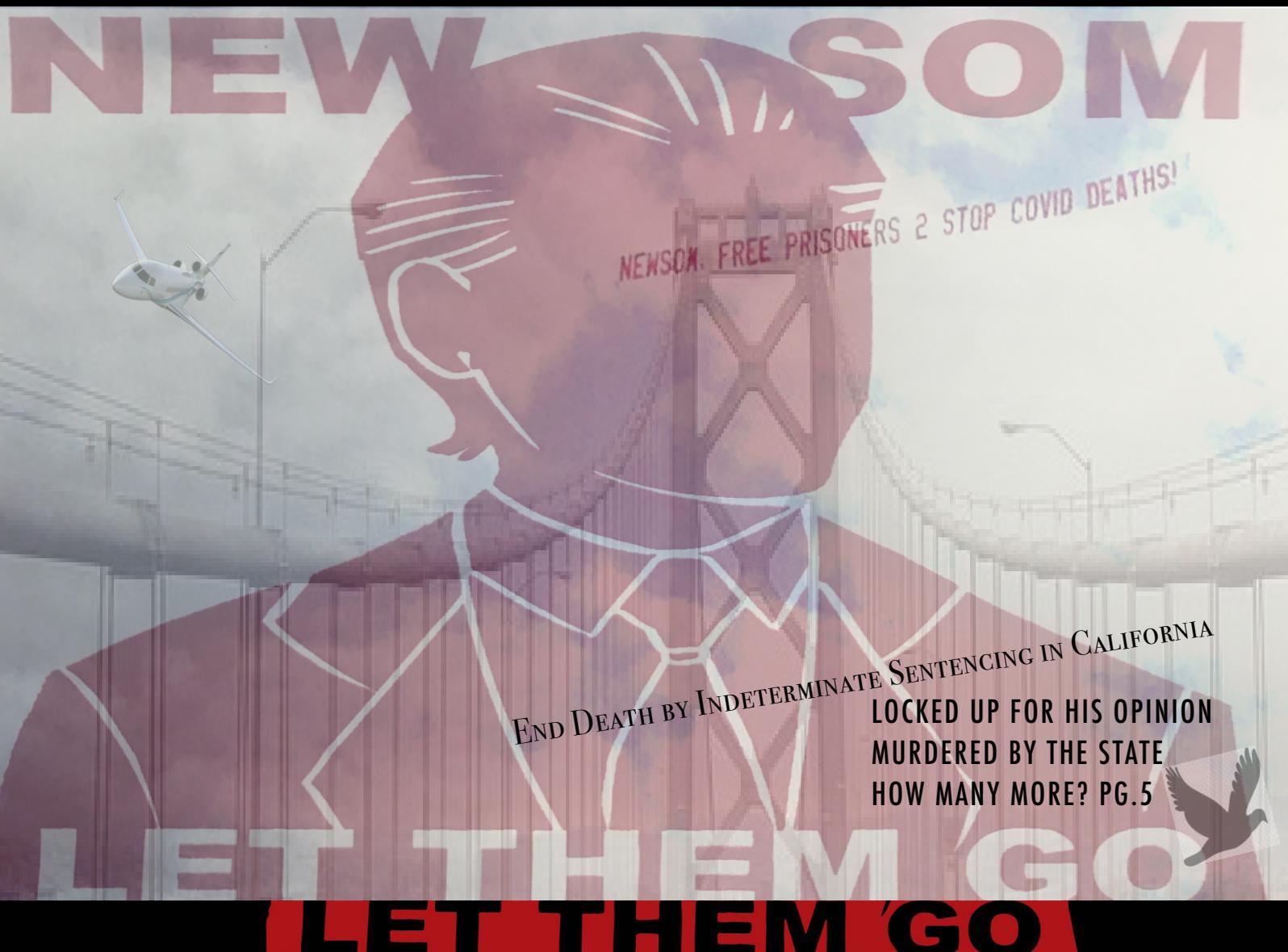


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The 'No More' Edition
Blood on their hands

24 HRS. AGO

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END DEATH BY INDETERMINATE SENTENCING IN CALIFORNIA
LOCKED UP FOR HIS OPINION
MURDERED BY THE STATE
HOW MANY MORE? PG.5

LET THEM GO

Freeing one is freeing a community. End All Hostilities.

THE AGREEMENT 2 COME HOME

We demand a Strategic Community Release Board to be at the forefront of all parole-related public safety decisions and demand that all of the following individuals are considered for expedited release immediately by the SCRB.

1. Everybody 60 and above should be considered for expedited release, immediately, by the SCRB in the interest of justice.
2. Any prisoner that has suffered an ailment that could lead to their death should be considered for expedited release, immediately, by the SCRB in the interest of justice.
3. Any prisoner who has been incarcerated 25 to 30 years should be considered for expedited release, immediately, by the SCRB in the interest of justice.
4. Any prisoner subjected to indefinite punishment based on violation reports (ie: RVRs, 115s) which are being treated as felonies by the Board of Parole Hearings. Those who have suffered the consequences of this double jeopardy should be considered for expedited release, immediately, by the SCRB in the interest of justice.
5. We demand an end to civil death by indeterminate sentencing and that all those that meet any of the above, especially those who have a support system, adequate housing, jobs etc. should be considered for expedited release, immediately, by the SCRB, in the interest of justice.

In conclusion, indefinite sentencing is a punishment that never ends, and leads to a civil death. This is a violation of the U.S. Constitution, falling under cruel and unusual punishment, which human beings, in particular

Some thoughts on the Agreement 2 Come Home...

Dear Minister King X:

When these few words reach you, I hope they'll find you in the best of optimal health, whilst being brave and sagacious in struggle. As for myself, trying to take advantage of the socio-political climate and get liberated while the opportunity exists... I must admit to being proud to see you advancing your core beliefs...

With regard to your campaign, "The Agreement 2 come home." I believe it will carry more muster if you put the force of law behind it. Meaning, getting initiatives on the ballot for the tax payers to vote on this November. Nothing impedes you from accomplishing this endeavor.

LWOP and Indeterminant sentencing are indeed death sentences. Social media has awakened a large percentage of somnambulant to the injustices being committed against the poor wretched of the earth. However, it'll require "Bunker Buster" penetrating demonstrable facts and dialogue to convince tax payers to support your initiative.

They don't seem to realize that implicitly biased practices, utilized by Law Enforcement Agencies, is the source of their continuing rising taxes year after year. Nevertheless, the mind penetrating Bunker Buster will arrive as soon as George Floyd's murderers are exonerated by a jury of their peers with a slap on the hand. Afrikans have always endured implicit bias in every arena of the Judicial Branches of government. The advantage we have now, is technology through social media satellites, if used as munitions in the struggle for criminal justice reform...

LWOP and indeterminant sentences violate a basic canon of federal law, which under the 14th Amendment, commands that "ALL" persons similarly situated be treated alike. The entire system of criminal justice, from its inception, was constructed upon fraudulent and invidious discriminatory incentive. It must be dismantled...

Right now... I'm enrolled in two advanced paralegal courses, plus Spanish, algebra and geometry... I was compelled to file a writ of mandamus and am in the process of striking up a new civil complaint now.

Keep advancing the cause to liberate the KAGED. In advance, I thank you for your time and activism and bid you a progressive year in genuine struggle... Stay free and healthy.

My truest regards!

Asar Tauf Shakanasa J.

also committed as E. Furnace

"Many prisoners rights groups erroneously believe that anything that strikes a blow at the injustice system is automatically morally correct, or a win for the revolutionary anti-imperialist prison movement. On it's face the ATCH seems noble enough. However, the fact of the matter is that many, if not most prisoners, just aren't ready to give up the anti-people behavior and/or criminal lumpen lifestyles that brought them to prison in the first place. The last thing we need is to get behind a program which advocates the potential release of prisoners who continue to engage in behavior that leaves the movement and its reputation in an even weaker position than it already is. It would be more beneficial to the imprisoned masses and the anti-imperialist prison movement if they focused on moving beyond the Agreement to End Hostilities by resolving the contradiction amongst themselves and naming that document the Agreement to Come Home. Change is an inside job! No amount of petitioning internment institutions will ever bring true freedom for the oppressed. Prisoners must look to themselves if they ever hope to achieve emancipation from both physical and psychological barriers."

"We have had some conversations that kind of came to the same conclusion in regards to "resolving the contradiction amongst themselves." We weren't as concerned about people getting out and committing crimes against the people as it seems this would benefit elders, but we are concerned with people getting out and riding off into the sunset. If these comrades were putting down clear, concrete plans for peace between lumpen orgs inside and out and dedicating themselves, as respected elders to this mission, then I think we could see this kind of campaign actually feeding our goals for real change."

OM-NAM-BU-LANT: resembling or characteristic of a sleepwalker; sluggish.
SA-GA-CIOUS: having or showing keen mental discernment and good judgment; shrewd.
IN-VID-I-OUS: likely to arouse or incur resentment or anger in others, unfairly. discriminating; unjust.

FREEDOM MOVEMENT DIRECTIVES

To all held captive in US prisons, jails and detention facilities in the United States of America, and around the World:
WE are THE NATIONAL FREEDOM MOVEMENT (NFM), we are building our leadership from the incarcerated community in local, state and federal institutions throughout America.

WE are organizing from behind enemy lines with the support of activists, advocates, and our loved ones.

WE declare *in unity* that:

On April 3, 2021, our Brother Peace Justice of Georgia issued the call for a 1 Million Families For Parole Rally. The NFM is supporting this call to action as part of our #APathwayToFreedom. The NFM, just like Brother Peace Justice, is demanding change to the parole systems around the nation, which includes implementation of our "Reuniting Families, Rebuilding People and Communities Parole Justice Bill," Our Parole Justice Bill would reinstate federal parole and establish objective mandatory parole criteria for every parole-eligible individual.

