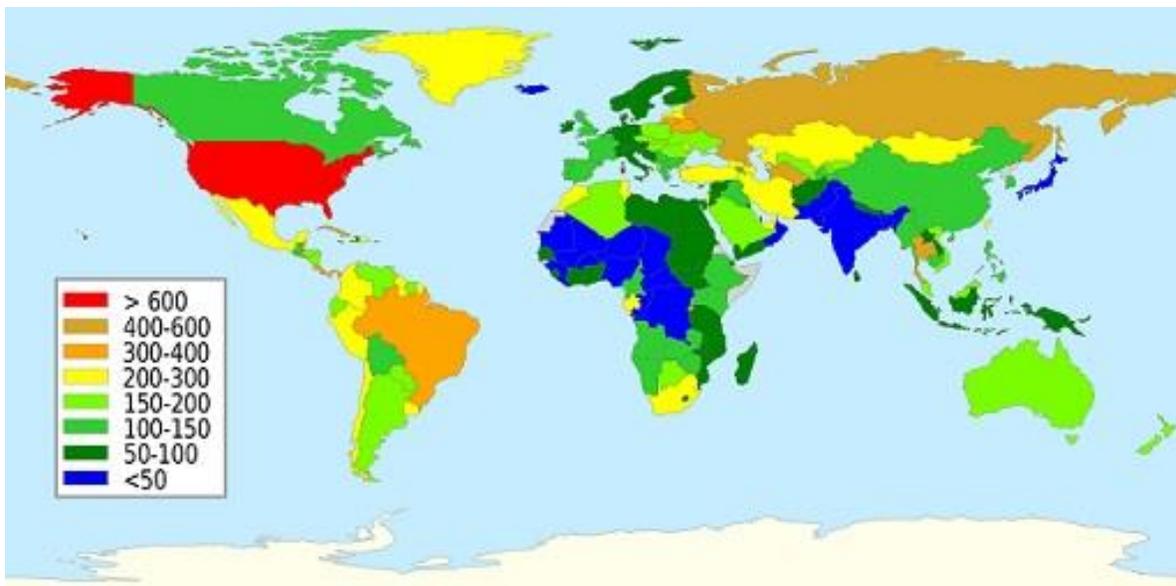


Prison Statistics

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The incarceration rate in the United States is the highest in the world. Although the U.S. is home to only 5 percent of the world's population, it boasts 25 percent of the world's prisoners. About one in 100 American adults are behind bars! Even more shocking is the fact that one in 35 American adults are either behind bars, on probation or parole.



In 2015, the U.S. had 724 people incarcerated per 100,000 population

About half of the world's prison population of about ten million is held in the US, China and Russia.

