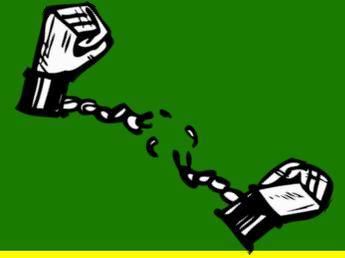


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During the days of the Civil War, compromise-meetings and negotiations at the federal level were held every single day by pro-Southern and Union politicians over the future of slavery, about whether or not slavery could expand to all of the United States. Confederates and secessionist Democrats wrote a "pro-slavery-everywhere-and-forever" platform and put together a committee whose task was finding a way out of the crisis. Although Union officials had stood their ground and gained complete sway in the war, they began to waver at the dreadful costs of war and loss of life of their fellow countrymen. They sought a way out of this national crisis through compromising on the question of slavery, and out of this compromise rose the language of the 13th Amendment. The ratification of the 13th amendment to the US constitution not only made slavery perpetual in the United States but committed the federal government to enforcing slavery anew and all US territories in all 50 states.

"Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as punishment for a crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the states, United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction."

- 13th Amendment

Little did anyone know that the abandonment of Reconstruction, Jim Crow segregation, the War on Drugs, the War on Poverty, the FBI counter-intelligence program to vilify Black leaders and destroy social change movements, systematic marginalization and ghettos as "favored" public policy would produce environments for unrest and crime to thrive and create the desired excuse to arrest, charge, hold, convict, sell, moved, and exploit huge segments of the African-American population and the poor whites and others as new slaves and property of the state. Consequently, the 13th amendment of the US Constitution has resurrected slavery and unequivocally enshrines and protects the demands of white supremacy.

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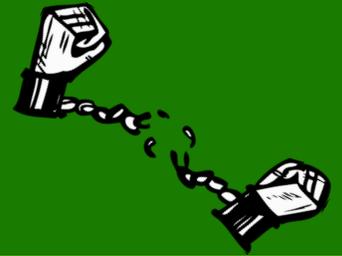
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(1) The prisons today are a product of former slave owners' vision of perpetually expanding slavery as an alternative but still modern economy.

(2) Bureau of prisons, the states department of corrections, a federal and state enslaver, are the products of long-held belief that the government should pass laws to enact the modern institution of slavery in all 50 states, for to do otherwise would deprive slaveowners, and all southern whites who were potential property holders, of their right to property in human beings.

(3) Law and order and pro-slavery criminal justice laws are modern-day excuses to place us in the same leg, waist, and hands shackles that were used to capture, enslave, and exploits our mothers and fathers in the old system of slavery.

(4) Inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness protect human beings en masse from the slavery

and toil laying in the modern day forced labor prison camps with the new and improved punishments such as food loaf, scrip, isolation, loss of phone, loss of yard, loss of Cantina, sensory deprivation and psychological torture.

(5) It is our duty as freedom fighters, protectors, and supporters of our beloved communities to argue that government cannot make the laws nor pursue policies that marginalize and enslave its citizens so as to force people to work and deny them fundamental rights to a life without systemic entrapment, slavery and involuntary servitude.

(6) If systemic oppression, entrapment, and a forced labor is not wrong, nothing is wrong!

(7) We must recruit, train and develop leaders willing to rise up against neo-slavery!

It's time for society to look at its logic and the rationale for confirming proslavery legislation, and to hear from victims of its new institutions of slavery how wrongheaded it is to deprive large sections of its population of basic rights to make a life just so it could steal the constitutional rights and civil liberties of its own people by issuing prison terms mandating "hard labor".