THE ONLY PATHWAYS TO FREEDOM THAT WE WILL EVER SEE ARE THOSE THAT WE CREATE OURSELVES.

PAROLE, like many components of the criminal justice system, has become a politicized institution that is controlled by investors, segments of the financial sector, prison guard unions, and private business interests. Parole Boards across the country are denying paroles at alarming rates with the intent of keeping prisons filled for political and financial interests. Boards are exercising their unlimited discretion to deny parole no matter the qualifications or readiness to re-enter society of the person being considered. This arbitrary and abusive exercise of discretion has now become even more deadly during the Covid-19 pandemic.

During the "tough on crime" and "war on drugs" era, the federal government enacted legislation like the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984, the Truth-In-Sentencing Act, and the Crime Bill of 1994 that forced states to enact legislation that facilitated keeping prisons filled beyond capacity - with no way out. These laws abolished federal parole and mandated that states scale back parole eligibility standards and grant rates. In addition, these federal laws incentivized states to create "violent offender" classifications, 85% laws, and more punitive parole boards that made early release on parole almost non-existent.

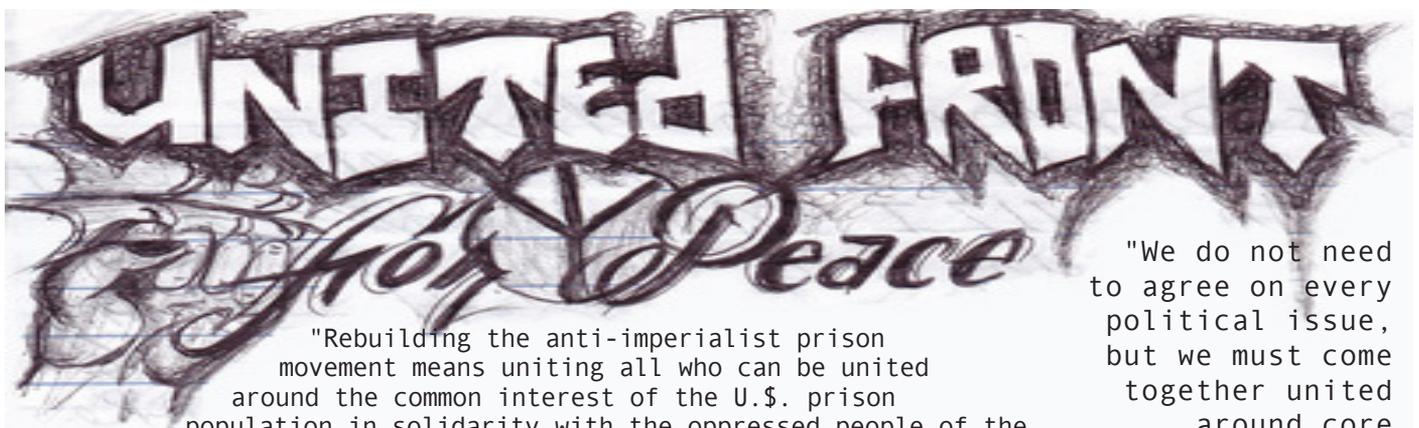
This call for Unity extends to all. We have to apply pressure on the federal and state governments to enact legislation to undo the damage caused by their "war on drugs.". The NFM is challenging parole and many other aspects of the PISC, but we have to be united if we are to be successful. We cannot allow ourselves to be divided by race, geography, class, national origin, affiliation, or any of the many other divisive strategies used by our captors to keep us from realizing our demand for freedom.

AS PART OF OUR PAROLE INITIATIVE AND APRIL 3, 2021 EVENT, WE DEMAND THE FOLLOWING:

No. 1 * We demand that federal parole be immediately reinstated.

No. 2 * We demand the creation of a mandatory parole criteria & curriculum based on the specific educational, rehabilitative and re-entry needs of every parole-eligible person.

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"Rebuilding the anti-imperialist prison movement means uniting all who can be united around the common interest of the U.S. prison population in solidarity with the oppressed people of the Third World..." Torture, abuse and lack of freedom faced by the oppressed nations and particularly the imprisoned population can only be addressed by building bridges along common interests and focusing our struggles on the real enemy - the imperialist state."

"We do not need to agree on every political issue, but we must come together united around core principles to build and fight"

The Maoist Internationalist Ministry of Prisons

LSPC and All of Us or None take a Stand Against Prison Slavery!

Legal Services for Prisoner with Children and All of Us or None recently sent a letter to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors requesting the adoption of a resolution to denounce structural racism and any vestiges of slavery. Below are excerpts:

We support them!

Dear Governor,

As you may know, California, a progressive state that boasts the 5th largest economy in the world, currently maintains an exception for involuntary servitude within Article 1 Section 6 of our Constitution. This is an embarrassing travesty considering California's reputation as a leader in civil and human rights... those incarcerated are subject to conditions in which they are legally permitted to be enslaved... In light of the racial disparities of those incarcerated and who therefore fall under these provisions, California is ultimately perpetuating the narrative of structural racism...

The origin of involuntary servitude has never been based on rehabilitation or justice. It has always been predicated upon the perceived loss of economic power in the South alongside bitterness and hatred against African Americans.

Almost immediately after the Civil War, laws were enacted to make it easy to incarcerate tens of thousands of black people and force them back onto plantations. Loitering unemployment and any minor infraction of Jim Crow laws were classified as felonies. Black people were convicted, sentenced, incarcerated and forced to work without pay. The amendment that initially appeared to grant the promise of freedom instead did quite the opposite, facilitating a wave of re-enslavement in the South. It was nothing short of an extended declaration of white supremacy.

In 1974, The California Constitution Revision Commission (Commission) successfully made edits to Article 1 of the California Constitution including the addition of section 6 as it reads now: "Slavery is prohibited. Involuntary servitude is prohibited except to punish crime.".... A lot has changed since 1974... There is not a more perfect time for California to act and secure our future while distinguishing ourselves from the past.

Passing a resolution to denounce structural racism and any vestiges of slavery within San Francisco does not mean such a communiqué would end the ongoing struggle to eradicate these injustices on a pragmatic level. However, it would move the needle forward in providing a moral and legal baseline in San Francisco safeguarding our rights as human beings... the current language in the California Constitution does not support human dignity and is inconsistent with California's narrative.

As a result of our ignoble history, we implore you as the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to do all you can and adopt a resolution to denounce structural racism any vestiges of slavery within San Francisco.

In Pursuit of Justice and Freedom, Dorsey Nunn
Executive Director, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children
CoFounder, All of Us or None

ACA3: A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by amending Section 6 of Article I thereof, **RELATING TO [THE END OF] INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE.** The California Constitution prohibits involuntary servitude except as punishment to a crime. This measure would remove that exception.

On December 2020, two-thirds of the membership of each house concurring, hereby propose to the people of the State of California, that the Constitution of the State be amended as follows:
That Section 6 of Article I thereof is amended to read: SEC. 6. ~~Slavery is prohibited. Involuntary servitude is prohibited except to punish crime. and involuntary servitude are prohibited.~~

Made in Amerika

No Need to Exploit Labor Overseas when Domestic Exploitation is Cheaper and Easy to Get Away With in a Society that Devalues Incarcerated People and Where Slavery is Legal.

The day after pro-Trump rioters forced their way into the Capitol building to take selfies and smear shit on the walls, the people responsible for cleaning up other people's messes on the Hill were back on the job. The wreckage included pieces of broken office furniture that Capitol workers wheeled out in carts. The furniture that will eventually replace the vandalized items, will almost certainly be built by YOU for between 23 ¢ and \$1.15 an hour.

"Federal Prison Industries (FPI), more commonly known as Unicor, is owned by the federal government and marketed by the DOJ as a 'cost-effective labor pool' to internal agencies as well as, more recently, the private sector. The laws governing purchasing federal supplies practically forbid using any other supplier. As of 2017, Unicor tasked 17,000 incarcerated people with making anything from lamps to air filters to office supplies in 83 factories across the country, some of which were once open 24 hours a day. Incarcerated people working in these "factories with fences" are marketed as remote workers. Unicor labor made the PPE offered to the BOP. It also makes most of the somewhat bland furniture that appears in legislators' offices, and has reopened nearly all of its factories as of October. [According to an April 2020 report from the Marshall Project, and to correspondents of California Prison Focus, several Unicor factories stayed open despite public health mandates as the pandemic ravaged the country.]

Unicor secures no-bid contracts from various agencies and the federal government's laws essentially ensure that if Unicor makes something an agency wants, that's where they'll have to buy it—and should an agency want something from another company, they'll need to loop Unicor in and let them offer a competitive bid. Conveniently, as the industrial designer Lindsay Malatesta noted recently, there's a whole section of Unicor's website dedicated to showcase the uninspired credenzas and workstations that are standard all around the Capitol, many of which were trashed by the mob of white nationalists and conspiracy theorists.

Almost exactly two years ago, a bill that would have functionally ended Unicor's relationship with the government was voted out of committee along party lines, with Republicans overwhelmingly in favor of keeping their reliance on cheap prison labor intact. The bill's sponsor, Democratic delegate Lee Carter, argued rather reasonably that when "inmates have a choice to sit in confinement or work for as little as 80 cents an hour" that labor isn't particularly voluntary at all." [Molly Osberg, January 1, 2021, <https://jezebel.com/the-furniture-damaged-in-the-capitol-riot/>]

"They take great pride in what they produce," Unicor CEO

"Dear CPE, I know you focus on California prison conditions, but there's too many similarities. An article in Prison Focus Issue 61 said "furniture" is more important than people's lives. Ha-ha. So far, we've been on quarantine 1 full year here and the call center and garment factory have been in full operation. We haven't eaten at the dining hall in 1 year. When we go to the yard, it's one unit at a time for 30 minutes every other day. But the call center and garment factory have been at max. capacity the entire time. There are 140 people in the call center and 110 in the garment factory. But since these things make the keeper's pockets expand, there is no pandemic. The virus is only real when it comes to visitation, group yard, and prosocial settings. Funny that every D.O.C. in our justice system agrees: labor over lives, inequality and economic injustice." Joey (Colorado Department of Corrections)

MORE WORK TO BE DONE

ABOLISH CRUEL, UNUSUAL & BIASED PUNISHMENT IN CALIFORNIA AND WORLDWIDE

End Life and Death Sentences

There are 195 countries. 65 countries impose life without parole sentences. The United States is one of them. Life without parole has been abolished in most European countries. Portugal was the first country in the world to abolish life imprisonment in 1884.

