Renewing a Human Rights Agenda: The Criminal Legal System

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March 24, 2021
Renewing a Human Rights Agenda: The Criminal Legal System

Wednesday, March 24 @ noon

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1 out of 5 incarcerated people in the world is incarcerated in the U.S.

Eleven million people around the world are in prisons and jails. The U.S. locks up a larger share of these people than any other country, with as many incarcerated as the 194 countries with the smallest incarcerated populations combined.

For sources, see www.prisonpolicy.org/blog/2020/01/16/percent-incarcerated/
Incarceration is just one piece of the much larger system of correctional control.

The U.S. justice system controls almost 7 million people, more than half of whom are on probation.

- Probation: 3.6 million
- Correctional Facilities: 2.3 million
- Parole: 840,000
Mass incarceration directly impacts millions of people
But just how many, and in what ways?

- Incarcerated today in prison or jail: 2.3 million
- Formerly incarcerated in state or federal prison: 4.9 million
- Ever convicted of a felony: 19 million
- Have a criminal record: 77 million
- Have an immediate family member who has ever been to prison or jail: 113 million adults

Most face "collateral consequences" even after their sentence ends such as voting, housing, education, employment, and other restrictions.

Racial and ethnic disparities in correctional facilities

Whites are underrepresented in the incarcerated population while Blacks are overrepresented.

Compiled from 2010 Census, Summary File 1.
Most people in prison are poor, and the poorest are women and people of color.

Median annual pre-incarceration incomes for people in state prisons ages 27-42, compared to incomes of same-age non-incarcerated people, by race/ethnicity and gender (in 2014 dollars):

**Men**
- Not incarcerated: $31,245
- Incarcerated: $17,625

**Women**
- Not incarcerated: $24,255
- Incarcerated: $12,735

Compiled by the Prison Policy Initiative. For detailed data notes, see www.prisonpolicy.org/reports/income.html
Upcoming events

The Fire This Time, and the Next: 
*The Making and Sustaining of An Activist*

Professor Teri A. McMurtry-Chubb
UIC John Marshall Law School

Wednesday March 31, 2021 12:45pm
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Renewing a Human Rights Agenda: The Climate Crisis

Wednesday, April 7 @ noon

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