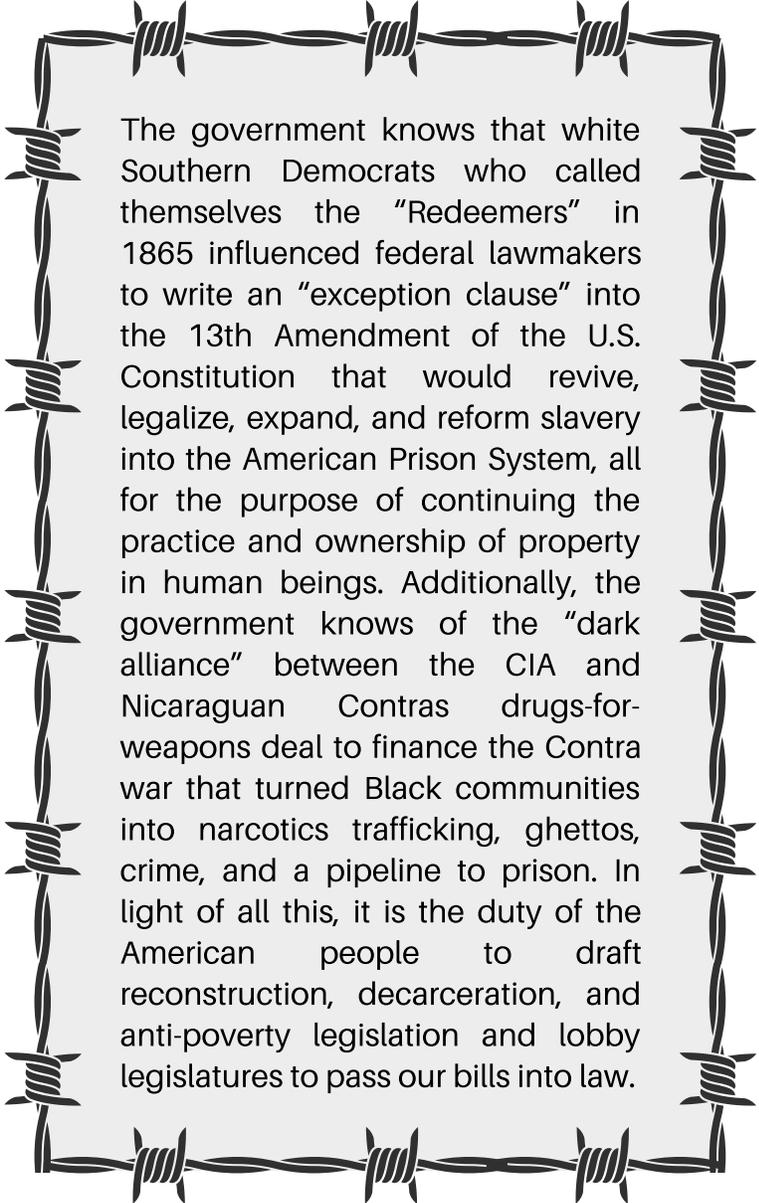


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HOLD SOCIETY ACCOUNTABLE FOR CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

What was the purpose of the Nicaraguan Contras drugs-for-weapons program? That the United States government--through the CIA and NSC--was the work with dozens of drug dealers and their companies to secretly fund right-wing Latin American guerrillas and to cover up the CIA-Contra drug trafficking and illegal drug-running network. U.S. Congresswoman Maxine Waters said: "The CIA, DEA, DIA, and FBI knew about the drug trafficking...all over the United States. They were either part of the trafficking or turned a blind eye to it in an effort to fund the Contra war. The saddest part of these revelations is the wrecked lives and lost possibilities of so many people caught up in selling drugs, going to prison, ending up addicted, dead or walking zombies from the drugs."

Here is another crime against humanity, against the American people! The time for action is now! We, the People, must begin "organizing" and mobilizing ourselves to demand an end to the snare of mass incarceration and modern-day slavery for the millions of people--especially African Americans--who have been victimized and are currently suffering under the onslaught of government repression wrought by the 13th Amendment and oppressive criminal justice laws arising out of a relationship between slavery and modern-day inequalities. Freedom, equality, and the simple right to live without a pro-war resolve threatening to bring back slavery are inalienable human rights! When governments flout these rights, the People are within their rights to restore justice for all!



The government knows that white Southern Democrats who called themselves the "Redeemers" in 1865 influenced federal lawmakers to write an "exception clause" into the 13th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution that would revive, legalize, expand, and reform slavery into the American Prison System, all for the purpose of continuing the practice and ownership of property in human beings. Additionally, the government knows of the "dark alliance" between the CIA and Nicaraguan Contras drugs-for-weapons deal to finance the Contra war that turned Black communities into narcotics trafficking, ghettos, crime, and a pipeline to prison. In light of all this, it is the duty of the American people to draft reconstruction, decarceration, and anti-poverty legislation and lobby legislatures to pass our bills into law.

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What is the purpose of the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution? The Amendment reads: "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as punishment for a crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the States, the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction." Clearly, the Amendment half-heartedly abolishes slavery, then abruptly resurrects and legitimizes the institution and "persons" criminalized and convicted of crimes. Who were the "persons" intended to be criminalized and convicted of crimes? Evidently, the newly-released slaves! Otherwise, if whites or other people were considered to be thought of as "persons convicted of crimes," and consequently held as slaves, why did it have to take a civil war to do it? Surely, a constitutional amendment and state laws mandating "hard labor" for persons convicted of crimes could have been passed into law long before 1865!

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**Every government
is run by liars and
nothing they say
should be believed**

- I.F. Stone (1907-1989)

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It is a fact that between the years 1840 and 1865 intense compromise meetings and negotiations were held at the federal level over the future of slavery and whether slavery should expand to all 50 states. Americans in the Union vowed to abolish it completely. Confederate states advanced pro-slavery-everywhere platform and made it clear they did not plan to come to terms with freedom. When the war began to wear heavily on both sides, Republicans wavered, and Jefferson Davis and the Confederacy began to play for a negotiated peace. Out of that deal, the latter got slavery legalized nationally for persons criminalized and convicted of crimes. Is this not a crime against humanity? The rollback of Reconstruction marginalized and criminalized people! Jim Crow marginalized and criminalized people! The perverse War on Drugs and War on Poverty marginalized and criminalized people! Are these not crimes against humanity? We must hold society en masse accountable for these outrageous offenses perpetrated against the descendants of newly released slaves and others similarly situated. Society must pay for the damage it has caused to African-American communities!