The International Covenant on Civil and Political rights (ICCPR) states that the purpose of the prison system is the 'reformation and social rehabilitation' indicating a return to society.

SB 300 (Senator Dave Cortese), the Sentencing Reform Act of 2021, will reform California's unjust "felony murder special circumstance" law to ensure that the death penalty and life without the possibility of parole cannot be imposed on those who did not kill, nor intend that a person die, during a crime. The bill will also provide for an opportunity for resentencing consistent with this reform.

SB300 will also address the injustice of mandatory life without parole sentences by restoring to judges the discretion to impose a sentence of 25 years-to-life when they determine that an opportunity to earn parole would best serve the interest of justice in a case where special circumstances have been charged.

SB 1437 (Skinner) from 2018 reformed the first-degree felony murder rule, freeing many and restoring them to their families. However, none of this progress has benefited the families of persons convicted under 'special circumstance' or the people serving LWOP or facing execution under the death penalty.

SB300 restores judicial discretion to impose a sentence of 25-years-to-life, rather than death or LWOP when the judge rules that it serves the interest of justice in a case where a special circumstance is charged. SB 300 also provides an avenue for currently incarcerated people sentenced to death or LWOP under the felony murder special circumstance law to petition the court for resentencing, offering recourse to Californians who have been unjustly sentenced.

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ON THE VITAL ROLE OF THE PHRM BLUEPRINT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DEHUMANIZATION IN THE MODERN P.I.S.C.

By Joka Heshima Jinsai, PHRM Founder, Amend the 13th: Abolish Legal Slavery in Amerika Movement

"Prisoners must be reached and made to understand that they are victims of social injustice... The sheer numbers of the prisoner class and the terms of their existence make them a mighty reservoir of revolutionary potential...

... with the example of unity in the prison movement, we can begin to break the old behavior patterns that have repeatedly allowed bourgeois capitalism, its imperialism and fascism, to triumph over the last several decades."

~ G.L.S 'Towards the United Front'

The exploitation of human bondage in Amerika has always, at it's heart, been a process of legitamizing dehumanization.

Perhaps it's greatest expression in modern Amerika can be found in the U.S. Prison Industrial Slave Complex (P.I.S.C.) in general, and it's domestic torture program carried out in indefinite solitary confinement unit's ~ or S.H.U.'s ~ across the U.S. specifically. It was the 2011-2013 Hunger Strikes organized by the Pelican Bay O-Short Corridor Collective that brought global attention to this state sponsored inhumanity and the fundamental contradictions inherent in the industrialization of human bondage in Amerikkka. The collective contributions of over 33,000 California Prisoners and literally millions of supporters and activists across the globe ultimately led to the drastic curtailment of the use of SHU torture units in California and other states. It was from this historic struggle that the Prisoner HUMAN RIGHTS Movement (PHRM) emerged as the living counterpoint to the discourse of dehumanization relied on by the state to build and maintain this monolith of greed and brutality we know as the P.I.S.C.

After decades of torture in indefinite solitary confinement units (SHU) our unique class of imprisoned activists now find ourselves in the general population with a firm understanding that the struggle has just begun. Despite the express prohibition against "group punishment" outlined in the Ashker settlement, retaliation for redress of grievances and group punishment run rampant across Level IV institutions and remains at the very heart of the correctional culture of CDCr.

We are acutely aware that this is nothing new for California corrections or for U.S. prisons in general. To be sure, on the heels of the 2011-2013 Hunger Strikes, CDCr released a flurry of 'Directors Rules Charges' designed to effectively criminalize peaceful protest for those confined to CDCr and censor their supporters in society. Under proposed 'obscenity' regulations released on 10/20/14, CDCr sought to imbue themselves with the power to effectively criminalize 1st Amendment speech and engagement in political discourse critical of CDCr or other state agencies (see, proposed Directors Rules Change, CCR Title 15 §3134.1 (d) and (e); 3135. (c) (14) dated 10/20/14).

Under these proposed changes they would need only attach the term "STG" (Security Threat Group) to any person, language, image or idea they so choose appearing in

any publication or correspondence and it would be subject to confiscation and disposal, the offending party subject to disciplinary action and sanctions. Similar regulations were enacted in fascist Italy under Mussolini, Spain under Franco, Germany under Hitler and in apartheid South Africa. The right to share ones' ideas with the world and contribute to the progress of human civilization is a fundamental Human Right they believe can be obliterated by simply attaching the term "going" or "STG" to anything or anyone critical of their abuses.

Even the most mundane attempts at redress of grievances can prompt retaliation. In some Level IV institutions, like Kern Valley State Prison, punitive cell searches, summary transfers to prisons far outside a subjects family's visiting threshold or other sanctions prevent many prisoners from filing appeals to redress grievances at all. Where 602's are filed, Appeals Coordinators often manufacture false basis for not processing such appeal, rejecting them repeatedly or cancelling them outright, in hopes of frustrating the appellant to simply withdraw the appeal. In other instances, where there may be physical altercations between individual prisoners, administrators will withhold packages and canteen from the entire yard in reprisal for having such incidents occur under their watch.

Such retaliation, reprisals and criminalization of protest and legitimate criticism are hallmarks of U.S. national policy, exposing the fascist core of it's culture. The PHRM BLUEPRINT stands in diametric opposition to this 'culture' of abuse and reprisal, insisting on our right to document, expose and challenge these violations of our Human Rights, free of retaliation or reprisals.

Covid-19 has exposed the enduring medical ineptitude of CDCr Health Care Services and Staff, where exposure to the Corona virus in some Prisons has infected hundreds. Physical abuse of Prisoners by staff remains common place, and in each instance such victims are further victimized by being erroneously charged with "Assault on staff prompting Use of Force." Prisoners released from 10, 20, 30 and in some cases over 40 years of solitary confinement are being denied parole on the most absurd basis, in spite of the fact that Prisoners 50 years or older who've spent 25 years or more of continuous confinement have a recidivism rate of .015% (source: Bureau of Justice Statistics). If we consider those News Afrikan Elders who've dedicated their lives to the development of our Communities with decades of work product solidifying their commitment to the People, that recidivism rate is virtually 0%, making the Strategic Release of this cohort of imprisoned activists not only in the interests of Public Safety, but in the interests of society as a whole.

The fact that recent early release schemes by CDCr have overtly excluded this Prisoner Class underscores the states interest in maintaining the social dysfunction at the heart of Amerikkkas unique brand of criminalization. What must be understood is at the heart of this social containment and sadism is the pathology of DEHUMANIZATION.

STRATEGIC RELEASE

In recent years, the New Afrikan Human Rights Movement developed the concept of "STRATEGIC RELEASE." Under Strategic Release a subject is granted parole, pardon or clemency based on the positive impact they have had on their community and society during their imprisonment, and the even greater positive impact they will have if released.

Strategic Release, unlike "Compassionate" or other forms of release, will have a direct impact on reducing crime and the many inequalities at the root of criminality, through the contributions and activities of those granted release. The subject considered for Strategic Release is committed to solving the ills of society without the involvement of law enforcement or government, as it is our experience that success flows from working directly with the People and Community.

Consideration for Strategic Release is based on a subject's work product and Proven record of service to the Community and society as a whole. As such, it is the height of social restitution, providing direct restorative justice to the People and Communities injured by the past transgressions, requiring a LIFETIME of commitment to societies' progress and welfare. This means Strategic Release is the highest threshold of rehabilitation and social justice any prisoner can achieve, warranting the highest reward: A second chance to serve society present in their Communities.

On Political Prisoners, with Angela Davis

Interviewed by former Prison Focus Editor, Leslie Dibenedetto

[From the Prison Focus Archives. Prison Focus, Fall 1997, excerpt]

"In the late 60s, the early 70s, the discussion around what counted as a political prisoner was very widespread. There were some who argued that political prisoners were only those who were in prison directly as a result of political beliefs or activities. At the other end of the spectrum there were those who argued that virtually everyone in prison particularly people of color and poor people were political prisoners, because their imprisonment was a function of a system of political repression, as well as of economic exploitation and racist repression.

We were grappling to understand the prison system as a whole. Out of those debates and the activism associated with it, the prison movement arose; we began to develop a vocabulary that allowed us to talk about the way in which state repression was centralized in the prison system. Eventually this movement gave rise to abolitionist strategists' radical notions of abolishing

the prison system in its present form.

But at the same time, with respect to the actual effort to arrive at a definition of what counted as a political prisoner... We did come up with different categories, including of course, those who were in prison as direct result of their political activities. And then because of intervention by people like George Jackson, we recognized that we had to take into account the fact that, particularly during that period, large numbers of prisoners were becoming politicized. They had become politically conscious while they were in prison, and were subjected to another layer of repression precisely because of their politics. George Jackson was the most dramatic figure in that respect. Because of the connection with people who had sometimes spent long periods of time in prison and their efforts to analyze the conditions of their lives in prison, we came up with new ideas of how to engage in struggle around prison issues and relate these issues to the larger construct of racism and economic exploitation."

KAGE Phone Interview

COVID-19 REPORT, Solano State Prison, January 2021

Min King X: What do you want to tell the people?