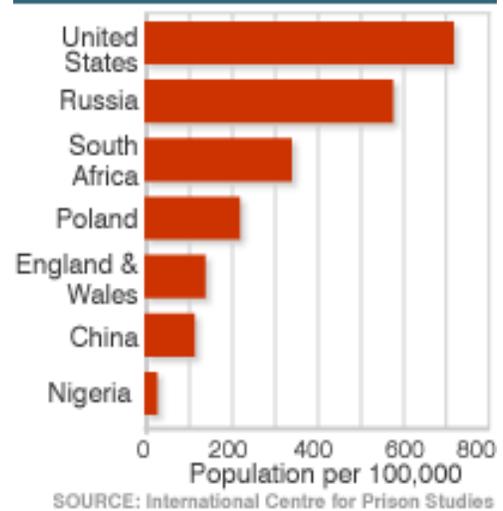
United States = 2,400,000

China = 1,600,000

Russia = 800,000

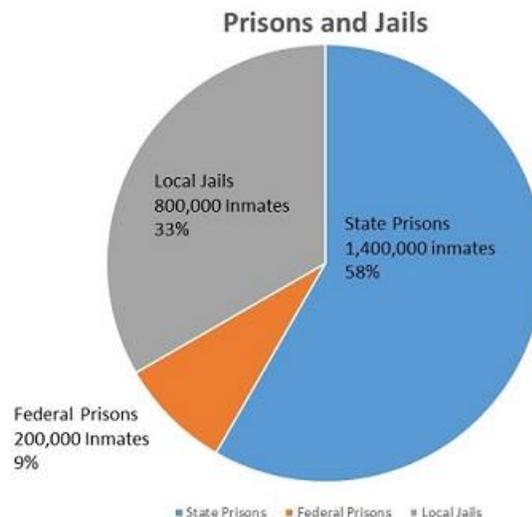
Prison rates in the US are the world's highest, at 724 people per 100,000. In Russia, the rate is 581. At 145 per 100,000, the imprisonment rate of England and Wales is at about the midpoint worldwide. China's imprisonment rate is 118 people per 100,000. One of the lowest rates is Nigeria with 35 per 100,000.

WORLDWIDE PRISON POPULATIONS



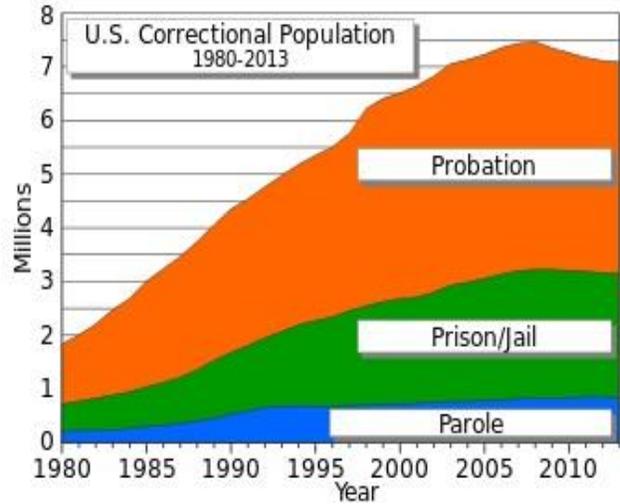
Yes, the American criminal justice system holds more than 2.4 million people in 1,719 state prisons, 102 federal prisons, 2,259 juvenile correctional facilities, 3,283 local jails, and 79 Indian Country jails as well as in military prisons, immigration detention facilities, civil commitment centers, and prisons in the U.S. territories. In addition to the 636,000 people released from prisons each year, over 11 million people cycle through local jails each year. Jail turnover is particularly high because at any given moment a majority of the people in local jails have not been convicted and are in jail because they are either too poor to afford bail and are being held pretrial, or because they have just been arrested and will make bail in the next few hours or days. The remainder of the people in jail — almost 200,000 — are serving time for minor offenses, generally misdemeanors with sentences under a year.

As you might guess, the actual number of people incarcerated at any given point in time varies greatly. So, all of the statistics in this article are rounded off best estimate numbers. The Pie Chart on the right provides a breakout of the inmates in U.S. State and Federal Prisons plus those in Local Jails.

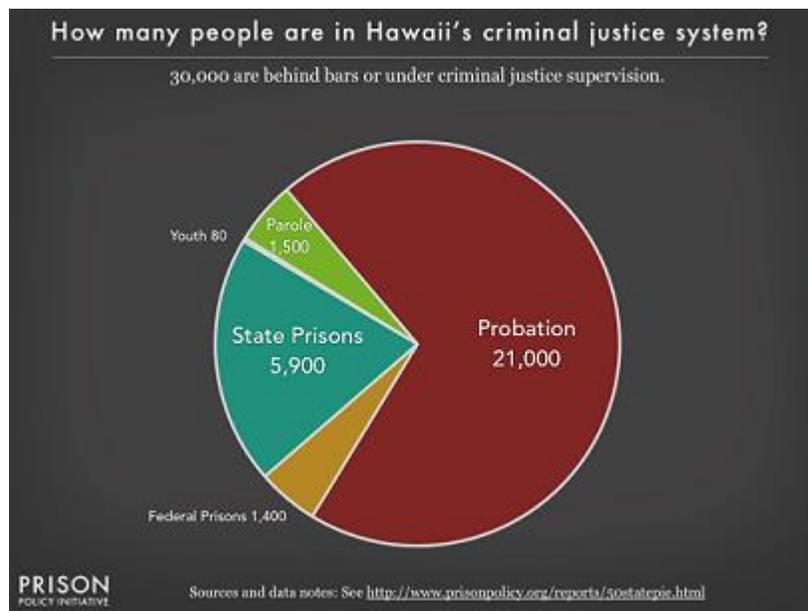


This is bad but does not tell the whole story. Incarcerated inmates are only part of the U.S. Correctional system. At yearend 2014, more than 7 million people were under the supervision of U.S. adult correctional systems. Breakout is shown on the right and below:

