

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MASS INCARCERATION

The U.S. prison system holds nearly a quarter of the world's prison population. Within the United States, a disproportionate number of these prisoners are young Black, Latinos/Latinas and Native Americans. An overwhelming number are poor, working class of all nationalities and ethnic groups. The capitalist class is waging a war against the poor and working class.

The impact of mass incarceration is vast. It is destroying families, communities, and lives. We need to build a mass people's movement to end mass incarceration and aggressive policing now! In their place, we will create forms of community response and justice, focus on rehabilitation, real reintegration into society. As we divest from police and prisons, we will invest in the social needs of our communities. Join us in the fight for our communities!

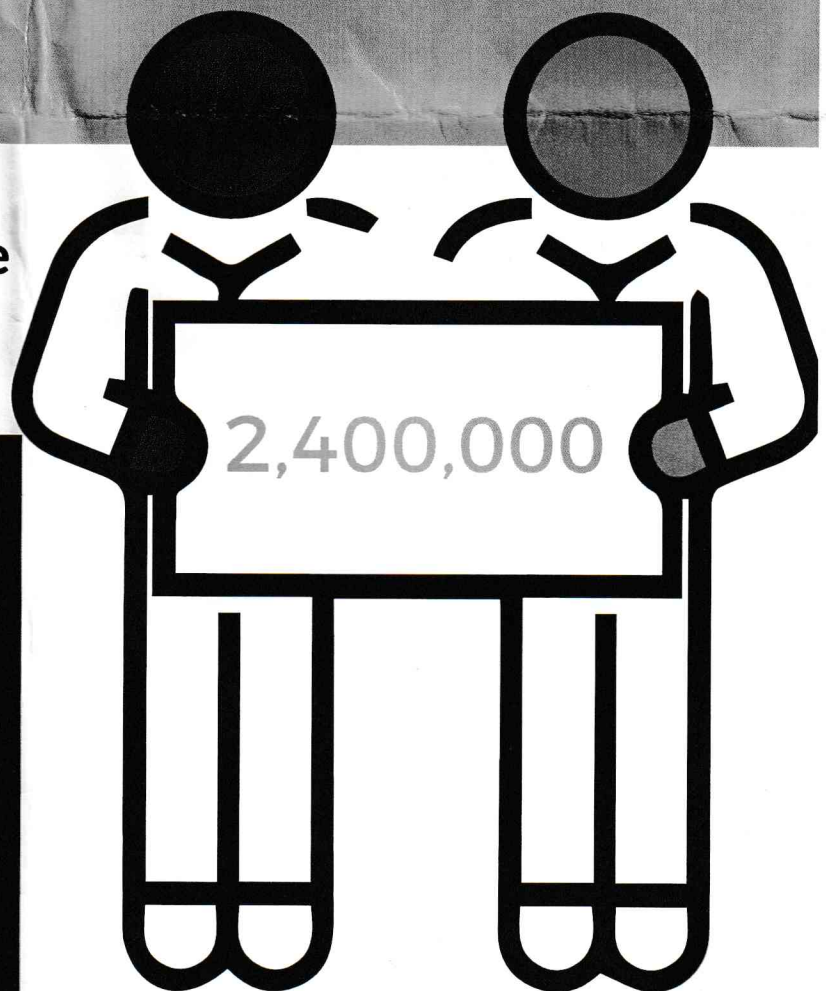
The U.S. has over 2.4 million people behind bars, an increase of over 500% in the past thirty years.

The American criminal justice system holds more than 2.3 million people in 1,719 state prisons, 102 federal prisons, 901 juvenile correctional facilities, 3,163 local jails, and 76 Indian Country jails as well as in military prisons, immigration detention facilities, civil commitment centers, and prisons in the U.S. territories.

The US imprisons more people than any other country in the world.

The US has 5% of the world's population; 25% of its prisoners

From 1997 to 2007 the number of women in prison has increased by 832% and continues to rise today.



PEOPLE OF COLOR REPRESENT 60% OF PEOPLE IN CAGES

One in eight black men in their twenties
are locked up on any given day

75% of people in state prison for drug conviction are people of color although blacks and whites see and use drugs at roughly the same rate. In NYS, 94% of those imprisoned for a drug offense are people of color.

The number of drug offenders in state prison has increased thirteen-fold since 1980

5.3 million Americans are denied their right to vote

13% of black men are disenfranchised

Over the past two decades,
state spending on prisons
grew six times the spending
of higher education.

Nearly \$80 billion as of
2017, is spent annually on
prisons, probation, parole
and detention.



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