• **Homeboy Mac Rep:** I am an inmate at Solano State Prison... A few things I want to share is that we are being forced into quarantine without having tested positive...this is done by medical staff..which constitutes forced medical treatment...this violates our rights as humans to refuse medical treatment..moreso,high ranking administrators have had conversations with inmates their concern is liability..they need every inmate signed off on by medical to staff so he..Chief Deputy Warden... the captain of the facility, and others, can open the yard and program without being liable, so they force us into quarantine without a positive test; to cover their asses. I've spoken to Corrections Officers (C.O.) in my building and on yard who shared concerns seeing what CDCr was doing here along with medical staff..systematically spreading covid 19 amongst the population, as well as exposing staff. Many were taking vacation to avoid it... look they told us their intention is to get everyone exposed, cleared so they can open Solano back up..in other words, fill it back up. Keep in mind each building/ dorm is half empty...empty beds equals lost money for CDCr... He said, they need you guys to hurry and get it. Now they forced us into quarantine, into a building where many have it. You do the math.

Issues have come to light that we urgently need light shined on so. They brought a bus of prisoners to Solano yesterday from another prison, further spreading and exposing Covid 19. There are currently over 500 prisoners with covid 19 on the level 2 side alone. No one on the outside is aware of this outbreak. Can you get word out asap? We need the public to be aware of this so we can get the attention and support from outside, while we do our part in here.

Min King X: Do you have anything you want to tell folks out here:

Homeboy Mac Rep:

"Stay connected with the inside"

WHO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A POLITICAL PRISONER?

By LOUIS POWELL

Recently, a chosen few, have determined to honor me with the status of being considered a political prisoner, in which to generate public support towards exposing my plight, and that of many others inside the CDCr. I am humbled for such recognition and support. Please allow me to do the honors, of contributing towards the cause by defining the meaning and origin of the term political prisoner. Who should be considered a political prisoner is a political question. It took years of enhancing my social consciousness for me to see that my past understanding of what constitutes a person having 'political prisoner' status was based on the conformist's perspective.

During the 1970s, the conformist defined the political question for African Americans in such a way that - along with us who joined the bandwagon - excluded millions of African Americans, for a chosen few (New Afrikans) that were selected because of the visibility of their incarceration. The truth of the matter is, even if being a political prisoner is not discernible by the conscious of millions of African Americans, we must not exclude them in our understanding of who should be considered a political prisoner.

All African Americans born after the year of 1865 into the 21st century were born into a historical miscarriage with the ratifying of the 13th, 14th and 15th amendment of the U.S. Constitution; A political constitution that still defines those whose previous condition was of servitude (ex-slave) - and their offsprings - as three-fifth human. Our ancestors transitioned from America slaves to America political prisoners. It was without the African American consent that we became under the control of the U.S. Constitution, which constitutes us as being political prisoners.

Our entitlement to protection, privileges & franchisement has always been a fraud, and left at the discretion of local, state & federal official holders under a systematic course of:

Political and Economical Racism

Social Racism

Academic Racism

Environmental Racism

Corporate Culture of Racism

BORN TO A PREMATURE DEATH



CPF/KAGE, No Justice without Capitalism and Sistas with Voices, rattling the KAGE at CDCr headquarters.



**58 Years old
Incarcerated
for 40 years
Concrete Scholar
Survived 32 yrs
of solitary
confinement
torture.**

theconcretescholar.com

Demand Strategic Release for Abdul Olugbala Shakur!

DEMAND STRATEGIC RELEASE!

INCARCERATED FOR 33 YEARS
SURVIVED 19 YEARS OF ILLEGAL SHU TORTURE

GRANT ELDERLY PAROLE AS MANDATED BY AB 3234!

FREE MUTOPE DUGUMA!

CURRENTLY 54 YEARS OLD

DEMAND STRATEGIC RELEASE!

FREE HESHIMA JINSAI

INCARCERATED 30 YEARS
SURVIVED 20 YEARS OF SHU TORTURE
STRATEGIC RELEASE NOW!

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DEMAND COMMUNITY RELEASE!

COVID POSITIVE DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE NEGLIGENCE

FREE YAFEU IYAPO-1

INCARCERATED 45 YEARS
17 PAROLE DENIALS

WRITE TO YAFEU: LEONARD N. ALEXANDER, 872288
E141-DEVEL VOCATIONAL INSTITUTION
23500 KASSON ROAD
TRACY, CA. 95304

SURVIVED 31 YEARS OF SHU TORTURE

DEMAND STRATEGIC RELEASE!

INCARCERATED 57 YEARS, SINCE 1963

FREE RUCHELL MAGEE CINQUE

MARIN COUNTY UPRISING SURVIVOR

SURVIVED DECADES OF SHU TORTURE

CURRENTLY 81 YEARS OLD

RELEASE Michael Reed Zaharibu Dorrough



67 yrs old, scholar and author. 25 yrs of sensory deprivation torture for his political convictions.

zaharibu.wordpress.com

BAY AREA ARTIVISTS DEMAND EARLY RELEASE OF ELDERLY PRISONERS

A car caravan protest including more than 100 cars made its way onto the Bay Area Bridge on Sunday January 30th, demanding the release of elderly prisoners amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

As of that day, there had been 192 reported covid-related deaths in California prisons. "The average age of those who had died was 63-years-old," organizer Courtney Morris, from No Justice Under Capitalism, told a reporter at the event.



PUTTING HUMANITY OVER POLITICS, ALLIED ACTIVISTS FROM ALL OVER THE BAY AREA COME TOGETHER IN SOLIDARITY OVER A COMMON CAUSE.



DEMAND STRATEGIC RELEASE!

FREE SUNDIATA ACOLI!

NEW AFRIKAN PRISONER OF WAR
 INCARCERATED 47 YEARS SINCE 1973

84 YEARS OLD

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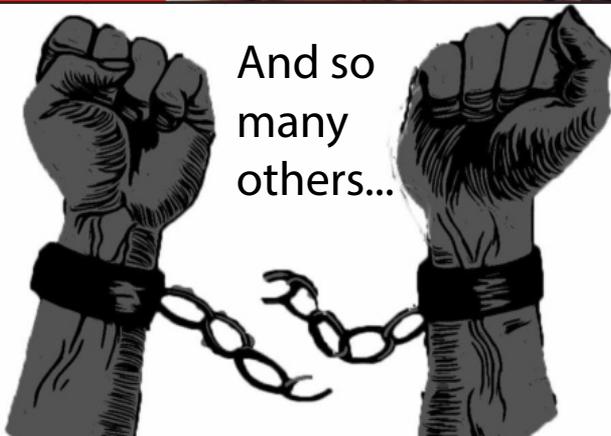
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Former Women Political Prisoners Speak Out for International Women's History Month

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PHRM Blueprint continued from pg.6

What makes the PHRM BLUEPRINT such an effectively progressive document is its precise group of the states dehumanizing dynamics and its concise opposition to them. Let's be clear, the authoritarian mindset of the state finds its most indifferent expression in prisons. To effect any meaningful change in any negative social phenomena the laws of dialectical charge dictate you must employ its OPPOSITE. In this instance the PHRM BLUEPRINT is that opposite.

Over the past 30-plus years, with tacit public support, the victims rights lobby and P.I.S.C. have successfully waged a dehumanization campaign on those who've abrogated "the law." The compulsion of socio-economic desperation, race-class disenfranchisement and intentional underdevelopment of specific segments of the Nationally oppressed - overwhelmingly New Afrikan, Latino and the poor ~ have been irrationally discounted as the "origin" of crime, and the onus for survival activities has been placed solely on the shoulders of the individual offender.

Here in the U.S., those of us locked in prisons are not only subjected to losing our physical freedom, they also seek to strip us of our social designation as fellow humans. Amerikan society has been conditioned to view prisoners the same way most view vermin ~ as something other than human, repugnant and unworthy of compassion.

Prison, as a tool of social control and race-caste containment, has always been a key component of U.S. capitalism, but the broad based, systematic dehumanization of prisoners has expanded in direct proportion to the economic expansion of the P.I.S.C.

In the 2010 annual report of Corrections Corporation of America, the world's largest private prison firm, they state:

"The demand for our facilities and services could be adversely affected by the relaxation of enforcement efforts, leniency in conviction or parole standards and sentencing practice... any changes with respect to drugs or controlled substances or illegal immigration could affect the number of people arrested, convicted and sentenced, thereby potentially reducing the demand for correctional facilities to house them."

The California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA), GEO Group (worlds 2nd largest private prison firm), and the Fraternal Order of Police have all parroted these same sentiments in their lobbying efforts at the state and federal level. Can you not see the inherent contradiction in a Public Safety apparatus whose speculative profits and salaries are attached to maximizing criminal offenders, as opposed to reducing them?

This view they hold of Prisoners and potential Prisoners as commodities by the various aspects of the prison industry ~ both public and private ~ provides a compelling economic motivation for maintaining that social dehumanization in the overall populace. Consider that 70% of all TV programming is 'crime and punishment' content, reinforcing the message of corporate mass media and the labor aristocracy of prison guard unions, like the CCPOA, that Prisoners are not humans but some subspecies of bipedal animal entirely separate from humanity itself. This view is particularly pronounced in Amerikan

paramilitary organizations like police and prison guards and is a manifestation of the mechanization of authoritarian man in the West.

There is thus no contradiction in the mind of the prison guard in upholding their oath to the U.S. Constitutions noble humanistic ideals, and dehumanizing Prisoners and the Communities they hail from. The warped character structure of the authoritarian mindset, to differentiate itself from the "animal" (in their minds of the "criminal"), makes that dehumanization a simple economic determination for prison staff, an almost reflexive psychological process intimately connected to their economic empowerment, socio-political prestige and influence. Societies tacit support for this evil in service to power and privilege is exposed by their apathy and silence.

The PHRM BLUEPRINT lays out a framework for us to not only reclaim our humanity; to noy only oppose the institutions that would deny us our personhood, but a platform for us to demonstrate our humanity in concrete ways. Only in struggle, in actively educating those who are unconscious, organizing those who are conscious and mobilizing the advanced elements against this dehumanization will we effect meaningful change in the ideology of hate and sadistic violence which is at the core of authoritarian man's character. The PHRM BLUEPRINT draws a clear line of demarcation between the state's traditional peneological practices and our collective human dignity which the PHRM will defend as a core tenet.