Probation = 3,800,000 People
 Prison/Jail = 2,400,000 People
 Parole = 820,000 People
TOTAL = 7,020,000 People

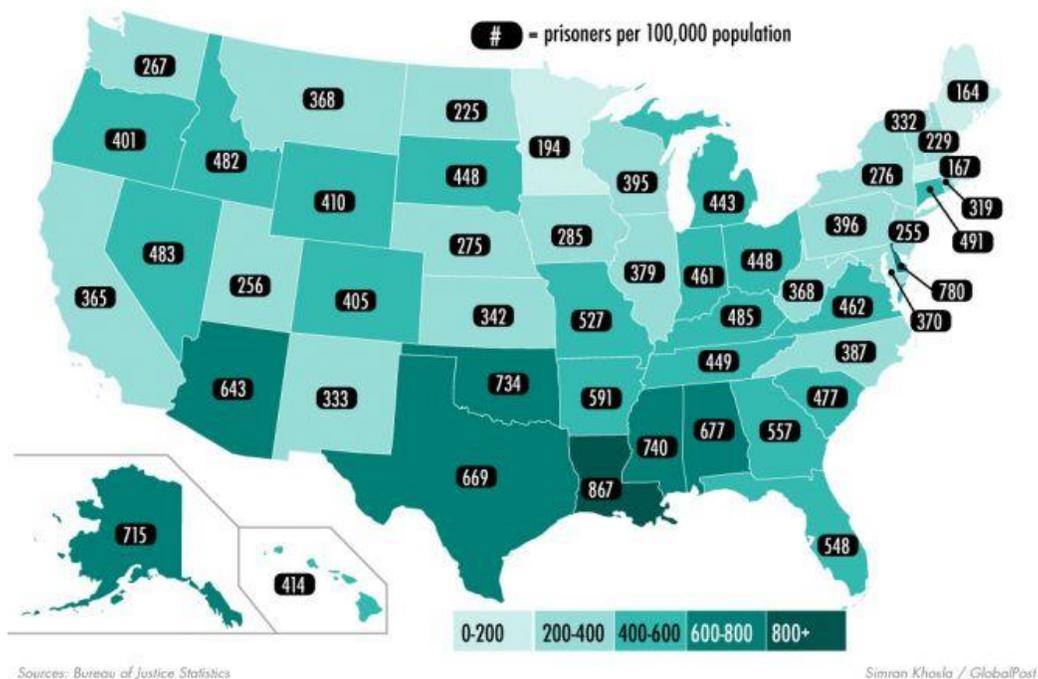


Just in case you were wondering how many people in Hawaii are under the supervision of U.S. adult correctional systems, see Pie Chart below. You can read the numbers but the grand total is almost 30,000 people.



Let's look at the other states. What state has the highest percentage of people in prison? The answer is Louisiana. The Pelican State was once infamous as a haven for pirates. The colonial authorities harshly punished any buccaneer they caught. That tradition continues today, as Louisiana is the state with the greatest percentage of its population in prison. Out of the 4,534,000 people in the state, about 40,000 are in prison, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. This results in 867 prisoners per

100,000 people - one of the highest rates in the world. I also think Louisiana has the best and most appropriate prison outfits. Every state should adopt this uniform. Below you can see how your state stacks up in the number of prisoners.



