had more than 2,700 violent crimes in 2012, the most per capita in cities with more than 100,000 people, according to statistics.



# Why Study Race and Place?

- ☐ Because...
  - Opportunity is a spatial variable
  - Variation is (highly) unequal

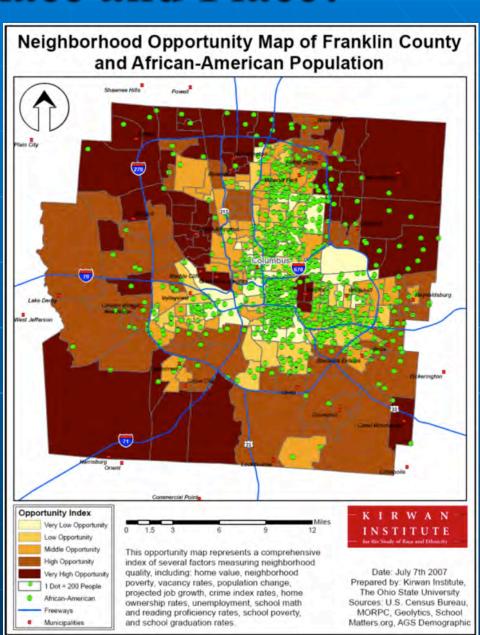
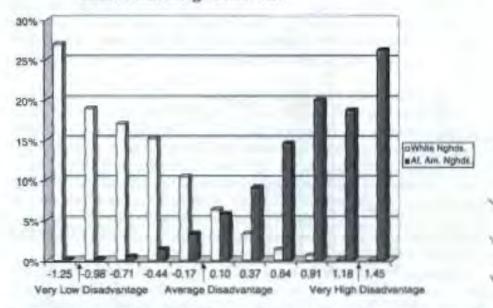


Figure 2. Disadvantage Distributions for White and African American Neighborhoods



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ABBREVIATIONS: Af. Amer. = African American; Nghds. = neighborhoods.

Peterson, Ruth. 2012. "The Central Place of Race in Crime and Justice." Criminology, Vol. 50 (2): 303-327.

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### Environmental Health

"...The same environmental problems that contribute to poor air and water quality and to blight and neighborhood deterioration also contribute to negative mental and physical health outcomes...[and] environmental justice provides one way to examine and discuss the unequal nature of exposures and health outcomes"

(Cohen et al. 2010:236).

# A Relationship Between Them

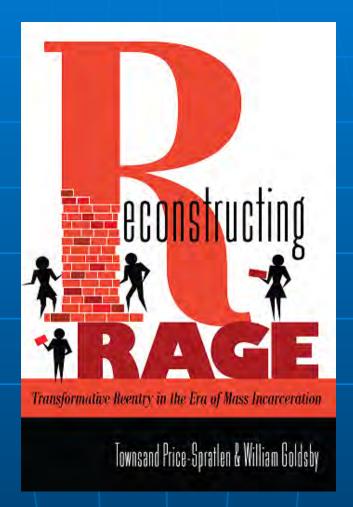
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### Reconstructing Rage Themes

- #1 Culture (environment, ways of being)
- #2 Community (interdependence, fellowship)
- #3 Capacity building (maximizing assets)
- #4 Returning citizens as vital to all three above

# Reconstruction, Inc. Philadelphia, PA



- > Founded on the Sacred Circle
  - Ancient African/First Nation Cultural Traditions
  - Prioritizing shared respect, reciprocity, consensus

# Social Context, Neighborhood Comparisons Reconstruction's Neighborhood

### Reconstruction's

	<u>Neighborhood</u>	
<u>Philadelphia</u>		
African American	94.2	41.2
Bachelor's Degree	3.5	10.3
Poverty (100% lvl.)	38.6	22.2
Agg. Assaults	11.5/1000	6.7/1000
Narcotics Arrests	16.0/1000	8.5/1000



### **Vision Statement**



## Capacity Building

- "Regardless of one's past...we value each voice being informed by equal access to education, legal rights, health care, and comprehensive political participation.
- We recognize the excellence in every human being and facilitate a process where our members along with members of allied organizations, value their own potential.
- When this is true, that person is prevented from becoming a commodity to be auctioned off by the Prison Industrial Complex."

### Reconstruction, Inc.: History, Structure

### Capacity Building Org.

- Founded by former felon William Goldsby
- Began in 1988 (AFSC)
- Incorporated in 1991, 501 (c) 3

### Structure

- Family-centered, intergenerational, consensus-driven
- Collaborations; PA-D.o.C., Bread and Roses, Philly D.A., Pew Foundation, Villanova, small donors
- Programs (AEA, FFL, LEAD)

### Ch. 4 – Women and Reconstruction, Inc.

"While engaging [with] others who have been involved with Reconstruction, I have developed a voice I never knew I had. And I took that voice and extended it to my family; some who were incarcerated.