The PHRM BLUEPRINT, by writ of its call for fiscal accountability in the use and exploitation of Prisoner funds seeks to combat the rampant misuse of the Inmate Welfare Fund and re-assert a modicum of financial responsibility of those funds by the Prisoner Class themselves.

The culture of collective work and responsibility conveyed by the PHRM BLUEPRINT lends itself to more progressive and participatory forms of penal governance and release such as Community Based Parole, Pardon and Clemency Review Boards made up of those who are the greatest stakeholders in the Strategic Release of select Prisoners: The Community members and activists they will be living and working among.

The underlying values of the PHRM BLUEPRINT insists that Institutional dehumanization, by whatever name it's called, must be confronted and overcome wherever it rears its ugly head. The potential of the PHRM BLUEPRINT is limited only by our collective participation and commitment.

It is my sincerest hope that you all will aid the PHRM in this historic struggle to end the oppression of Man and Woman by man and woman. By taking up the PHRM BLUEPRINT as this struggles guidelines and supporting their efforts, we consciously act to shatter the chains of the authoritarian psychosis, to free the minds of the masses ~ to free ourselves.

I urge you to stand with us and those who dare to change the nature and structure of capitalist society, dare to challenge the culture of hate, dare to struggle, dare to win. Our actions now will determine the type of world we live in, in the future. Think on these things, they are cause for great meditation.

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My Opinion Is That Strong: Live from the KAGE with Kamau Jones

Assalamu Aleikum, to my brothers and sisters, viewing my live footage... I greet you with great dignity, honor and respect. Today, I just finished watching a powerful message by the brothers from the Nation of Islam, touching on the importance of unification and development for us as an Afrikan American and indigenous people.

It was very powerful and eye-opening. And as I was watching the program, I was filled with great wonder and understanding seeped into my spirits and seeped into my soul. When I just sat and thought about a lot of our great Black leaders and educators who have been assassinated for speaking the truth. The messengers and the teachers of Malcom X and Fred Hampton, and Bunchy Carter and our beautiful brother George Jackson, Jonathon Jackson, and the brothers Doc Holliday - that's in a federal penitentiary - and Ray Ray Brown. These brothers was leaders of our people, and had a strong level of influence and powers and when they made a statement, people paid reverence and respect to them. And my brother, Felix Mitchell out of Oakland. My grandfather is Sug Raymond Wright, who established and formulated the business men of the 1960s. My father is Big Hearted Jones, one of the co founders of the original Eastside Crips. I stand here today speaking truth. And I can't thank Allah enough for sinning Master Fard Mohammad and the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and our Brother Malcom X and our beloved Minister Farrakhan, because from this unstable environment in which I've lived for over 25 to 26 years, confined in a prison cell on a 180 maximum security prison. I've been to Lancaster state prison, Level Four. I've been to Corcoran SHU, I've been to SATF Corcoran, I've been to Tehachapi, I've been to Pleasant Valley State Prison. I've been to Pelican Bay State Prison, New Folsom, High Desert State Prison. All of these have been maximum security prisons. I've been in the holes, in the SHUs in most of these prisons.

And what I've learned and come to understand is that solitude has been my best teacher. Allah has taken me molded and shaped me into the man I am today, with isolation and solitude. I've come into the realization of my self, my worth. My value. What I can contribute to my community. How I can build and establish and make my community better. How I can educate the youth, so therefore they won't fall into the same traps that we fell into, by glamorizing the lifestyle of gang banging or living up to the ideologies of our OGs, original gangsters, that we sat and listen to talked with and fought next to side by side and helped ultimately destroy communities. Watched the police come to our communities, strip of our dope, strip most of our money, drop us off into a so-called enemy territory. As we fight one another. As we defended our ideologies and the principals that we stood on. I've come to understand a lot of those principles that I believed to be true, was inaccurate, not wise, not fully developed and conceived into something of productivity, of something of righteousness.

So I stand before you today a renewed man, which some of our brothers in the movement, consider the new man. The new Afrikan man, meaning taking on a whole new identity. Understanding yourself. Understanding your worth and having value and representing the most high and supreme idea of a true man. And once you take on a responsibility and have a clear, precise understanding of what that duty entails, it instills in you some type of form of conviction, some type of a sense of stability.

We are the ones that's going to make a difference in our community. No matter how much another person of another race might desire to want to help us... It's nothing wrong with allowing them to help us, but, ultimately, we must steer the course of our ship into

the destination - into the path that we want to see, our future. We can have a much brighter future. If we continue to feed ourselves with things that are positive, things that give light. Things that give inspiration and encouragement. We can infuse this into the younger generation. It's about us now taking the responsibility and speaking truth, no matter who it might offend.

We lived the lifestyle, and we were willing to put our life on the line at every step of the way. Every day, every night. We placed ourselves in harm's way. And we feared nothing, not even our lives at that particular time, because we was living up the world. But now we coming into the realization of truth. I fear nothing Allah. And with Allah's help, with Allah's ability, we can really make things better for ourselves. We can educate. Teach proper education. Preach proper knowledge. Proper understanding. And with proper knowledge and understanding, we become the developed man. Thinking in a wise way. Thinking and building in a way that can bring forth life.

This is my ultimate hope. My ultimate desire of speaking, of taking on the mantle of those of Malcom X, those of Ali, those of Naem Akbar, or those of other great scholars. Great leaders - who knew fully well in a system that was oppressive and repressive, that **just picking up the pen and inking down your thoughts and ideas, the visions that you see for yourself and for your people, could get you executed, could get you lynched, could get your house bombed, could get your church bombed, could get your mosque bombed.** But at the end of the day, there are still trolls to speak out for the truth.

The people that I have the most desire to talk to are the Crips and the Bloods, the Bay Area, Jamaas, the Kumis, the brothers in Chicago that's kickin' up havoc. Because at the end of the day we can become the leaders of our communities. We can become contributors to the uplifting of our people, if we have a desire to do so. We can be the protectors and maintainers of this earth. The Muslims call it the Khalifat. Meaning the maintainers and sustainers... **Or the ??, in the English terminology, I feel this is a duty, an obligation, of a people once we become knowledgeable of the truth. I believe it's us as a people that can unite the black man and woman and the indigenous man and women. Our brothers in Jamaica, Trinidad, Barbados, the Caribbean islands, the Dominican Republic, Haiti. As well as Brazil. We are one people. And our brothers in Mexico, Panama, Peru. People that the United States government has designated as our enemies, or placed an embargo on, which is an Iran, China. These are our brothers and sisters.**

Once we come into the realization of truth. And we analyze things from our analytical point of view, and have a clear understanding who we are as a people... Nobody can define your enemies for you. It's only us, its only we that can define who are enemies is. And we define who are enemies is because those people oppose our ideology. Those people oppose our growth, our development and hinder our progress.

None of these particular people that the United States government has designated as their enemies are truly our enemies. We haven't came into an understanding of these people.

Once we come into an understanding of our people, we will find that the whole world wraps its arms around us, and bless us for the knowledge, the wisdom, tenacity and vigor that we bring forth.

SHRINKING THE U.S. PRISON POPULATION IMMEDIATELY IS A PRACTICAL, ACHIEVABLE GOAL...

A tiny stepping stone towards an ocean of hope, and ultimately a world without prisons

Decarceration, getting people out of jails and prisons, is one strategy for abolishing the PIC. Below are three sets of de-carceral strategies which can be used as a jumping off point for thinking creatively about strategies and tactics that will help to shrink the PIC to non-existence.

WHAT IF THE ANTI-PIC MOVEMENT COMMITTED ITSELF TO THE GOAL, "NO ONE DIES IN PRISON"?

In 2000 The Bureau of Justice Statistics reported 2865 deaths in state prisons. 2865 is a relatively small number, compared with the millions who pass through US jails and prisons every year. Taking on the issue of ELDERLY death in prison is therefore not, at first glance, a strategy that strikes at the heart of the US imprisonment binge. But reducing the number of deaths in prison can still be an important abolitionist strategy for two reasons: 1. it is a relatively practical, and 2. working toward this goal requires a type of prison activism that helps the abolitionist cause.

REDUCING THE NUMBER OF DEATHS IN PRISON IS A PRACTICAL, ACHIEVABLE GOAL.

The vast majority of people who die in prison die from illness and old age ("natural causes"), so to seriously reduce the number of deaths in prison, advocates could focus on obtaining early release for ill and elderly prisoners. While releasing prisoners is rarely popular among the "general public", there are a few cracks in the system through which we could begin to make this argument. It is very expensive to incarcerate ill and elderly prisoners. During our current national fiscal crisis, targeting potential strategies for reducing spending can be an effective tool for arguing for decarceration. A majority of states already have laws providing for "medical parole" or "compassionate release" of dying prisoners, or prisoners whose medical needs cannot be met in prison, that advocates of this position could build upon. Strategies could include:

- * **Expansion and implementation of medical parole (a.k.a. compassionate release) for terminally ill or elderly prisoners**
- * **Sentencing diversion for ill or elderly prisoners**
- * **No prison hospices (Prison hospices are a "reformist:, non-abolitionish solution. Opposing prison hospices clarifies the principal need to get people out of prison, rather than making prisons nicer.)**

BARRIERS TO ABOLITION

"Hello baby. Welcome back to another [tiktok] episode of Barriers to Abolition. Another Barrier to Abolition is the isolation of the Black Civil Rights Movements from other struggles of liberation. When we don't name the connections between our various struggles, we make it more difficult to utilize our combined power for change.