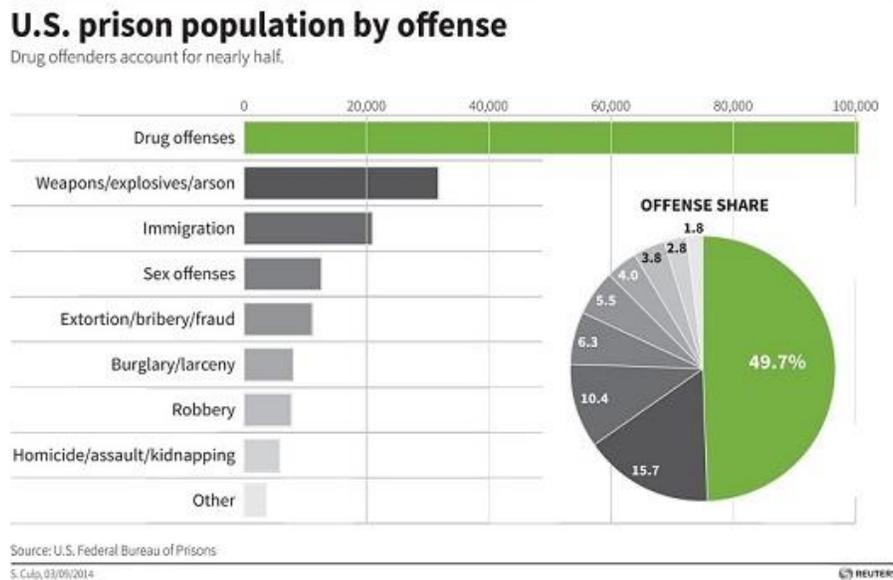
Other states with over 700 prisoners per 100,000 people are Alaska, Oklahoma, Mississippi, and Delaware. Maine has the lowest percentage of population in prison with 164 prisoners per 100,000 people.

Okay. I know that you want to see those fancy uniforms the prisoners wear in Louisiana. Right?



Louisiana Prisoners – Nice Colors!! Better than the bright orange most states use

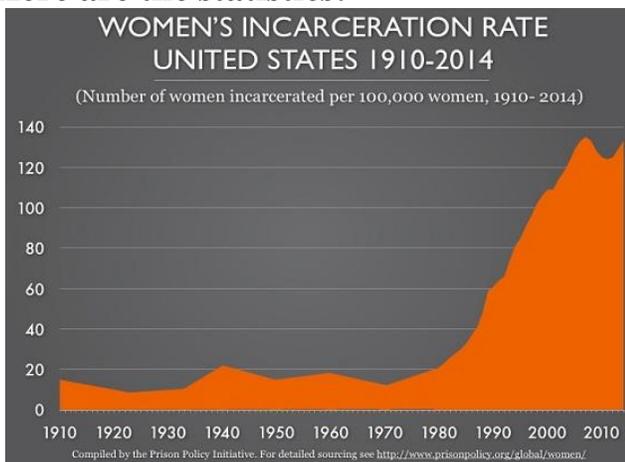
What kind of crimes are all these people committing?



Far and away more people are in prison for drug offenses. About half of all prisoners are locked up because of drug offenses. The strict U.S. drug laws are the primary reason we have so many people in jail. The U.S. could free up a lot of prison and jail space if they just legalized all drugs. Think of all the money that would be saved and maybe our government could even lower our taxes a bit.

We know that there are a lot more men in prison than women. Right? It is not very lady-like to be out robbing banks, mugging and killing people. This is true but in recent years, the crime rate for women has increased big time.

Here are the statistics:



Here are the current numbers showing the growth of women under correctional supervision:

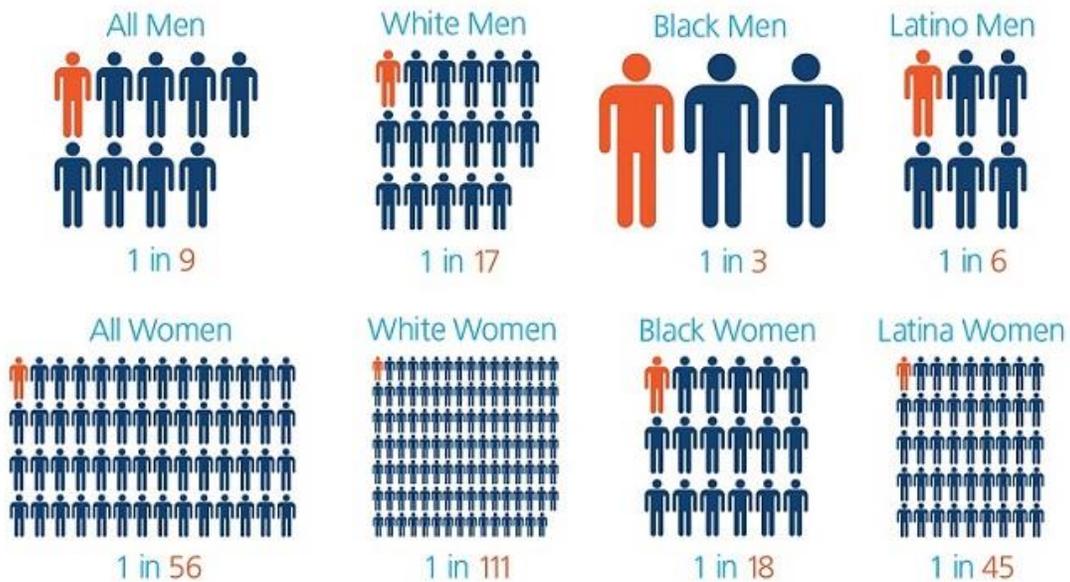
Probation	966,000
Jail	110,000
Prison	112,000
Parole	103,000
TOTAL	1,291,000
PERCENT	18%