"I didn't know how to do that in the past...Once I became a part of Reconstruction, it really shaped me, and developed me into a stronger woman. Definitely into an activist. And also, I'm not so quick to judge others. That's how Reconstruction has helped me" (p. 67).

– Jamilla Vorn, Reconstruction member

### What Reconstruction, Inc. Does

Within, Transition, Ongoing

- Within Prison: Curriculum for transformation
  - Therapeutic community; indivs., families, communities
  - Systemic awareness
- In Transition: Embracing tensions; agent of change
  - Former felons as asset
  - Program affiliation, each-one, teach-one
- Ongoing: Civic engagements
  - Youth empowerment, prevention
  - Land, skill-building

### ➤ AEA – Strengths of Shared Vulnerability

### • Carl's comment

• "I really got into [AEA]. I really enjoyed coming to the meetings, talking about what was going on. And if I had a struggle, I didn't have a problem with comin', sittin' down with whoever, whatever members was there, and discuss what was going on, and take some suggestions, and get the feedback, and reveal that idea that I was lookin' for... because it wasn't nothin' I had to hide...I don't feel that [any] problem I have is [too great] to ask for help. You cannot get nowhere in life, thinkin' you know everything."

### The Three Programs

Community Capacity Building Programs

Alumni Ex-Offenders Association (AEA)

- Returning citizens, family, others
- Fellowship and feedback, emotional intelligence

Fight for Lifers (FFL)

- Lifers, family, others
- Advocacy, leadership, mentoring

L.E.A.D. (Leadership, Education, Advocacy, Development)

- Emotional intelligence
- Fellowship and feedback, therapeutic community

### Three Pillars — Capacity Building Curriculum

"Can specific programs affect levels of social integration among released persons enough to affect the quality of life for them and their family and to reduce their criminal involvement?"

(Lynch 2006:410)

- Principled Transformation
  - Pillar 1 Leadership Dev.
  - Pillar 2 Situation Management

• Pillar 3 – Support Group Dev.

#### Appendix

#### Reconstruction Community Capacity-building Curriculum (6/2009)

Reconstruction's curriculum is designed for individuals, families, and community groups in and outside of institutions. We believe that each human being is sacred and is valuable to themselves, the family, the community, and to society. Each of us needs to be critical thinkers, be good decision makers, and give principled leadership to our family and eventually change the world. This curriculum has three pillars, is interactive, and transformative.

#### The Curriculum Concept

Pillar I. The Leadership Development entails understanding the principles and practices of four themes: from alienation to building community, from arrested development to self-determination, from co-dependency to reciprocity, and from individualism to collectivism. This pillar enhances the ability to recognize behaviors that keep one from transforming. It enhances economic and political awareness as well as builds potential to make necessary personal, economic, and political analysis.

Pillar II. Situation Management builds on the previous pillar and shows how to understand the differences between crises, ongoing drama, dysfunctional family versus crises within the family. This pillar helps with interpersonal and group conflicts, and identifies existing skills as well as develops new problemsolving skills. An individual's ability to effectively participate and coordinate Emergency Response Systems is heightened.

Pillar III. Support Group Development trains how to create and facilitate support groups and systems. Members learn how to build personal and group working agendas that address any needs of the participants, and develop the skills that produce principled solutions to the various issues.

Reconstruction recognizes the phenomenon of intellectual licensing as well as the need to promote faith and collective wellness. To that end, the above concepts do not include style of facilitation, suggested text, activity protocol, nor does it include coalition building. It is simply a series of concepts to be tailored to specific groups with specific missions.

> The art of development is changing ourselves to change the world and uniting the many to defeat the few.

### **Current Initiatives**

Navigating the weight of stigma

### Fight for Lifers (FFL)

- Clemency process
- Legislation re: life WITH parole

### Alumni Ex-Offenders Association (AEA)

- Political forums; judges, city council
- Noble Pillars

### Leadership, Education, Advocacy, Development (LEAD)

- Situation Mngmt.
- Entrepreneurial collab. w/ Villanova Univ.

# Ch. 8 – Reciprocity, Best Practices

☐ A former felon member

"...It's truly amazing to me, the selflessness of the participating individuals of Reconstruction. I haven't run across anything [else] like that, Townsand. The ability to pull together and assist in any way possible. To just give...If Reconstruction put in any time or effort with an individual, they only ask that that individual come back and do something likewise that was given to them...for the next person coming through the doors."

