

The Modern Glorification of Criminals and Violence

Anti State Movements, Socialist Movements, "Abolish Prison and Incarceration" Movements, and Self Sabotage Movements

Some advocacy movements within Jewish and Muslim political and religious spheres have been active in promoting prison abolition movements and advocating on behalf of individuals convicted of serious violent crimes.

- The focus is often placed on the offender rather than the victims.
- Victims and their families may receive little public attention.
- The advocacy emphasizes "justice," yet many victims are no longer here to tell their stories.
- Advocating for prison reform is one thing, and advocating for victims of police misconduct is also important.
- However, when movements become extreme, they can create additional victims and contribute to further social division.
- Policies that undermine public safety or accountability may ultimately be harmful to Americans and the American way of life.
- Justice should include accountability, public safety, rehabilitation where appropriate, and recognition of victims.
- These are often the same movements that ride on the coattails of American activists and remove the ladder once they achieve success.
- Left unchecked, these movements can become dangerous.
- Some individuals or factions may resort to guerrilla tactics, target White-owned businesses, excuse violent crime, or justify violence in the name of activism.

Some advocacy movements emphasize criminal justice reform, prison reform, or cases involving police misconduct. These are important public policy issues worthy of discussion. However, concerns arise when advocacy extends beyond reform and begins to glorify individuals who have committed serious violent crimes while giving little attention to the victims and their families.

Advocating for prison reform is one thing, and advocating for victims of police misconduct is also important. However, when any movement adopts extreme rhetoric or policies that minimize the harm caused by violent offenders, overlook victims, or excuse criminal conduct, it risks creating additional harm rather than promoting justice.

Justice should recognize both accountability and rehabilitation where appropriate while also honoring the lives of victims and supporting the safety of communities. Public policy should seek balanced

reforms that protect civil rights, uphold the law, and prioritize public safety without glorifying violence or those who commit it.

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