With about 222,000 of these women confined in state and federal prisons or local jails, women now account for 9% of U.S. incarcerated inmates. Actually, since 1990, the number of women in prison has increased at nearly double the rate of men - 404% versus 210%. As with men, most women are locked up due to drug offenses.



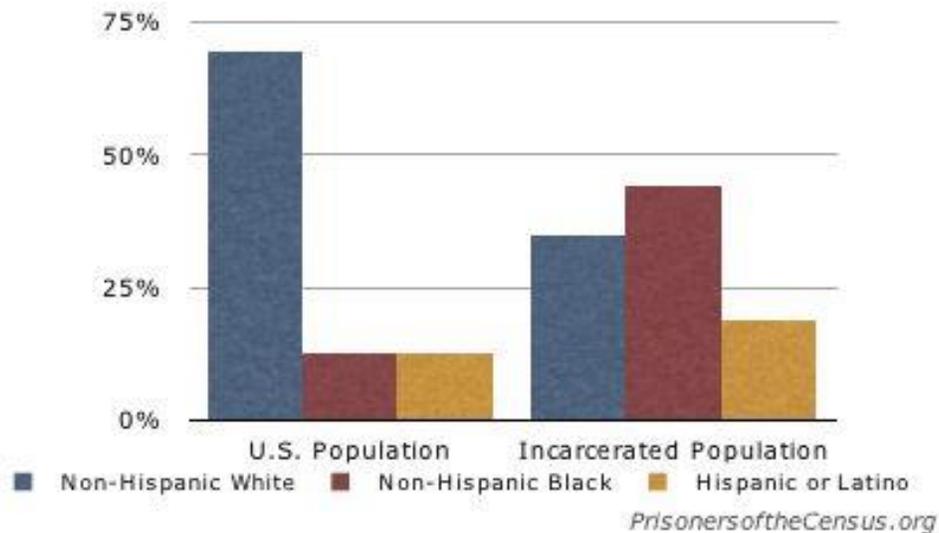
RACE AND ETHNICITY

Lifetime Likelihood of Imprisonment



Did you take a close look at that last chart? The information presented here is by far the most shocking statistics in this article. If you are a white man, you have a 1 in 17 chance of being locked up in your lifetime. But, if you are a black man, you have a 1 in 3 chance of being locked up sometime in your lifetime. This is even worse than I thought and I know that there are a lot of black men in our jails and prisons.

Racial disparity between U.S. and incarcerated populations



Here is another way of looking at these chart (with updated statistics):

Race / Ethnicity	Total and % of U.S. population (320 Million)	Total and % of U.S. incarcerated population (2.4 Million)	National incarceration rate (per 100,000)
White	205 Million - 64%	936,000 - 39%	456
Hispanic	51 Million - 16%	456,000 - 19%	894
Black	42 Million - 13%	960,000 - 40%	2,286
Asian	18 Million - 6%	120,000 - 5%	666
Other	6 Million - 2%	24,000 - 1%	400

Okay, I think you get the point. There are a lot of black people in our jails and prisons.



I can tell you one thing – I would sure hate to be in jail with these characters!