– Deion Morrison, longtime affiliate

# Winston Churchill's Wisdom





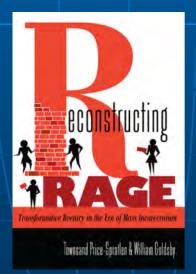
"...The mood and temper of the public in regard to the treatment of crime and criminals is one of the most unfailing tests of the civilization of any country...

[extending from] an unfailing faith that there is a treasure if only you can find it, in the heart of every man—

these are the symbols which in the treatment of crime and criminals mark and measure the stored-up strength of a nation, and are the sign and proof of the living virtue in it."

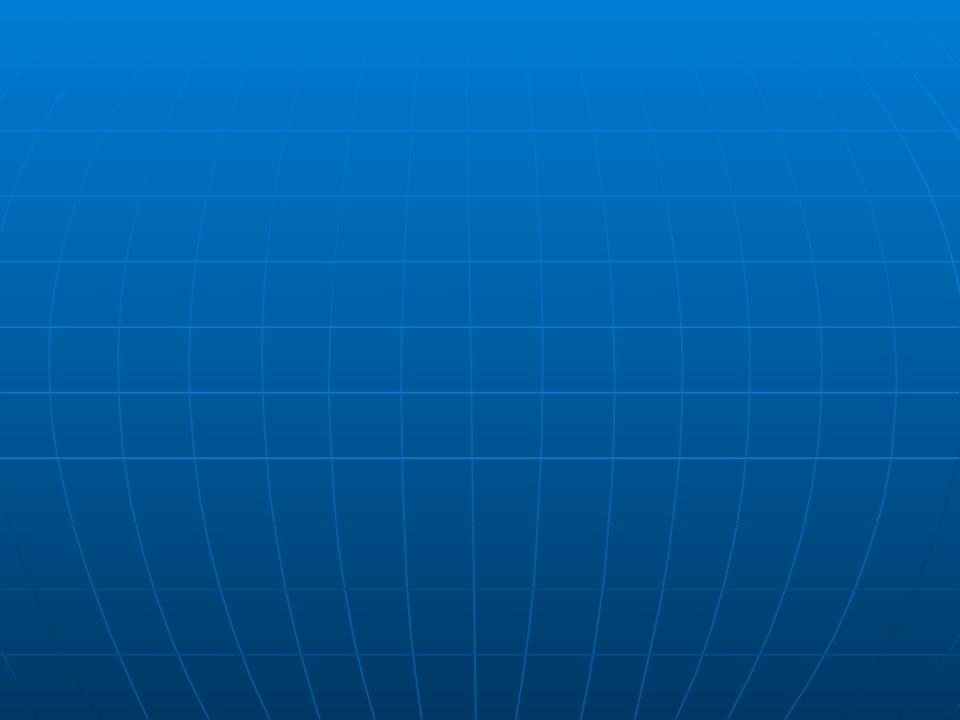
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# Thank You!

Questions, Comments





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#### EXCLUSION FROM POLITICS, DISENFRANCHISEMENT

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#### BIG INDUSTRY 8 CORPORATIONS

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#### POLITICIANS (tough on crime!)

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more calls & units and re-classifying prisoners as "mor dangarous "Instead of eliminating injustice, this makes more ENFORCEMENT from for injustice to be waged on the outside. Prisons are violence & control contiems with violence They lead is to think that they (and only they) can quarantee ou as that violence is how we solve our conflic atety." In the face of inequality & powerty, their role is to send violence back into our communitie aintain social control and the appearance of forder, follen at cripple our families and drain our he cost of the public's real safety. They hold great influence over political power Blicians, and have big public relations departments to gain influence over us. They create propaganda like the TV show 'COPS' & release their own news stories to th media, sensationalizing orime & justifying their desire for more power, bigger budgets & technolog

#### THE WAR ON DRUGS

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#### VICTIMS' RIGHTS GROUPS

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#### THE MEDIA

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#### **NVESTMENT BANKS**

and money to the state for building new prisons: MILLIONS OF \$\$\$! Since the re taxpayers have refused to pay for building more prisons, so now the state ound, us by getting bank loans which we pay back later, plus interest! The banks pr

#### PRIVATE PRISONS ("for-profits"

work like hotels: the more bads' they till the more \$5 they make. They are but by corporations when the state is locking up so many people that if runs out beds, helping the system to grow even more. To profit, thes corporations need prisons to keep growing, & continually lobb for new laws & fough-on-crime collicions who'll lock up wo people for longer Fittenced by our tax \$5, they pocket as muc they can by cutting services, programs, & asia prisoners' labor on the facilities. They furn prisoners in commodities & renducts and like proble prisons has high levels of abuse, violence & neglect, makin peoples' lives more dangerous than 'safe

#### PRISON COMPANIES

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#### RURAL ECONOMIC **DEVELOPERS**

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#### BIG AGRI-BUSINESS

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#### THINK TANKS

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#### FEAR & HATRED OF IMMIGRANTS: XENOPHOBIA

DISCONTENT & RESISTANCE

ADDICTION

NO HEALTH CARE

MEDICINE COSTS TOO MUCH!

