

Bottom Line!

It's business! The military-industrial-complex. The War on Poverty! The War on Drugs! Health care! War on Terror!

Once Business recognized that there is profit to be had by investing in the Criminal Justice System they joined the enterprise.

Government! State and Federal? offer the opportunity to procure profit that is guaranteed for business as tax dollars are poured into projects created by legislation offered as solution to the dilemma of crime in society!

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In the early 80's? there were about four-hundred-fifty-thousand prisoners being held in local, state, and Federal jails and prisons.

Most of them were criminals? charged, convicted, then sentenced for the criminal offenses they perpetrated.

The mass media began focusing upon crime broadcasting and reporting "On the scene" up close and personal. Allowing public access to the spectacle of actual criminal activity.

Ratings soared as the focus gave more and more fuel to the fears, that the

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people developed, imagining that they
could easily become a victim.

Politicians seized upon the opportunity
to exploit those fears and began to
enunciate solutions through slogans.

"Just say No!" and "Get Tough!"

"Lock 'em Up - Throw away the Key!"

"Make My Day?" Became catch-phrases
that led to: longer prison terms - No Parole-
Mandatory Minimums - and the re-institu-
tion of Capital Punishment!

Politicians claimed that those methods
would control the imagined Crime Wave!

Obviously? The dealing with Crime by

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the Justice System would require an investment of Tax Dollars. But in the beginning funding what was a War? was not an issue. Few even considered the cost.

In fact? Most prisons did not require an abundance of Tax Revenue to operate because there were not an abundance of prisoners overcrowding the system.

Once Business became involved the number of prisoners, as well as the cost to hold them - began to increase exponentially!

In the 90's the economic Boom that was fueled by the extension of credit to

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to virtually anyone? simply gave rise
to the Business of selling the people
on the idea that they could participate in
curtailing the crime wave that was
still so prevalent in society - according
to the media. an entire "Industry" was
created - promulgated by legislators, film
makers, newsrooms, and lawmen.

Guns! Home Security! Protection Devices!

Lessons on Self Defense? Became part
of the industry.

It seemed that the "people" had forgotten
that they were told that the laws? and
the policies put into effect (in the 80's)

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would solve the problem of Crime.

But by then the Industry had found a prominent place in the employment of Criminal Justice and that Industry? just like the Military-Industrial-Complex would use any and all of it's power to sustain itself within the system.

These days? "Finally"? When the "Economy" serves only the "Super-Rich" the Tax Revenue is now limited, and choices about how the revenue will be dispersed has cast light upon the Expense of maintaining a Justice System that has nothing to do with the administration of Justice!

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For the past thirty-seven years I have been imprisoned for some horrific crimes that I did not commit! But that is an issue that is not a major concern of most people so I won't go there! (at this time) But in the past thirty-seven years? I have had the Personal Experience of learning (through observation and personal involvement) just what the system is all about in America! "The Land of the Free" there are more prisoners locked up than in all of the rest of the First World nations combined. The population of prisons (these days?) are

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not the same as populations "Back In The
Day!"

Before the "War On Crime?" prisons were
housing "Criminals" who had perpetrated
crimes because they had "No Regard For The
Law!" To day? Most of those in prison
aren't "Criminals" they've just perpetrated
criminal activity.

They're not Robbers! Thieves! Burglars!
Con Men!

They are addicts! Gang-Bangers! Cowards and
Weaklings — mis-educated and un-educated.
Easily led, and afraid. Afraid of the notion
of making it in the Free World. They are

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(most of them) comfortable in prison. It's
safer (in here?) than in their own neighbor-
hoods on the streets. Many of them cannot
return to the very hood's (they claim) be-
cause while they've been in prison? their
"hood's" have been taken over by "Youngster's"
who they know will exact revenge upon
them for things they did when they were
"Rulin The Hood"

One of the reasons so many of them don't
even get out of halfway houses or manage
house arrest!

Most neighborhoods in urban communities
are much more violent than prison - and these

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 prisoners know it! They realize that
 the tv show "Just ~~of~~ "Forty Eight" is
 a sure example of what they may have
 to face in the Free World.

so in reality? many of them don't mind
 being told what to do? and when to do it
 by mis - and uneducated people in
 so-called "authorities" over them

Crime Pays! It provides jobs for many
 incapable of finding a better paying job (with
 benefits) and a few who derive large
 profits from a taxpayer funded system

It's all about: The Bottom Line! *mechanical*