Why are there so many blacks in the U.S. correctional system? I will provide three views on why this is the case. The first view is from black community leaders like Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton, the NAACP, and bleeding heart liberals. The second view is from an unnamed source I found on the Internet. The third view is from our nation’s police force and most white people like myself.

First View (Black Community Leaders)

- White people commit just as many crimes as blacks but the American justice system discriminates against blacks.
- Police discriminate. Police departments have engaged in campaigns of stopping and frisking people who are walking, mostly black people without cause.

- Police traffic stops also racially target people in cars. Black drivers are 31 percent more likely to be pulled over than white drivers and Hispanic drivers are 23 percent more likely to be pulled over than white drivers.
- Once stopped, Blacks and Latinos are also more likely to be searched.
- People with money will just pay the traffic fines. But for poor black people, fines are a real hardship. And we know unpaid tickets can lead to jail.
- Almost half the arrests these days are for drugs and half of those are for marijuana. Despite the fact that Black and white people use marijuana at the same rates, a black person is 4 times more likely to be arrested for possession of marijuana than a white person.
- The bail system penalizes poor black people. Every day there are about 500,000 people are in jails, who are still presumed innocent and awaiting trial, just because they are too poor to pay money to get out on bail.

Second View (Unnamed Source on the Internet)

- Black people are *uneducated* because they drop out of school.
- Black people are *undisciplined*.
- Black people have *no respect for authority*.
- Black people *live in projects where they commit crimes and do drugs*.
- Black people *don't have jobs. So they have no money. White people work*.
- Black people want the *things that white people have. So they steal them*.



- *Sometimes black people are caught. They go to jail. Jails and prisons are filled with black people for a reason.*

Third View (My Views which corresponds with most Police Departments)

- That second view is pretty accurate for the inner city black population.
- However, I believe that most black people are good law bidding citizens but there are many more blacks (especially in our large cities) than whites that are breaking the law.
- Police are not targeting blacks. It might seem that way because more blacks break the law and the police are just doing their job.
- For example, there have been 474 people murdered in Chicago in the first 8 months of this year (2016). Chicago police are expecting to see more than 4,000 people shot by the end of this year. In Chicago, blacks commit 76% of all murders and 75% of all shooting victims are black.
- Being a Police Officer in a big U.S. city is one of the most dangerous jobs in the world.
- Just in case you were wondering, white people make up 45% of the population in Chicago – black people make up 33% of the population.
- Black activists make the problem worse. Whenever a black person is shot by the police, these idiots rush to the scene and are quick to blame the police and encourage people to riot. They never ever blame the black criminal who has no respect for the law.
- I do agree that U.S. drug laws need changing. They are too strict and do penalize poor people more than the wealthy.
- Bottom line: There are more blacks in jail and prison because more black people break the law.

Soapbox Time – Why do so many black people break the law and end up in jail?

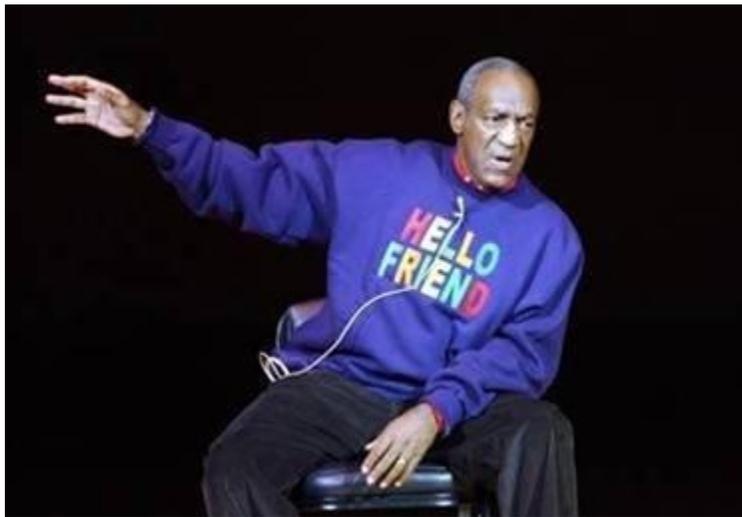
Here is my theory. The black inner city culture is the problem. Let me explain what I mean by this. First of all, what is the black inner city culture?