NO MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

SEGREGATION, EXCLUSION FROM POLITICS, RESOURCES & POWER;

🖚 DRILY VIOLENCE AGRINST PEOPLE OF COLOR, WOMEN, POOR 🖛 CORRECTIONS DOCUMENTARY PROJECT COMMUNITIES, IMMIGRANT & QUEER COMMUNITIES, MARGINALIZED GROUPS

malf@correctionsproject.com http://correctionsproject.com "Crime is a phenomenon of organized social life, and is the open rebellion of an individual against his social environment...Crime comes either in spite of intelligence, or as a result of misdirected intelligence under severe economic and moral strain."

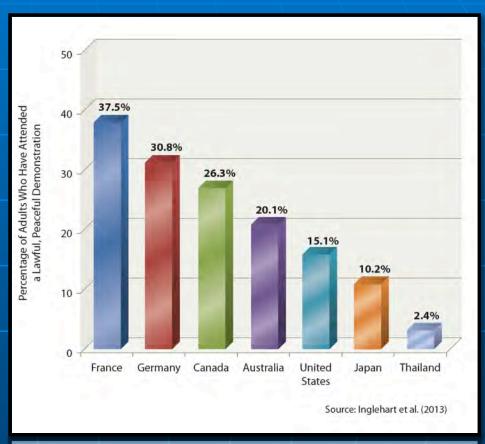
- W.E.B. Du Bois (1899:235, 254)



Living in the Solution:
What would a prisonless society look like?

# The Power of Society

 Is being active in a social movement just a matter of personal choice?







#### America Is Finally Closing Prisons. Now What Do We Do With Them?

Emily Badger Dec 06, 2012

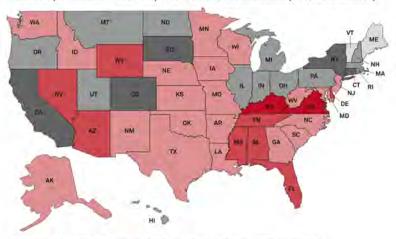


Two years ago, the federal Bureau of Justice Statistics announced a small data point marking an inglorious milestone: In 2009, America's prison population declined for the first time in decades... dating all the way back to 1972, America had been in the business of constantly imprisoning more and more people.

# Voting

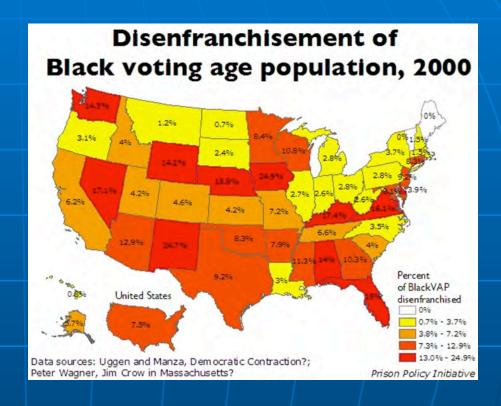
#### CRIMINAL DISENFRANCHISEMENT LAWS ACROSS THE U.S.

States vary widely on when voting rights are restored. Maine and Vermont do not withdraw the franchise based on criminal convictions; even prisoners may vote there. Kentucky and Virginia are the last two remaining states that permanently disenfranchise all people with felony convictions, unless they receive individual, discretionary, executive elemency.<sup>2</sup>



- Permanent disenfranchisement for all people with felony convictions, unless government approves individual rights restoration: KY, VA
- Permanent disenfranchisement for at least some people with criminal convictions, unless government approves individual rights restoration: AL, AZ, DE, FL, MS, NV, TN, WY
- Voting rights restored upon completion of sentence, including prison, parole, and probation: AK.AR. GA, ID, IA, KS, LA, MD, MN, MO, NE, \* NJ, NM, NC, OK, SC, TX, WA, WV, WI

  \* Nebraska imposes a two-year waiting period after completion of sentence.
- Voting rights restored automatically after release from prison and discharge from parole (probationers may vote): CA, CO, CT, NY, SD
- Voting rights restored automatically after release from prison: DC, HI, IL, IN, MA, MI, MT, NH, ND, OH, OR, PA, RI, UT
- No disenfranchisement for people with criminal convictions: ME, VT