It's important that we understand how the government response to undocumented immigrants is connected to their response to protests. Portland isn't the first time federal agents have been snatching n-s in unmarked vehicles. ICE has been doing that mess for a minute. The disenfranchisement of black people, by introducing drugs into our communities forcing us into subpar living situations, and barring us from opportunity is directly reflective of what indigenous people

have been facing for centuries. The militarization of police is directly connected to our need to be ready for some Islamophobic war on terror. As long as we think of these issues as separate we perpetuate the conditions for these injustices to multiply and consume us.

This goes for the Prison Industrial Complex as well. Abolition can't happen if it's just about saving Black people from a racist system. It has to be about saving us all. This is not an All Lives Matter statement - that's an attempt to distract from the urgency around protecting Black lives. Understanding the intersection of our struggles, is an attempt to amplify the urgency around freedom, so that everyone has to fight for black lives because

Our Liberation Is Bound Up Together."
@mistercaphart (Tiktok)

"INEQUALITY BLUES" NEWS

The Institute for Policy Studies began working with Americans for Tax Fairness to track the wealth growth of U.S. billionaires, showing that the combined wealth of the 657 billionaires in the country grew more than \$1.3 trillion - nearly 45% - since the pandemic began, while a record number of people in the U.S. lost their jobs and struggled to put food on the table. Billionaires like Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos and Mark Zuckerberg also their bank accounts swell amidst the global crisis. The top 1/10 of 1% now owns more wealth than the bottom 90% and two individuals, Bezos and Musk now own more wealth than the bottom 40%. The combined wealth of 657 billionaires (currently \$4.2 trillion total) is almost double the amount of the that of the combined wealth of the bottom half of all US households. These folks have reaped enormous windfalls in this pandemic. Yet the effective rate (percentage of income and wealth) of tax on the billionaire class is lower than for most middle income tax payers. It's about 23% for the billionaire class, which is at about a 70 year low. (Source: Democracy Now)

'NOT ALL BAD' NEWS

☞ Recently Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren and others have proposed legislation that will increase the taxes and raise significant money from the billionaire class if passed - about \$1.5 trillion of revenue over the next ten years, from billionaires alone.

☞ Kim Janey has been sworn in as mayor of Boston, making her the first woman, and first person of color to hold that office. Janey vowed to fight Boston's enormous wealth gap. (The median net worth for black families is *literally* \$8 while the median net worth of white families in Boston is nearly \$250,000!?!)

☞ Democratic governor Ralph Northam from Virginia signed legislation last week abolishing the death penalty. Since 1976 When the Supreme Court reinstated the death penalty Virginia's carried out 113 executions - more than any state, besides Texas. Now they will be the first state in the south to outlaw capital punishment.

CPF Documentary Preview

<https://vimeo.com/488373320>

Marie Levin: My brother is, Sitawa Nantambu Jamaa. My brother has been in prison since 1981. And he went to prison for a crime that he did not commit.

Min King X: Before my father went to prison, I was subjected to getting fingerprinted. I was eight years old. It was a vending machine. I was hoping to get some candy out of the vending machine. I seen his situation as me being there. And as ironic as it sounds, you know, that's how it turned out later on. But, you know, I just didn't understand the framework at the time.

Marie: My brother Sitawa was a part of the Ashker case. It started up a Pelican Bay. They had three hunger strikes. The first one had 6600 people. The third one was in 2013. And 30,000 people participated.

Min King X: And we decided to go on a hunger strike, we wrote to the newspapers and put them on notice. And we sent them a copy of our demands.

Marie: They wanted to have healthy food, nutritious food, they wanted good medical, basic stuff.

Min King X: We were subjected to inhumane treatment, inadequate health care, inadequate medical care, you know, you name it, there was a whole lot going on at the time.

Marie: These guys were all in solitary confinement, and they wanted to be released.

Min King X: We was fighting for humanity, to be treated equal.

And we used solidarity as a weapon.

Marie: If you had a tattoo, you know, you had cultural art. If you had a book by George Jackson, these were some of the things that would label you as a gang member. And then, you know, you'd end up in solitary confinement.

Priscilla Drawsand: I mean, that's just inhumane to begin with. Why would you put someone in solitary confinement for 20, 30 and 40 years?

Marie: When they labeled you, you either snitch or die, that that was how you were released from out of solitary confinement. And so this was something that they wanted to end.

Min King X: California Prison Focus used to do reports. They used to come and pull the prisoners out. And we would give them documentary evidence to support our claim.

Marie: California Prison Focus was right there on the front lines. We were a family.

Teju Rice: A lot of things came out of the hunger strikes, the agreement in hostilities, a lot of people were released from solitary confinement, who were there for indefinite amounts of time... like ridiculous amounts of times.

Marie: What they fought for all those years, finally came to pass. You know, it finally came to pass and that was that was so monumental. For everyone involved. We just, we could breathe again.

Ratcliff Awards

Greetings everyone. My name is Ziair-Hughes and I Am An 12 Year Old

I'm a certified author and Lil.Kage Ambassador. K&E Stands For Kings And Queens Against Genocide...

I would like to welcome you to the second annual Ratcliffe Awards ceremony Honoring Brother and Sister Ratcliffe, The Artist and the very important Agreement To End Hostility's from the Cage to The Streets Around the World ... and So I Serve As A Young Scribe Of today's Current Struggle. Pull Push Strut and Stride ... And that is what today is all about is keeping the path lit. Lifting the oppressed. Finding Our lost Political Prisoners. Being the voice For the voiceless. Unshackling The Kaged ...

What's the Call? Free them all ...

Through Art and Culture we Resist and bridging the gap ... I thank Minister King X aka Pyeface for mentoring me through the content Of George Jackson wordflows that i share with my peers in my West Oakland neighborhood Home of the Panthers ... Salute ...



Through the Movement of Art in All of it's forms we uncover the burried lies and truth America has Fed us. We are NOT the Worst of the Worst And Today's Ratcliffe Awards will prove that ... In fact we are the Diamonds in the Ruff, piplining our way out of poverty. One Creation at a time. We also heal and find redemption in non traditional ways with out CPC lil' r...

Lead by example You're Never 2 old or Too Young ...

EachOneReachOneTeachOne ...It's a New Curriculum with Young Blood Power to the People...



YOUNG LEGENDS MINGLING WITH HISTORIAN, BROTHER FARUQ

“YOU GOTTA GET UP AND DO SOMETHING IF YOU WANT TO BE LIBERATED.”

Brother Faruq

Min King X: I'm here with my comrade, with my big brother Faruq. So, tell the people why you came out here to support the Ratcliff Awards, and the Prison Focus and San Francisco BayView newspapers.

Faruq: Well, those papers are essential... I remember San Francisco BayView - my whole prison experience. When I first discovered it, I totally knocked out-- Every issue has something in it that will pull you in-- you know, make you focus-- challenge you... It's an open forum of ideas, and you see people struggling, going through

their first philosophical development, and trying to articulate that - that's big... Prison Focus, same thing - prisoners need that. [CDCr offers] no rehabilitation, but they can use that material -- and that's why the police are so quick to confiscate it when certain articles come in. But, um, yeah, those are powerful papers.

Min King X: So how do you feel about liberating our tortured elders?

Faruq: Well, earlier I was talking about the idea of abolishing prisons. I think it's a very good idea. Why do we have prisons? Do they really need to exist at this particular time? We have to examine all that. What my experience has been, and so many others, there's nothing in prison for anybody. There's no real rehabilitation for various reasons, and it's not all guards. Sometimes the unions fight back against that. BayView, Prison Focus, and all the rest of them magazines and rags -- whatever you call them now -- they are essential. Especially for brothers that develop a sense of who they are - a bonded African in America. You gotta get up and do something if you want to be liberated.

Those brothers who organized the strikes, they dug in. They wanted to be liberated -- you can tell by the way they dress, how they comb their hair, how they walk, how they talk-- they got their mind on freedom. And that's what our people need to do.

We need to get them to think about freedom, not cash money - freedom.

Min King X: Thank you, man. Thank you for the support and coming out, man.

Ratcliff Awards

Phone Interview with Min King X, the creator of the Ratcliff Awards, Principal Thinker and peacemaker Sitawa Nantambu Jamaa, and his sister, Marie Levin.

Sitawa: (on the phone) It was a demonstration to get things that we didn't have. Salinas Valley Prison was a dysfunctional prison and there was violence everyday. So I used the blueprint.... I told the Warden, I said hey, we want to have programs. He said people was scared to run programs cause the prison was so violent. I said hey... you get teachers in here and let us go to school, it ain't gonna be no problem. So they did that and it was a success, he didn't believe it was a success, and when he seen it with his own eyes, he said "Aye man, this really worked." I said I told you blueprint gonna work. And the blueprint is something that can apply to the streets, and get people together, Upholds what everybody wanted and racial group and you can come together.

And there's a way for it. If you can do it in the most violent prison system, the biggest prison system, they have a 130 some thousand, if you could do it with them, you can do it anywhere. So, but the idea is always push the nonviolence and bring people together. Like Black lives and stuff, but we don't exclude nobody.

Min King X: Why do you think CDC small (r) failed and refused to embrace the Agreement to End All Hostilities when first presented? And why do you think now, they don't want to credit you all for the impact this historical document has had on reducing violence on the prison yards?

Sitawa: The Agreement To End Hostility or the Blueprint is the reason they don't want it to be successful. They didn't believe we was going to stop all the violence. When they see that it was going to help, they saw it as a threat. because there was violence in prisons.

Marie: And it would jeopardize jobs.

Min King X: Aside from 5 Core demands of the Agreement 2 Come Home, what can we do to support your efforts towards freedom?

Sitawa: One thing you can do is just look at the situation. I've done 40 years, and I caught that virus which I shouldn't have caught. And a lot of people caught that stuff. Some die, some make it through. Anybody who went through that is a survivor. But I believe anybody who does 30 years, 40 years, 45 years deserves a second chance. Everybody talks about that second chance, but they're not giving that to people. You should push that issue right there. Give 'em a second chance.