- **Blacks live in highly segregated and deeply impoverished neighborhoods.**
- **There is chronic unemployment – Most people have little or no money.**
- **Many black families live on welfare and other public assistance programs.**
- **Many black families are fatherless! Kids live with their mother or relatives.**
- **Kids grow up having no respect for authority (i.e. mostly the police)**
- **Violence in the streets is a daily occurrence.**
- **Gangs rule the streets at night (and sometimes during the day).**
- **Drug use is extremely high.**
- **The crime rate is extremely high.**

- **Racial discrimination is extremely high – If you are not black, don't ever go into one of these neighborhoods at night – You will be beaten and/or killed.**
- **Most black people living in the projects or slums have no hope for living a normal life – most don't know what a normal life is.**

It is not politically correct to give advice or to say anything bad about the poor blacks living in the inner cities of our nation. I have only heard two black men say anything negative about the situation. Bill Cosby and Charles Barkley.

Bill Cosby Tells US Blacks the Truth



'They're standing on the corner and they can't speak English. I can't even talk the way these people talk...

Why you ain't

Where you is

What he drive

Where he stay

Where he work

Who you be...

And I blamed the kid until I heard the mother talk.

And then I heard the father talk.

Everybody knows it's important to speak English except these knuckleheads. You can't be a doctor with that kind of crap coming out of your mouth.

In fact, you will never get any kind of job making a decent living. People marched and were hit in the face with rocks to get an education, and now we've got these knuckleheads walking around.

The lower economic people are not holding up their end in this deal.

These people are not parenting. They are buying things for kids. \$500 sneakers for what??

And they won't spend \$200 for Hooked on Phonics.

I am talking about these people who cry when their son is standing there in an orange suit.

Where were you when he was 2??

Where were you when he was 12??

Where were you when he was 18 and how come you didn't know that he had a pistol??

And where is the father?? Or, who is his father?

People putting their clothes on backward, isn't that a sign of something gone wrong?

People with their hats on backward, pants down around the crack, isn't that a sign of something?

Or, are you waiting for Jesus to pull his pants up?

Isn't it a sign of something when she has her dress all the way up and got all type of needles [piercing] going through her body?

What part of Africa did this come from??

We are not Africans. Those people are not Africans. They don't know a thing about Africa.

With names like Shaniqua, Taliqua and Mohammed and all of that crap, and all of them are in jail.

Brown or black versus the Board of Education is no longer the white person's problem.

We have got to take the neighborhood back.

People used to be ashamed. Today, a woman has eight children with eight different 'husbands' -- or men or whatever you call them now.

We have millionaire football players who cannot read.

We have million-dollar basketball players who can't write two paragraphs.

We, as black folks have to do a better job. Someone working at Wal-Mart with seven kids... you are hurting us.

We have to start holding each other to a higher standard.

We cannot blame the white people any longer.

It's NOT about color... It's about behavior !!!

I know Bill Cosby has got his own problems right now but what he said in this speech at the 2004 NAACP awards was the truth then and still is even more so today.

Charles Barkley: Blacks keep each other down, not whites or cops



NBA legend Charles Barkley was recently interviewed by a local Philadelphia radio station about the current racial issues plaguing America. During the interview, Barkley stated that “unintelligent,” “brainwashed” African-Americans are the ones keeping successful ones down, not white people, or cops.

“Unfortunately, as I tell my white friends, we as black people, we’re never going to be successful, not because of you white people, but because of other black people. When you’re black, you have to deal with so much crap in your life from other black people. It’s a dirty, dark secret; I’m glad it’s coming out.”