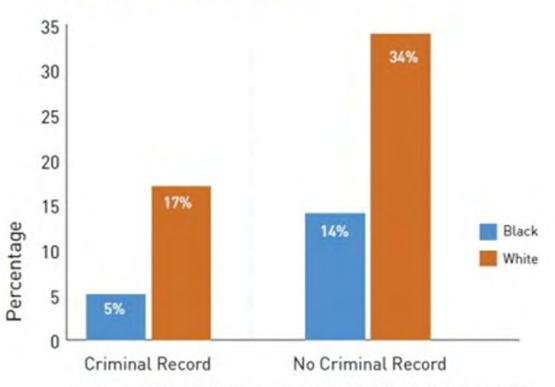


2.6 million former felons are barred from voting because of U.S. felony disenfran. laws

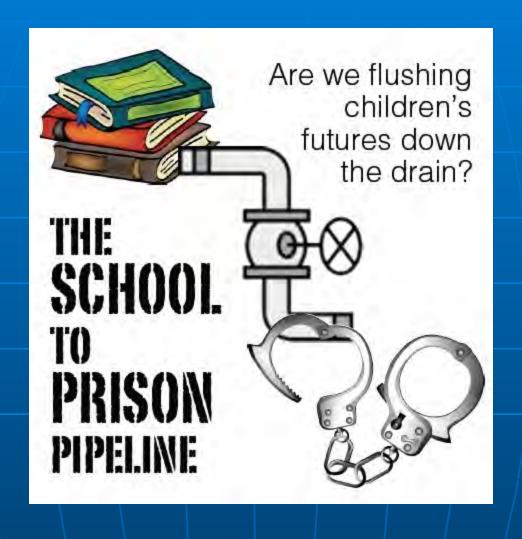
This, in addition to those currently incarcerated.

## **Employment**

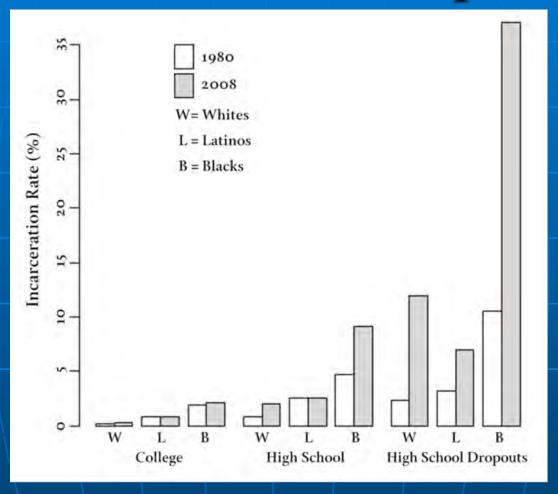
Fig. 9. Racial Impact of a Criminal Record on Interview Callbacks, 2003



Source: Devah Pager. "The Mark of a Criminal Record", American Journal of Sociology. Vol. 108, No. 5 (March 2003). Figure 6, p. 958.



# School-to-Prison Pipeline



Western and Pettit (2010), "Incarceration and Social Inequality"

#### **Networks and Partnerships**

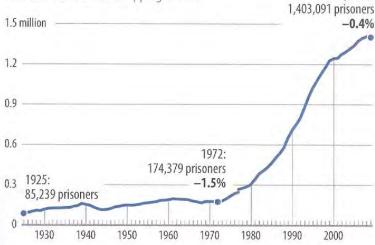


Source: Center for Participatory Change (Ashville, NC)

#### FIRST STATE DECLINE IN 38 YEARS

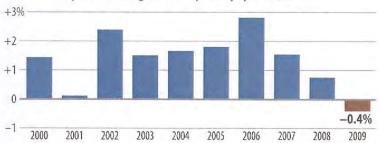
The number of state inmates grew 705% between 1972 and 2008 before dropping in 2009.

Jan. 1, 2010:



NOTE: Annual figures prior to 1977 reflect the total number of sentenced prisoners in state custody. Beginning in 1977, all figures reflect the state jurisdictional population as reported in the Bureau of Justice Statistics' "Prisoners" series. Data for both sentenced prisoners in custody and the jurisdictional population are reported for 1977 to illustrate the transition.