Min King X: Alright thank you. We love you, man. Stay strong like you've been doing and know that we're out here for you and sis. On love, bro.

Sitawa: Alright, one love. (Sitawa hangs up)

Min King X: [to Marie] So, I ask you again what I asked you a few months ago when I was recording the song - End All Hostilities, what do you have to say about putting The Agreement on the Billboards?

Marie: Oh, wow. I've been saying that since they made the Agreement to End Hostilities back in 2015. This needs to be on every billboard in every city. Right next to that post a billboard that says the school system cost this much. And the prison system costs this much. It should be right in there; in every neighborhood... it's okay to put it in the hood, but you need to put it in the neighborhoods where people got money.

The agreement was so powerful and it made such a difference in prison - Why wouldn't you want to embrace it? But like my brother was saying, they didn't want to embrace it because it'd be giving credit to the prisoners.

Min King X: Right.

Marie: ... because they can see that it worked. To get that many people to do a hunger strike, and all y'all in prison refusing food... They went those 60 days. They was determined...

Min King X: When Sitawa first walked onto his tier, he was singing 40 days 40 nights, and then everybody started saying that chant-- 40 days 40 nights. That was him being Moses though. I just see how strong he is, how resilient he is -- just the strength of a man-- a real, strong, New Afrikan man. And the system wanna break and take that spirit, but they can't.... Not your spirit or his spirit. You are real warriors.

I know it's been tooth and nail fighting to get Sitawa and the others out of solitary confinement. Now we're trying to bring them home. How much do you feel this has impacted you?

Marie: Yeah, it's been a challenge. It's been work. And, you know, for him to have a stroke while still inside and not even make it to the outside to really live a life, you know, it was almost like a hit to both knees. ...It shouldn't have went down like that.



Embracing the Agreement 2 Come Home, Paul Redd and Ruben "Jitu" Williams display the 2021 Ratcliff Award.



He goes to the hospital, or the clinic-- they check him, and his blood sugar is too low. If it's too low, or if it's too high, you don't let a person go back to their cell. I don't care how much they say "No, I want to go back,"-- no, you do something while they're there in your care. So, that's negligence right there.

And when he got back, the whole process began of his decline. So that was very disappointing. But that's every office that works for CDC... I'm grateful for the people looking after him that are real people, you know, that don't lose their humanity while they're in there. You know? They still have humanity, and it showed in many--the majority of them. And they were rooting for his progress.

I hate the fact that my brother has to suffer, but I believe that everything happens for a reason. And he changed the culture of prisons. He and everyone else who worked toward that goal made

it possible. His voice was very strong because they looked to him as a principal thinker. Yeah, it was the four of them that did it, but you know, they looked to him for a lot. And together they changed the culture in there.

Then after the stroke, he came onto the medical side, which has to be revamped too because it's messed up too. And they've known this for years...

Min King X: So Marie, CPF/KAGE is trying to use our platforms to foster new relationships -- but at the same time we recognize how important it is to build on the foundations that have already been established. What could we the artists do more of, coming into 2021?

What could we do to support getting Sitawa out? I don't think people know how big that would be - because getting Sitawa out is gonna open the door.

Sometimes you only have to use one key to open many doors. And I know Sitawa -- He isn't going to leave nobody behind. Sitawa's going to represent the whole prison class and he's not going to hold a bias towards somebody - whatever they're politics is. We ain't going to throw you to the sharks - to the CDC's small (r). So what do you think would be a good action item to get behind Sitawa for 2021-- and to liberate our tortured elders?

Because Oakland and California Prison Focus has always been the catalyst for a lot of movement building.

Marie: Right, that's the drill right there... You need to also get victims, families involved, because without them, you're going to run into a dead end-- and why do I say that? I say that because there are many people out there who are still in pain, still hurting, still haven't reconciled with their loss, you know, so they're going to come after what you're doing to say "no, we don't want this to go, and if you guys let this go, it's going to hurt, it's going to bring back all of these memories." So to avoid all that, you include their group. You got to include them so that there will be-- what is it called? ... when you get both parties together... Restorative justice-- you get the restorative justice going, along with the anti-hostilities. And you get families coming together, healing. They're not just floundering out-- they won't be like that. Why? Because they'll come to some place of closure. Some of them will, and some of them won't. But those that want to embrace it will heal, and they can move on with the rest of their lives. You gotta include the victims too.

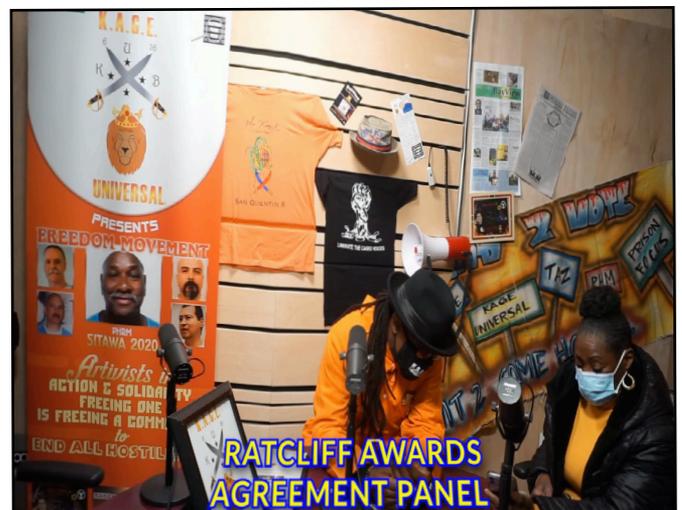
Min King X: Right, I agree. Cause that's what inclusive looks like. Democracy is all about community. Thank you, though.

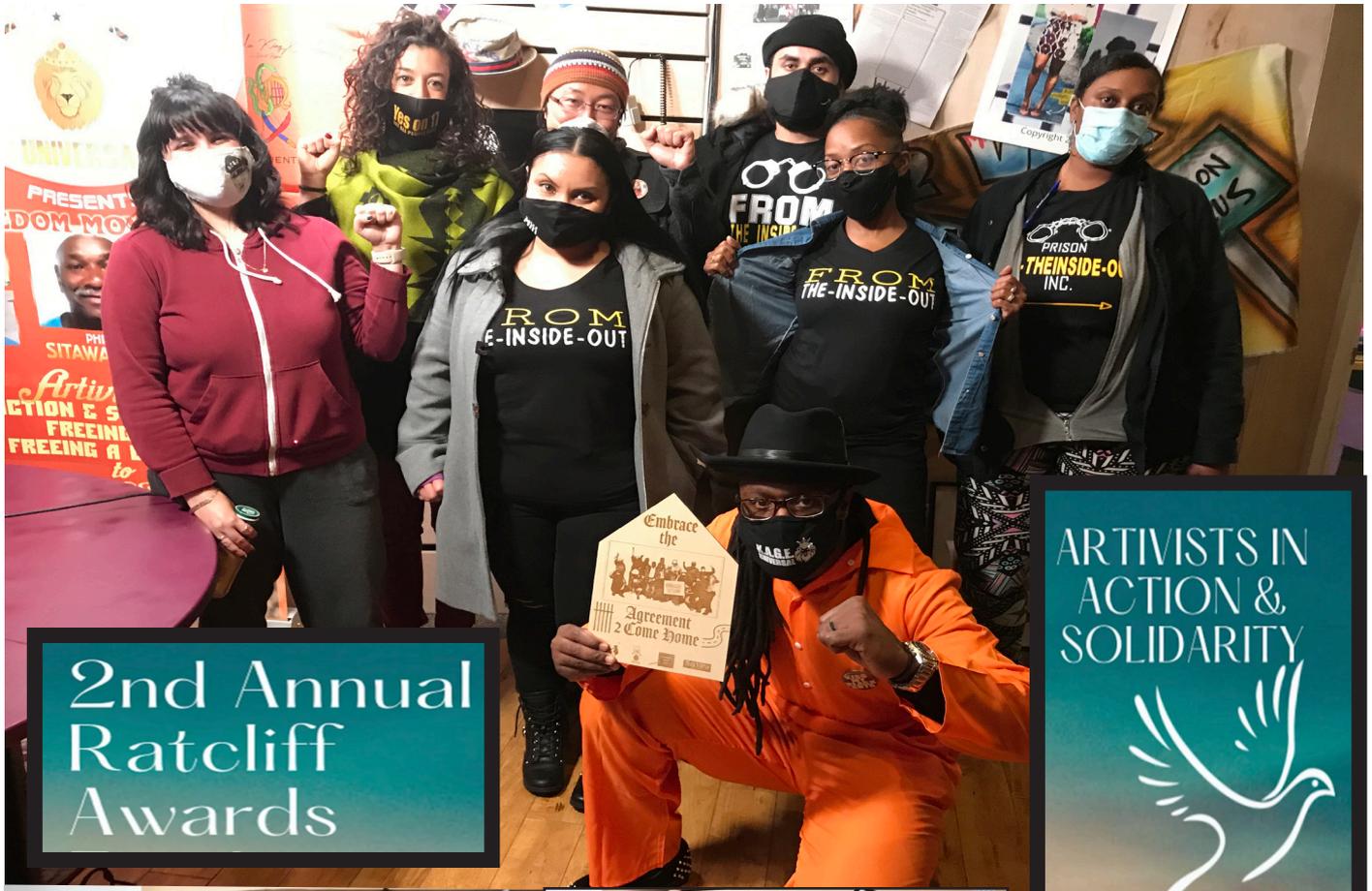
Marie: You're welcome.

Min King X: We're here at the Ratcliff Awards for Marie and Willie Ratcliff to honor the activists and the artists that was doing the work inside. Whether it be Prison Focus or BayView-- that's where the stories come, and the art.