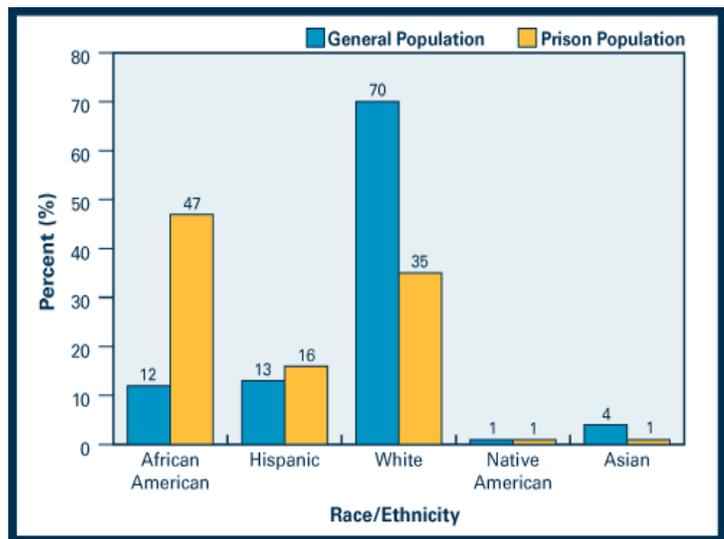
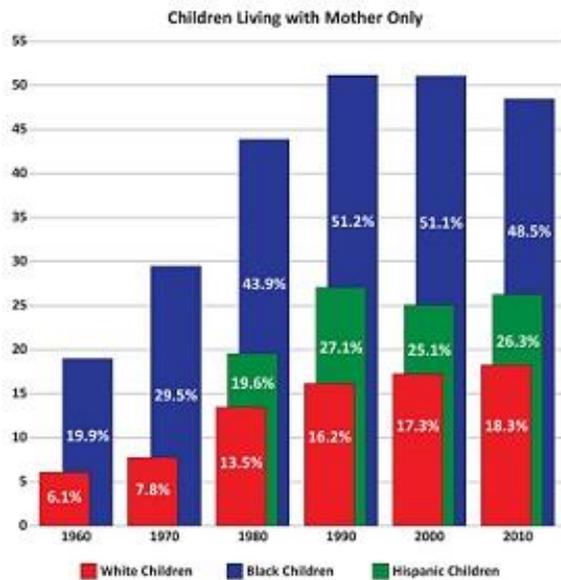
What prompted Charles Barkley’s response was a question posed to him on the radio show, “Afternoons with Anthony Gargano and Rob Ellis;” he was asked about a rumor that Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson was being accused by his fellow teammates of not being “black enough.”

“One of the reasons we’re never going to be successful as a whole, because of other black people. And for some reason we are brainwashed to think, if you’re not a thug or an idiot, you’re not black enough. If you go to school, make good grades, speak intelligent, and don’t break the law, you’re not a good black person. And it’s a dirty, dark secret.”

“There are a lot of black people who are unintelligent, who don’t have success, It’s best to knock a successful black person down because they’re intelligent, they speak well, they do well in school, and they’re successful...We’re the only ethnic group who say, ‘Hey, if you go to jail, it gives you street cred.’ It’s just typical BS that goes on when you’re black, man.”

I agree 100% with both Bill Cosby and Charles Barkley.

If I had to pick one key issue that is causing our jails and prisons to be overcrowded with black people - it is "FATHERLESS HOMES". There is a direct relationship between the percentage of black kids growing up in fatherless homes and the percentage of black people in jail and prison. The charts below show that about 49% of black children grow up in fatherless homes and U.S. prison population for blacks is about 47%. I rest my case.



The fatherless home is the most significant family or social problem facing America today. Most social problems -- crime, drug abuse, unwed pregnancy and abortion, youth suicide, school dropouts and the like -- are the direct consequence of fatherless households.

The following is a sample of the risks faced by fatherless children:

- 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes.
- 85% of all children that exhibit behavioral disorders come from fatherless homes.
- 80% of rapists motivated with displaced anger come from fatherless homes.
- 71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes.
- Fatherless children are at dramatically greater risk of drug and alcohol abuse.
- Fatherless children are 5 times more likely to smoke cigarettes.
- 70% of juveniles in state-operated institutions come from fatherless homes.

- **85% of all people sitting in U.S. jails and prisons grew up in a fatherless home.**

Okay, I got a little off track there but I think you got my main points:

- **The U.S. has more people behind bars than any other country.**
- **More people are in prison for drug offenses than any other crime.**
- **There are more black people in prison than any other race.**
- **The inner city black culture is the primary reason for this.**
- **Blacks have the highest rate of fatherless homes.**
- **The fatherless home is the most significant family or social problem facing America today.**

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