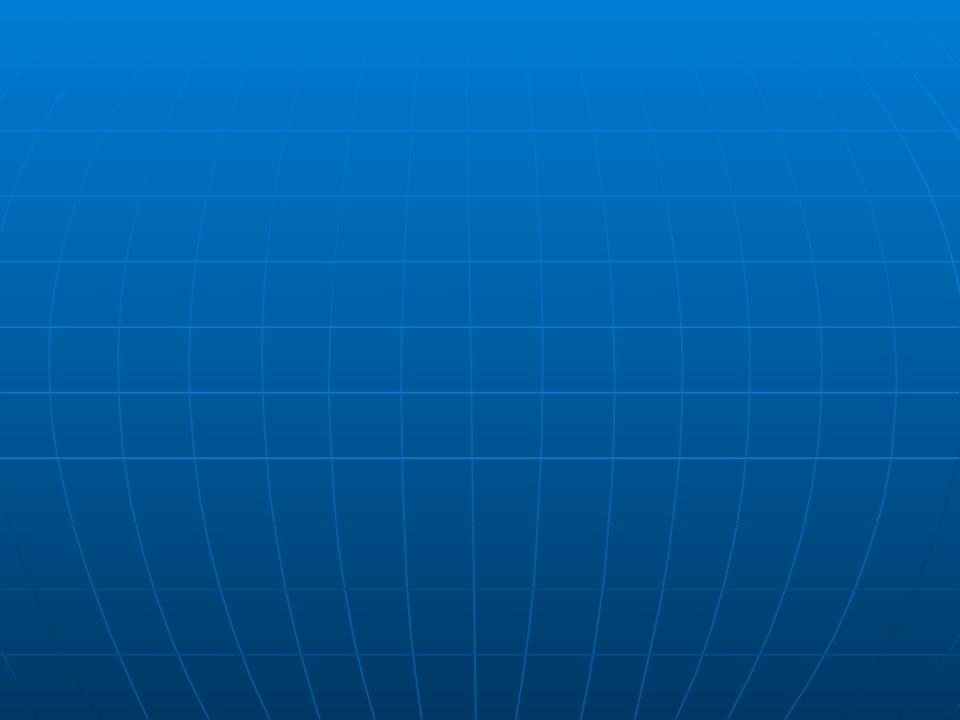
#### Annual percent change in state prison populations



SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics; Pew Center on the States, Public Safety Performance Project

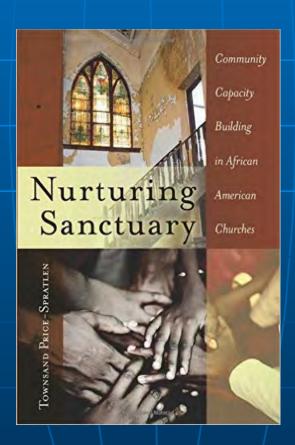


The Numbers, Change Over Time



# Community Capacity Building in Action

• What is sanctuary? How is it nurtured?



#### Nurturing Sanctuary Themes

- #1 Community capacity building (CCB.)
- #2 (CCB. and) Pedagogies of faith
- #3 (CCB. and) Tensions of faith
- #4 (CCB. and) Best practices for faith-health

### IN AN AGE OF FAITH?

Pedagogy and Tensions of Nurturing Sanctuary

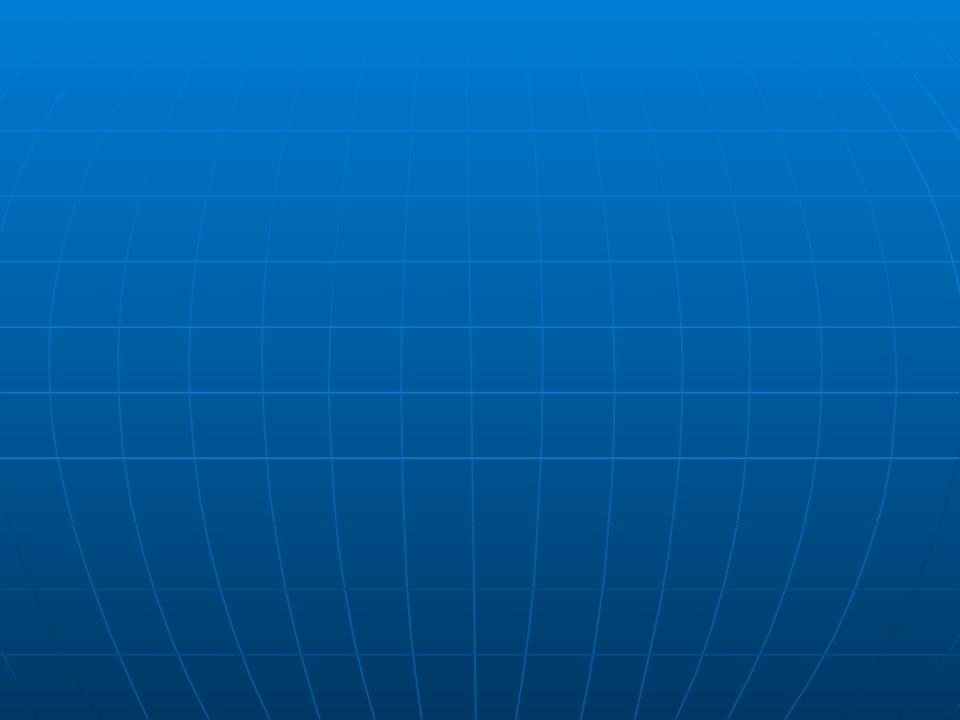
Culture comes from the Latin word cultus, which means "to care for." At its heart, it has to do with growth: of crops (as in the word "cultivate"), or of peoples Culture is a set of [symbolic and material] ideas, practices, and rituals that help human beings develop morally, intellectually, and spiritually.

