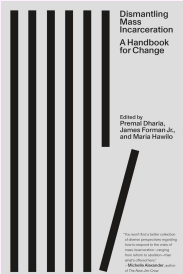


What We Want to Fight For: A Review of “Dismantling Mass Incarceration: A Handbook for Change”

The author shares her experience visiting a relative in prison, highlighting the financial burdens and challenges faced by inmates and their families. The book “Dismantling Mass Incarceration: A Handbook for Change” explores the complex and often predatory nature of the U.S. incarceration system. It also aims to raise public awareness and encourage activism for criminal justice reform, presenting diverse perspectives without prescribing specific solutions. The section on prosecutors discusses the political and racial biases that influence their actions and the challenges faced by reform-minded prosecutors



Almost 70% of people imprisoned in Brazil are Black

BY NARA LACERDA

In 2023, 69.1% of incarcerated people in Brazil are Black, highlighting systemic racial biases in the justice system. Women, especially those heading families, face significant challenges due to the incarceration of their partners. The conditions in Brazilian prisons are overcrowded and inhumane, reminiscent of historical slave ships. São Paulo recorded the highest number of murders by off-duty police officers in 2023, contributing to increased police violence.

Program to launch in NH prisons, as feds ok Medicaid coverage expansion

New Hampshire received federal approval to expand Medicaid coverage for mental health and substance use disorder services. A new program will provide Medicaid coverage to incarcerated individuals diagnosed with mental illness, starting 45 days before their release. The program aims to support health needs during the transition back to society, reduce recidivism, and decrease overdose deaths. The program will start in state correctional facilities on January 1, 2025, with plans to expand to county correction departments.

Quote

"No one truly knows a nation until one has been inside its jails. A nation should not be judged by how it treats its highest citizens but its lowest ones"- Nelson Mandela:

Lawsuit highlights experience of women subjected to invasive searches at state prisons

BY ELIZA PARTIKA

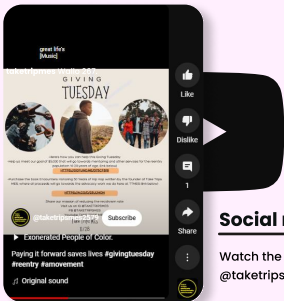
Visitors to California prisons, especially women, report invasive cavity searches and harassment by officers, leading to mental health impacts and reluctance to visit. Legal Services for Prisoners with Children (LSPC) has filed lawsuits against the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to challenge these practices and seek policy changes. An audit revealed that prison staff are more likely to bring contraband into prisons than visitors, highlighting flaws in the current search policies. The invasive searches and resulting trauma affect both the incarcerated individuals and their families, disrupting rehabilitation and family bonds.

Funding Public Defense Furthers Community Safety

The U.S. has 25% of the world’s incarcerated population despite making up less than 5% of the global population¹. This approach has not led to safer communities. Public defenders represent over 80% of people charged with crimes, often dealing with clients who are low-income and affected by mental illness or substance use disorders. Public defender offices are significantly underfunded compared to district attorney offices, impacting their ability to provide adequate defense and support services. Incarceration causes generational harm, disproportionately affecting Black and brown communities. Public defenders advocate for better funding to support community safety and reduce crime.

CUNY Interns at TTMS

TTMES is hosting nine CUNY interns this summer, who are eager to learn about the justice system, particularly its impact on youth of color. TTMES is excited to work with these interns and aims to equip them with knowledge about recidivism and advocacy for the reentry population.



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