

APWA,

8/13/17

I received your letter on 8/8/17. Once again thank you for allowing us (the forgotten men and women in America's penal system).

I want to say this and give you guys a certain perspective. 95% of prisoners suffer from some sort mental illness.

85% go undiagnosed. Physical incarceration only enhance the symptoms.

Imagine taking a human who already has a fragile existence then depriving him of the simplest of human comforts i.e.

a sincere smile, a hug, concern or intimate touch from a significant other.

What is expected to happen to this human? Is <sup>he/she</sup> expected to become a loving compassionate person? Is he/she expected to thrive upon he/she release back into society?

If these things are expected of the prisoner, then those who implement these sadistic tactics are not only irrational, but diabolical.

Most believe that this anger and erratic behavior is justified. Now that is ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> rational. The root of the

Criminal mindset is ignorance. Lack of self worth and hopelessness.

Society must focus on boosting the confidence of the down trodden. Educating the ignorant and restore hope in the forgotten and wretched of the earth.

Humbly Submitted,  
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I will send the 2nd part of my essay soon.