- Terrance MacMullan<sup>1</sup>

The Negro of America needs an Age of Faith. All great ages are ages of faith. It is absolutely necessary for a new people to begin their career with the religious verities.... Christianity is contrary to the spirit of caste—spiritual kinship transcends all other relations.... No matter what destiny awaits the race, religion is necessary either as a solvent or as a salve.

-W. E. B. Du Bois<sup>2</sup>

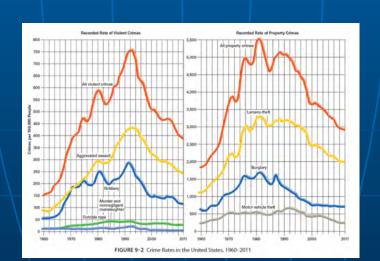
One of the most vivid memories of my childhood is being 4 or 5 years old and sitting with a longtime family friend during a December church service. My mother was nearby but occupied with music, playing her guitar at the front of the church. There was an excitement in the chapel. It was the holidays, and Santa Claus was going to make an appearance. The anticipation of gifts was the preoccupation of every child in the church. We were an African American family and were members of an overwhelmingly white Unitarian Church in a small, college town in northwest Washington State. And yes,



## Related Tensions

Mass Incarceration and the Militarization of Local Police

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# What Now? What Next?

- ☐ Crime
  - Types, Statistics

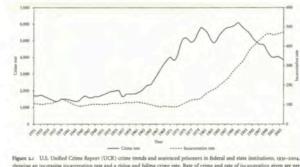


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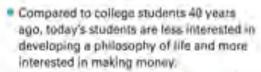


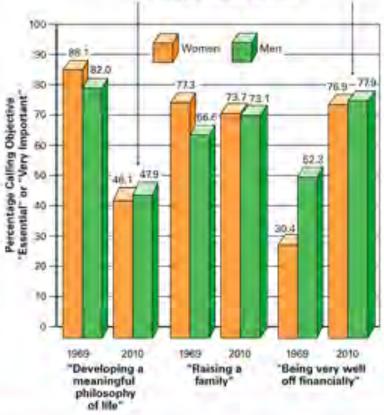
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## ☐ Where We Are

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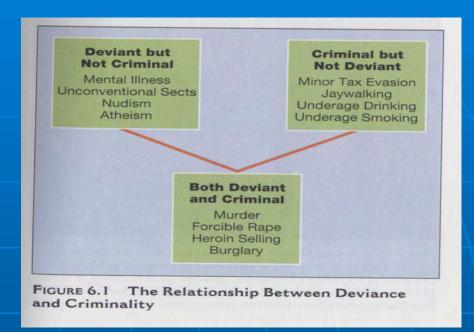
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# **Defining Sociology**

## **Brief Review**

- ☐ Way Society's Org.
  - Race, class, gender
- ☐ Theoretical Diffs.
  - Functionalist utility
  - Sym. Interaction responses, labelling
  - Conflict class diffs.  $\rightarrow$  power inequal.
- ☐ Intersectionality
  - Multiple at once



## Race- / Gender-Conflict View

#### Ethnicity Occupation Education Race Religion Sexuality Language Age Heritage/History **Immigration** Geographic Ability Status Gender Location Income Family Status

### Questions, etc.

- "What is one's position in the matrix of domination?"
- Result of: relative power, privilege of diff. categories
- Purpose: Identity empowerment, valuing diffs.
- Race-Conflict Hate Crimes
  - Matthew Shepard (1998); 30mrdrs., 2092 ttl. (2011)
- Gender-Conflict Cross-culture
  - Sudan, Saudi Arabia; U.S./Western absence...

