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"Mass Incarceration: The Root Cause" & "A Look into Juvenile Incarcerations"

My essays on Mass incarceration may likely extend to (3) ^{*0} Parts:

The Root (Courts) The Base (Financial) and The Peak (Actual Crime).

I would like to note that Prison Management is the reason for M.I.

As well. But this topic ties-in better from a different view. The following words

can resonate with many and I hope they will enlighten you and others. With

that said: I was 12 when I got placed into the Justice System by my Mother.

I was a troubled child and with my Mother's father being a former Deputy, she

thought involving Law Enforcement was a way to 'straighten me'. She didn't know that

once the system has you, it won't let you go, but for some reason, I did and on

the way to meet the one who would be my Probation officer for the next (5)

years, I told her 'I hated her'. That, 'she wasn't my mom'. That hurt her bad and

we were both left crying apart; I, because she submitted me and not the

system. Her, because she thought she was doing right as a Mother. It made me worse as it forced me into the roll of a Rebel. Once in the system, I was a Open Book to read on a officers Computer. Just being identified as one who's in the system was enough for officers to try to charge me for something. They'd see me in the system and say, "Doooh! So you're a tough guy huh?" - I first met a District Attorney (DA) in Juvenile Court at 12 YO. I had a Court Appointed Attorney to represent me and it was he who spoke first to the Judge on my progress. Finally, I had someone who would speak on the good I've been doing. When he finished, it was this Ladys [DA] turn to go and she had nothing but bad things to say. It was totally absurd because it wasn't about anything serious; F in Math Class due to sleeping, Not home by 6pm, talking back to my mom. (PreTeen stuff). But what really astounded me was her Verbal assault. Exaggerated words, downright lies, the Passion in which she spoke that

made me seem to the Court like Scum to the Point to which I went from looking at the Judge, to looking around my Lawyer to see who this 'Lady' is. A total stranger going at me like she actually knows me. I was stunned! Man, I was short, or maybe He was just tall cause my lawyer looked down at me when I pulled his coat. I asked, (M.) "Who is that lady?" (L.) "That's the prosecutor." (M.) "Why is she talking like that about me?" (L.) "That's her job; my job is to argue against her." - Reader, that experience will be with me for the rest of my life. As I sit here, I wonder how much trauma I could've avoided going through if it wasn't her job to make me appear to be the worst person that she could convince the Court of me being. (Very long Pause) ... The trauma truly hits harder years later when you actually understand what you originally went through. Former kids, victim of rape/molestation can relate to this feeling. Writing this, I see that there were

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many factors that resulted in my being incarcerated in 'Juvie', but in relations to Mass Incarceration, everyone has the same Common Denominator and that being the DA. To give yourself a visual of what I am speaking of and will be speaking of, Watch the Movie: Snitch - Starring Dwayne (The Rock) Johnson. If you want to truly understand; Watch it. - A lot of DA's are appointed/reappointed based on a huge part to their 'Conviction record', Wins & losses; a loss being a stain to their record & reputation; a reputation they nurture, Proun and Cherish. Think of how many Courts there are in Counties across America and how many DAs in these Courts go to work looking for a Conviction. Think of how many Families are torn apart due to a prosecutors selfish Pursuits; Watch the Movie: Law abiding Citizen starring Jamie Foxx. The focus is how the 'DA let the guy walk in order to get him on Bigger Charges. The Kid in 'Snitch'.

think about how much he endured! Look at how much his family sacrificed to help him. I know it's a movie, but it's the Moral of the story that is the Foundation FOR the Movie, a Foundation that strikes right at the heartlessness that's prominent in our Justice system. The system was ready to send this good kid away for a very long-time because he got caught up in someone else's bullshit; Bullshit that he wasn't so much as Planning For. I know this is suppose to be a essay, so I'll add a personal touch to add credibility to my argument. I was 18 with a clean record, finally free of the system. A girl (Associate of a friend) came to our house requesting help to pick up some metal from a house belonging to a guy she knew. Her plan was to trade for cash at the junk yard. I questioned her about this and I believed everything was kosher.

so we drove to the house, I loaded the Metal and used my I.D. at the junk yard to trade, (15) minutes later the cops showed and arrested me. I was charged with Obtaining Property by False Pretense and I was convicted because the girl wrote a statement claiming I orchestrated the entire thing and I just used her for a ride!

