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In 2016 race, Former Felons Votes also matter

I have been incarcerated for about seventeen years now. And I, have been involved in one struggle after another fighting oppression physically as well as using the most important weapon against prison staff is the pen. I have witnessed prisoners die due to prison staff and medical neglect. I have seen where prison staff would take certain prisoners they did not like and tell the prisoner, he has a medical appointment, but then take the prisoner to a blind spot with no cameras around and beat the prisoner without mercy. I have done most of my time in Max-Con, I-Con, and regular time in SEG; Max-Con is about a year's time, I-Con is about 6 months, and SEG is about 5 months or less. I have been in cells where mice roam. Where the air is so cold you can't even sleep or focus on anything for that matter because the only thing you are concerned with at that moment is to try and get warm somehow. I have been in cells where they keep the lights on all day and most of the night and the prison staff do this to make you suffer and not be able to get any sleep, also the prison staff will yell and scream and hollar to wake you up or to keep you awake. I have been in cells where the cells have blood and feces smeared on the walls and the floors of the cells.

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The Food that we eat has no nutritional value whatsoever. The doctor's and psychiatrist's give drugs and medication that are poor quality and has side effects that are very harmful to the prisoners, even sometimes can cause deaths. This is just some of the many injustices we prisoners face on a daily basis inside this belly of the beast prison system. Once a prisoner is released into society, the struggle is not over because now you are faced with the new Jim Crow. The new Jim Crow is! #1. Ex-Felons can't live in certain neighborhoods! #2. Ex-Felons can't work at certain jobs! #3. Ex-Felons can't own certain businesses! #4. Ex-Felons can't own firearms! #5. Ex-Felons cannot travel to most countries! And if you are a habitual Felon in North Carolina, and get convicted of a minor Felony you can go back to prison for a very long time. For these above reasons, that's why I, have decided to join the 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Black Panther, in North Carolina. Which focus on voter registration and voter education. In Prison I, focus on educating prisoners around me on voting rights and registrations so when they eventually leave prison they will be able to vote and help other ex-felons vote as well. The reason ex-felons votes matter is because by your voting for a particular politician to hold office, that politician will make, pass, or enforce laws and statutes that effect your everyday life to how you get treated in prison to how you get treated in society as well. Another thing we ex-felons and felons alike need to do is groom our potential candidate for office, so that we can be assured this politician represents us on the issues. As you can tell by now that in North Carolina, Ex-felons have the right to vote.

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This is a written copy of the National Intelligence For African American Communities. Guide For Knowing North Carolina Prisoner Voting Rights; By The Minister of Self Defense of The 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Black Panther; Comrade Willie Worley Jr. IF you are serving time for a misdemeanor or awaiting trial for a felony in North Carolina, you can vote. Here is how you can vote in the next election. #1. You must register to vote if you already have not. You can obtain a mail-in voter registration from your County Board of Election Office or Public Library, or online at [www.sboe.state.nc.us](http://www.sboe.state.nc.us). #2. Always use the address of the place you would live if you were not in prison when asked on the registration form. Include your full address on the registration form so that the County Board of Elections can have you listed in proper voting district. To find out your County Board of Elections, contact the State Board of Elections. The address can be found at the end of this guide. Part of your Social Security number may be requested if you can't produce a photo copy of your driver's license. #3. Make sure the County Board of Elections receives your complete form 25 days before the election if you are planning on voting during that upcoming election. If you are not planning to participate, voter registration is permanent so you don't have to worry about registering for future elections. #4. A card will be sent to your address that you listed on your registration form by the County Board of Elections. It will have the name of your precinct and your polling place (where you will vote). Voting: Now that you have been informed on how to register as a misdemeanor and person awaiting trial, here is how you vote. #1. You can vote by mail by using an "Absentee Ballot" if you are going to be incarcerated during election time. #2. To receive an Absentee Ballot, send a signed written request to your County Board of Elections after becoming a registered voter:

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Absentee Ballots are available 50 days before election time, up until 5 p.m. on the Tuesday a week before an election. #3. Registering to vote and requesting an Absentee Ballot can be done together. Just make sure your request to your County Board of Elections is mailed early enough to meet all deadline (register no later than 25 days before election). #4. IF it is determined by your Board of Elections that you meet the requirements to vote, documents to verify your name and address may be asked to send in to your County Board of Elections. You have the option of having your absentee ballot mailed to any address including your jail or green clothes prison where you are serving your misdemeanor time, no matter where you send it, just as long as only you vote the Absentee Ballot. Make sure you follow every and all the instructions on the Absentee Ballot. IF not, your Ballot will not count. Voting Intel For Former Felons: #1. IF you are a Former Felon that was a registered voter you must register again in your current county of residence. #2. Do not try to register if you are still on probation or parole. Your sentence must be absolutely complete. #3. You have many options for registering. You can register by mail using a mail-in voter registration form. This form can be obtained by calling or writing your County Board of Elections office, visiting a public library, or online at [www.sboe.state.nc.us](http://www.sboe.state.nc.us). #4. New laws call for you to show I.D. For voting at your polling place. IF you register by mail you will be asked to produce a copy of your driver's license or include part of your Social Security Number. The form must be complete in full, correctly, so you can be listed in your proper voting district. #5. The County Board of Elections will send you a card to the address you listed on the form with the name of your precinct and the polling place where you can go vote.

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#6. IF you move within your county, notify your County Board of Elections of your new residence. IF you move to a new county or state, Re-REGISTER to Vote in your New County or State. IF you have any additional questions about voters registration, Absentee Ballots, or Finding information about your County Board of Elections, contact: State Board of Elections, P.O. Box 27255, Raleigh, N.C. 27611-7255, (919) 733-7173, website: [www.sboe.state.nc.us](http://www.sboe.state.nc.us). Federal law prohibits discrimination in voting practices on the basis of race, color, previous condition of servitude, sex, disability, being a member of a language minority, or age if you are 18 years of age or older. IF you are convicted of a Felony in North Carolina you temporarily lose citizenship including your right to vote. Any prior registration you had before your Felony conviction is cancelled by the County Board of Elections with no action on your part. ANY ATTEMPT TO REGISTER TO VOTE WHILE YOU ARE AN ACTIVE FELON IS A FELONY, although Felons can't vote in North Carolina, Prisoners can support any candidate without the Prison administrations interference. No matter if it is for the "Primary Elections" or "General Elections". Sections 11(b.) Voting Rights Act of 1965 states: No person whether acting under color of law or otherwise, shall intimidate, threaten, or coerce, or attempt to intimidate, threaten, or coerce, any person for voting or attempting to vote, or intimidate, threaten, or coerce or attempt to intimidate, threaten, or coerce, any person aiding any person to vote or attempt to vote, or intimidate, threaten, or coerce any person for exercising any powers or duties under Section 3(a) 6, 8, 9, 10, or 12(e). ! Prophet Noble Drew Ali told the Moors, Get a good European Education and I, can use you! The education he is talking about is politics and civics, Also Law and Economics. And by getting a good education we can slow down the process of so many poor minorities coming to prison. Remember Law Governs all events.....

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