

Justice: Law and order is a position that everyone can get behind. But, real justice is not the same thing.

There are many laws on the books that had unintentional consequences. The worst example are the drug laws and the minimum sentencing requirements. Why? One, incarceration is expensive. In fact, you could send a convicted felon to some colleges for less, with probably a better outcome.

More importantly, we are sending minorities and the poor much more frequently to jail than the rich or Caucasian, even though they do the same crime and have the same criminal history (or lack thereof). This isn't right. Plus, once you are convicted of a felony (like being caught with one joint before it was legalized here in Colorado) you can't vote and are going to have a really difficult time getting a job, or even rent an apartment. Race and income shouldn't define our judicial system.