



FACTS & QUOTES - May, 2014

The U.S. has the highest rate of incarceration in the world. In the U.S. 750/100,000 are in prison; in Germany 93/100,000 are in prison. --PEW Ctr. on the States, 2008.

“The U.S. imprisons a larger percentage of its black population than South Africa did at height of apartheid.”-- M. Alexander, *The New Jim Crow*, 2012, Intro, p.6.

In some states, black men have been admitted to prison on drug charges at rates 20-50 times greater than those of white men. --*Human Rights Watch*, 2000.

“Studies show that people of all colors use and sell illegal drugs at remarkably similar rates.”— M. Alexander, *The New Jim Crow*, p. 7.

“(President Nixon) emphasized that you have to face the fact that the whole problem is really the Blacks. The key is to devise a system that recognizes this while not appearing to.”-- H. R. Haldeman, *President Nixon's Chief of Staff, 1969-1973*.

The current “racial caste systems do not require racial hostility or overt bigotry to thrive. They need only racial indifference...”-- M. Alexander, *The New Jim Crow*, p.14.

The 2.3 million U.S prisoners is over 10 times the number 50 years ago.

The incarceration of women is 8 times the number 30 years ago.

“They, along with those whose sexual orientation is not “mainstream” or who are gender non-conforming--lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex prisoners—face extremely harsh and abusive treatment in prison, including widespread rape.”—“*SMIN Call*” 2014

The U.S has 5% of the world's population, but 25% of the world's prison population.

60+% of U.S. prisoners are Black, Hispanic or Latino; Blacks=13% of U.S. population, Hispanic + Latino=16.9% of U.S. population.—*US Census Bureau*.

“By the mid-1990s...Ninety percent of those admitted to prison for drug offenses in many states were black or Latino.”-- M. Alexander, *The New Jim Crow*, p.58.

32% of Black men between the ages of 20 and 29 are in prison or on parole or probation on any given day.

More than 80,000 people in prison are held in solitary confinement under conditions that fit the international definition of torture.

“Desperate and hungry refugee children fleeing poverty and violence are rounded up at the border, put in inhumane internment camps and then are confronted by howling racist mobs, and face deportation back to the horrors that they fled.” – “*Revolution*” Newspaper, July, 2014

“...the notion that the *New Jim Crow* can ever be dismantled through traditional litigation and policy-reform strategies that are wholly disconnected from a major social movement seems fundamentally misguided.”-- M. Alexander, *The New Jim Crow*, p.15.

“the racial violence once associated with brutal slave masters or the Ku Klux Klan has been replaced, to some extent, by violence perpetrated by the state.”-- M. Alexander, *The New Jim Crow*, p.202.

“Any justice movement, to be successful, must vigorously challenge the public consensus that underlies the *prevailing* system of control.” --M. Alexander, *The New Jim Crow*, p.223.

“Saying that one does not care about race is offered as an exculpatory virtue, when in fact it can be a form of cruelty.”-- M. Alexander, *The New Jim Crow*, p. 241.

“More Black Men Are In Prison Today Than Were Enslaved In 1850.”-- Michelle Alexander, *Huffington Post*, August 26, 2014

Stop Mass Incarceration—Puncture the Silence of Greater Cleveland has endorsed the *Stop Mass Incarceration Network Call* for a Month of Resistance to Mass Incarceration, Police Terror, Repression and the Criminalization of a Generation in October, 2014
(www.stopmassincarceration.net)

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