The Courts don't care about the extent of guilt, even if it's just guilt of being gullible; Every grain will be used against you. Think back to when I was 12. I was a child. Goddammit, I was a child and I was treated like the scum of the sewer! Sleeping in glass, used against me in a Criminal Courtroom! I should've known years later to expect that same cruelty. I wish the problem was just a DA's Ego and ambition that needs be addressed to bring about fair, equal balance of justice in our Courtrooms; For if it was just that, all that would need to be

done is to change a DA's philosophical idea of what it means to be a District Attorney; that current philosophy being: Execute. For when compassion and empathy is removed from justice, an execution is what follows in all cases, for the truth no longer matters; only what the court can be convinced of, matters. It's troubling that that is how it is today which leads to huge numbers of people being sent to prison for things that should either (A) not warrant a prison sentence to (B) not warrant an as lengthy sentence. More troubling is a 2nd factor that needs to be added to this equation that which turns this battle we are fighting, into a bloody war. That is, Politics. Politics is the core ruler of our government. There will always be a deal to be made, a debt to pay, a favor to ask, a grudge to settle. In this aspect, it's your ass or your cash that will be devoured if you Dear

Reader, are to find yourself in the Defendants Chair. If you have a
 Court appointed Lawyer in which there are two types ^{*1} (1) will fight tooth
 and nail for you. (2) will use you. In (2), your devoured Ass may find
 itself a bunk to rest on in a prison. Politicks in our justice system
 translates to Corruption and opens more doors to Prison Cells for
 People to be placed that can't afford to dabble in Politicks. If we
 are to win this battle, it would need to come from Law Changes
 and the release of Inmates who aren't deemed a threat to society;
 and in order to do that, we must convince those who call themselves
 Conservatives ^R that all Inmates aren't brutal Murderers and Rapists.

Yeah, I hear ya'll on the radios and I'm going to tell you like you

tell the masses, ^{*2} "Do your research." Get your heads out of your

asses and do your research! There's ^{*3} Drug Addicts, Folks who

chose prison over being broke and Homeless, Folks who simply made a mistake that they learned from, Folks who the system failed because its all about Executions and Politicks because ^{*4} 'Social Justice Warriors' are calling for Incarcerations of Law-abiding Citizens in order to feel like they accomplished something when all that they actually accomplished was the further Corruption of the Justice System. Mass Incarceration is a National Problem and affects the lower and middle class, "Your Ass or your Cash". If we are to liberate this oppressed Nation, it must come from the Legislative Branch of Government; for only there, the absolute High-Ground; can we bring absolute change in principle into our Courts; principles that stand for: True Justice, Compassion, Higher standards of legal representation, a fair, balanced scale that doesn't tilt from 0.05 scruples of inconsequential guilt or tilt

the Other Way For Currency[∞] Infinity. The D.As are the Problem,

politicks are the Problem, Corruption is the Problem; And they

must be reined in. Like I said; A bloody War.

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* 0 - If not, it's noted that those are a result of. N.G.

* 1 - A third type; indifferent

* 2 - Talk Radio D. Lash, Sub. Sergio Sanchez (09-07-2020, approx. 10pm)

speaking on prisoners, "If you can't do the time, don't do the crime."

* 3 - Talk Radio Host; Mark Levina (12-10-2020, 6:18-19pm)

acknowledges, "There's a lot of people in prison that has Drug Problems."

* 4 - After a D.A. declared the killing of a man by a Former Service member' self-Defense,

Civilian's protest; causing the D.A. to appoint a special investigator. The Service man killed himself as a result.