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Locked Down again on The John B. Connally Unit, Near San Antonio, Texas. The Reason? Short of Staff. That's The Popular Excuse That The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) uses to keep us Locked Up. To Feed us Johnnies, i.e.: (Brown Sack Meals, consisting of a P B and J and a Meat Sandwich).

I suppose it is Cheaper to Feed Sack Meals Rather Than A Balanced Nutritional Meal. These Conditions Violate our Civil Rights as well as Keeping us Locked Down with No Recreation.

It is also Cheaper to Not Hire the 3500+ Prison Guards Needed to Run TDCJ-ID Properly. But Prison Officials Claim Officer Retention, and The Booming Economy as an Excuse for Not being Able to Hire New Prison Guards.

The Truth is That Texas Prisons could Hire Anyone That They Want. There is Not Any Requirement for employment That I Know

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of. NO High School DIPLOMA OR GED? NO PROBLEM. There is NOT EVEN a PSYCHOLOGICAL SCREENING, AS MUCH AS TDCJ NEEDS TO PUT ONE IN PLACE. All you need to do is KNOW HOW TO COUNT. Bilingual is Preferred, AND THAT BRINGS me TO my NEXT ARGUMENT.

There are Millions of New IMMIGRANTS THAT HAVE come ACROSS the Boarder Seeking a better Life in America. Why NOT Hire Bilingual IMMIGRANTS TO WORK AS PRISON GUARDS? Surely they CAN COUNT! I AM sure a Legislative Remedy could be Reached THAT would ENSURE a PATHWAY TO employment. These People would have a JOB! PROBLEM SOLVED.

OH wait, There is ONE PROBLEM TO THIS THOUGHT EXPERIMENT. IT'S RACISM IN TEXAS. The STATE of Texas is controlled by Right Wing REPUBLICANS THAT CANT see The COLOR Beyond Their NOSES. Classism is ALSO A

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MAJOR PROBLEM IN TEXAS. THE LOWEST CLASS OFFENDERS / INMATES OR IMMIGRANTS, WHO KNOWS?

PROBLEM NUMBER TWO IS THAT TEXAS DOES NOT WANT TO SPEND THE MONEY ON SALARIES TO FULLY STAFF THE PRISON SYSTEM. BEING UNDERSTAFFED IS A GOOD EXCUSE TO KEEP OFFENDERS LOCKED DOWN. I SEE IT DAILY IN THE STAFFS' ATTITUDE TOWARDS INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS. ITS, "LOCKEM UP AND THROW AWAY THE KEY", MENTALITY. I MUST BE AN EMPATH, I CAN FEEL THE HATE.

REGARDLESS OF THE BROWNIE POINTS GOVERNOR GREG ABBOT RECEIVES FOR AN ENLARGED RAINY DAY FUND. HE WANTS POLITICAL POINTS FOR LOWERING PROPERTY TAXES AND BUILDING THE WALL ACROSS THE MEXICAN BORDER. HE ALSO SAID IN HIS 2023 STATE OF THE STATE SPEECH, THAT HE WANTS TO KEEP PRISONERS LOCKED UP LONGER.

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These PRISON UNITS are crumbling AND Deteriorating. We live in UNSANITARY CONDITIONS, SEWER WATER COMING OUT OF PIPECHASERS INTO THE CELLS. The Plumbers have told us they do NOT HAVE THE PARTS TO FIX PROBLEMS.

However the UNIT ADMINISTRATION Regularly PAINTS Beautiful MURALS ON THE Polished FLOORS where VISITORS CAN See "FRESH PAINT". EVERY Cell I've been in had ~~PEELING~~ PAINT. ON THE MARK STILES UNIT IN Beaumont, TEXAS; There is NO PAINT ON THE WALLS IN THE CELLS, PERIOD!

Since the 1990's TACT-ID has been in Decline. PRISON CONDITIONS have deteriorated. IN the 90's our Recreational Coaches were Fired. THEN TACT TOOK OUR FREE WEIGHTS. We used TO Play SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS. We ALMOST NEVER Get RECREATION, ONLY RARELY. We used TO Get DESERTS every meal. NOW ONLY ONCE a week and ON HOLIDAYS. NO CONDIMENTS, BUTTER, CATSUP, MAYO, PICKLES, JALAPINOS. THAT

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COSTS MONEY. All I see every meal is Beans, a meat, bread and 2 more veggies. ALWAYS CARROTS, Peas, POTATOES, GREEN BEANS. THAT'S it!

They ARE Really SKIMPING Down here in The GREAT STATE of Texas, with GREG ABBOT'S "Booming economy". SLAVERY is ALIVE AND Well IN Texas, OFFENDERS ARE NOT HUMAN AND DO NOT DESERVE HUMAN RIGHTS IN Texas.

* HISTORICAL NOTE * Since The 1990's Texas has had Republican GOVERNORS. ANN RICHARDS WAS The LAST DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR. ANN RICHARDS ADMINISTRATION SAW GREAT IMPROVEMENTS IN AA AND DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS MAINTAINING The PRISON SYSTEM.

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