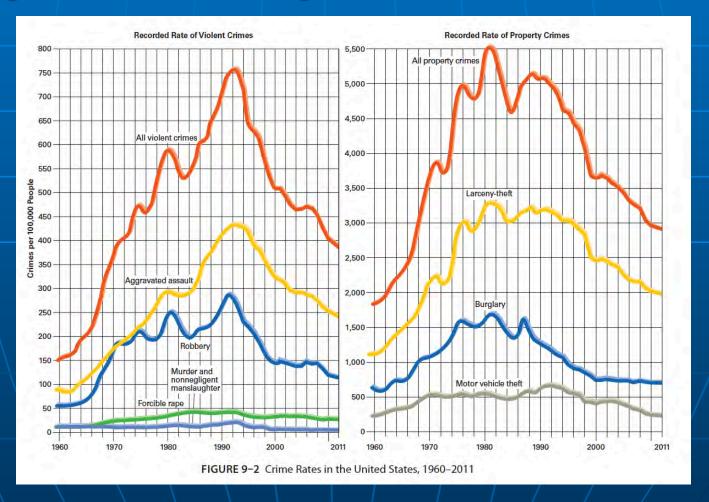
#### **Applying Theory**

Deviance				
	Structural-Functional Theory	Symbolic-Interaction Theory	Social-Conflict Theory	Race-Conflict and Feminist Theories
What is the level of analysis?	Macro-level	Micro-level	Macro-level	Macro-level
What is deviance? What part does it play in society?	Deviance is a basic part of social organization.  By defining deviance, society sets its moral boundaries.	Deviance is part of socially constructed reality that emerges in interaction.  Deviance comes into being as individuals label something deviant.	Deviance results from social inequality.  Norms, including laws, reflect the interests of powerful members of society.	Deviance reflects racial and gender inequality.  Deviant labels are more readily applied to women and other minorities.
What is important about deviance?	Deviance is universal: It exists in all societies.	Deviance is variable: Any act or person may or may not be labeled deviant.	Deviance is political: People with little power are at high risk of being labeled deviant.	Deviance is a means of control: Dominant categories of people discredit others as a means to dominate them.

### p. 155 – Major <u>Deviance</u> Theoretical Approaches

## Criminal Statistics

 Victimization surveys: Crime rate is two to four times higher than official reports.



## **Incarceration and Crime**



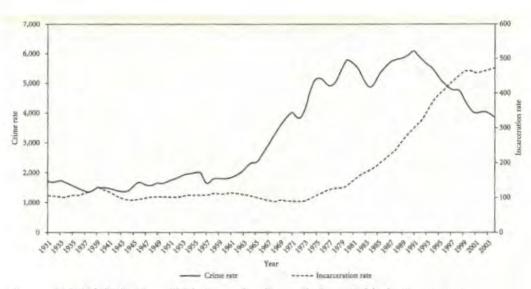


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"Choosing universities over prisons," Mr. Schwarzenegger said in his final annual address to the Legislature. "This is a historic and transforming realignment of California's priorities."

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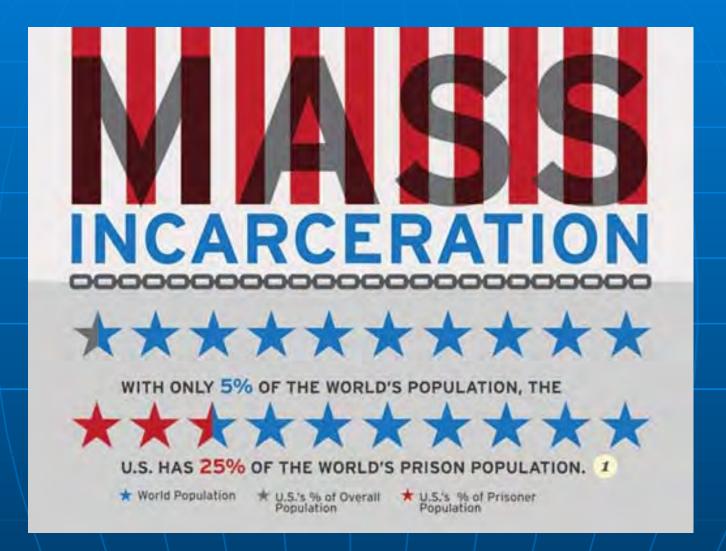
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"I mean, think about it, 30 years ago, 10 percent of the general fund went to higher education, and 3 percent went to prisons. Today, almost 11 percent goes to prisons, and only 7.5 percent goes to higher education."

"What does it say about any state that focuses more on prison uniforms than on caps and gowns?" he continued. "It simply is not healthy."



#### What it is

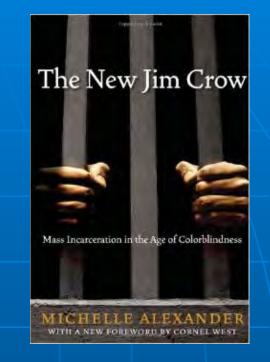
- **☐** Mass incarceration
  - "refers not only to the criminal justice system but also to the larger web of



laws, rules, policies, and customs that control those labeled criminals BOTH IN <u>AND OUT</u> OF PRISON."

- ☐ Why both (in and out)?
  - "Once released, former prisoners enter a hidden underworld of legalized discrimination and permanent social exclusion" (Alexander 2010:13).

# Michelle Alexander



"We have not ended racial caste in America, we have merely redesigned it."

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