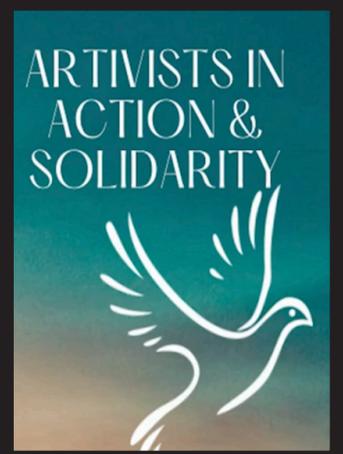
The art that we put on display is the prisoners art. I feel not only should inside artists be compensated, but their voices should be bolstered on a level, as any other artist. And that's why we're here at this top notch studio, the Grill... I remember reading articles and Sitawa said "Man, the agreement needs to be in the hands of some of these stars." So, I'm listening, and paying attention. I took notes. That's what we're at right now.

"Remember the prisoner as though you suffer like a prisoner with him." Hebrews 13:3.





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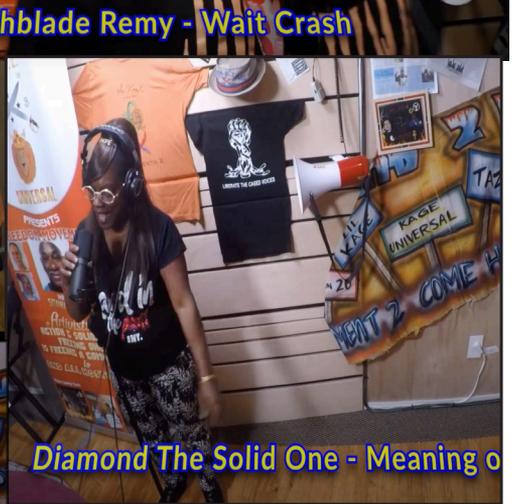
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Timbuktu - Living In Fear



ONE OF THE REASONS WHY I WRITE TO YOU WITH THESE QUESTIONS IS THAT I HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANSWERS FROM ANYONE ELSE. IT IS LIKE BEING BURIED ALIVE IN HERE. THESE ARE DARK TIMES AND WE ALL KNOW THAT WHEN YOU ARE IN PRISON - ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE INNOCENT - YOU ARE ALL ALONE AND NO ONE COMES - YOU WANT TO DIE IN THERE.

#FreeUsFromTheBoard

Dear California Prison Focus,

First and foremost I send you my upmost respect and appreciation. Every issue I have received slowly inspired me to voice the errors of my surroundings more and more, here at San Jaquin County Jail. So I stand here now and wish to inform as many people as I can!

This jail is infested, mostly because of poor management and lack of effort!

After being completely quarantined, I was put in a cell with a 58 yr old man that had been only been in custody for 2 DAYS! Talk about not making the effort to keep the virus from spreading!?

Only inmates sentenced to COUNTY JAIL TIME [are quarantined]! Crazy thing is, They're the ones that manage/dispense the entire jails food and they're on LOCKDOWN BECAUSE OF POSITIVE TESTS! So they have the quarantine unit passing out food! I can't imagine who works in the Administration here?

Since the farm is on lockdown all meals are the same besides breakfast. They're passing out bread, apple, jelly and milk. Not even peanut butter! I'm sure that's not reaching a 2000 calorie diet either?

How many rules, regulations, policies, and laws are being broken and violated?!

Due to the delay of transportation and the decision of classification, I have been exposed to every inmate coming straight off the street, resulting in multiple full lockdowns and quarantines - placing me in my cell for days at a time, only being able to shower every couple of days, or *whenever* it's convenient for the officers. Many of my neighbors and so many people in my building have COVID but information for us is not to be!

Back in March is when the jail started supplying masks to every inmate specifically instructing us to NOT clean them ourselves. The first couple months they were good at dispensing and collecting the masks DAILY! Now the cases are spiking... but I have yet to receive a new mask in over 2 months!?! So I filed a grievance and the officer on duty... didn't give me a copy of my grievance. What's really going on around here?

I'll be gone within the next couple days but man I feel for the ones that are staying.

Someone help them!

Standed Against The System, RONNIE

Feel free to post, edit, and include my name however you wish completely appreciated and highly acknowledged!

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LET'S \$STRIKE GENOCIDE

Dear California Prison Focus,

I am in Administrative Segregation (ASU) at C.S.P. - L.A.C and have been in the hole since Nov. 2019...

A Hunger strike initiated on 12-12-20 ended 12-18-20 based on agreements that turned out to be lies. The hunger strike was reinstated on 12-24-20 and plan to continue until their word is honored. I respectfully request any assistance available. It's day 18 and still have not seen a lieutenant or anyone above.

Policies are being disregarded.

Earlier today I was seriously contemplating ending this strike due to hopeless thoughts. But my neighbor let me peruse his Prison Focus and after reading an article by Ed Mead (i.e., Who Am I + Some History, #61 Dec. 2020), I re-focused my energies and plan to continue until the staff honor their previous word to me.

Needless to say, the conditions of this ASU are barbaric and dehumanizing.

However, as Mr. Mead states in his article, most if not all of these prisoners are either satisfied (e.g. Stockholm Syndrome), scared or have no belief in themselves (defeatist mentality). **I cannot give a man what he does not possess.**

I WILL NEVER GET THESE WALLS DOWN ALONE

To whom it may concern,

My name is Alvin C. West. I am a 66-year-old male whose been in prison for over 20 years with an indeterminate sentencing. I feel like I have a death sentencing, not able to do anything to help myself. I have a family that support me with adequate housing, jobs, and more. I am tired of suffering under this cruel and unusual punishment. I would like to join along with your projects so I will learn what I need to do to help myself. Because my life today feels as if it's all over and I will never get these walls down alone. Please get back with me as soon as you can to let me know what's happening and how to go forward.

"The main reason why this has happened - mass incarceration - is that **the judicial system is inherently corrupt** - prosecutors, judges, public defenders, and even private attorneys love hidden exculpatory evidence in order to secure convictions, for warehousing, for job security. Public defenders are merely surrogate prosecutors. They all work together to make sure every single person is behind bars with life, then they get grants from the Feds. **It is a scam and Grand Illusion.**"

To Be or Not To Be... Paroled During a Pandemic

In order for those like myself to have any chance at paroling or making a difference in this corrupt system, we need your paper to help us attack the [misdirected] funding that is provided to CDCR, for various programs! Anything else is uncivilized!

This 70 something year old brother who said the Parole Board has yet to call him for the elderly parole [should] initiate his own destiny by filing a writ with the county he was sentenced in, thereby forcing the courts to come down upon the Board. For trust and believe there is a funding for the Elderly Parole, and tax payers money is given to CDCR just for that program!

**If one waits on the PBH. He will die of rejection instead of injection!
In order to bring a tree down, pull up the roots!**

Sista Kim, Peace and Divine Blessings—Foremost! I appreciate you taking time to reach out and to convey that message. Thank you!

Communication is always a lucrative antidote.

I do understand that 'Bro Pyeface is mostly in motion and the simple luxury of writing letters is far off.

On this end, it's been a rough ride with many forms of reprisals are thrown at me. I keep internally telling myself 'Malcolm X's' saying: Truth is on the side of the oppressed. These powers that be inside of this particular prison are evil! They're pushing my release date back. My punishment for being a strong COVID-19 advocate.

All I have done since at this place is strive to be a constant presence of righteous energy. Then this virus interrupts and peels off the real-faces of people who should be an example to me!—It's so sad. Only by Divine mercy and grace all three of my COVID tests have been 'negative.' Each day is a miracle to me. I just want the opportunity to sing words of praises -n- gratitude to the world.

The only thing that holds me captive now are enhancements—and they're illegal! I was never in a jury trial; I had a 'judge trial' where one deems all enhancements unconstitutional; Another factor that warrants my release: I was charged with 2 'misdemeanors' that make me eligible for Prop. 57 (early parole) however, because I don't have a hired attorney—even by way of pro bono, to give fair-n-constructive notice under the 8th/14th Amendment. **I'm still here!**

With the men monitored most recent interview I had with Pye nearly 3 weeks ago. They are currently abstracting obstructing justice by now claiming "they" cannot find my only 602 complaint showing "proof" that my "action requested". For "single sale" was approved. This request is based on my noted medical conditions asthma, bronchitis and pulmonary disease.

I received a 'Laudatory Chrono' last year for my conduct an overall disposition – but now! all these people are seeing is compelling "cell consolidation" with the **threat of an illegal RVR [Rules Violation] for refusing [to be celled with somebody else]...** These actions are counterproductive to the safety measures especially when the social distance thing cannot be put into affect with a cellie.

Thanks again. Sincerely, Haneef

P.S. See Compassion Prison Project (CPP) at <https://compassionprisonproject.org/> (January 2020) I'm singing an original. "There is no shame" @ this prison. The founders name is Miss Fritzi Horstman.

[CPP's mission is to transform prisons and communities through compassionate action. Our main focus is on childhood trauma and how it affects the lives of men and women living and working in prisons. In our research, using the CDC/Kaiser Permanente ACEs study (Adverse Childhood Experiences), we have seen that ACEs are disproportionately high within the prison system. At CPP, we are focused on bringing childhood trauma awareness, education and healing to prisons and communities both in the U.S. and globally.]

How Did CCWF Allow This To Happen?

Reporting from Central California Women's Facility

Housed in the positive covid-19 unit for 8-days and counting with no history of a positive Covid-19 test!

I am incarcerated at CCW. In addition to lack of social distancing, lack of PPE, cleaning supplies, and disregard for human life by medical personnel and custody staff, during the covid-19 pandemic I have been housed in the positive covid-19 unit in a room with four other "positive" women for 8-days and counting! (WITH NO HISTORY OF A POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST)

12/30/2020 after requesting a rapid 15-min test for two days due to cold-like symptoms hours later I was informed by custody in a very public setting - not medical - that I tested positive and would be rehoused in the positive Covid-19 unit. I'm not even going to address fully the unclean condition the cell was in, the delay an lack of cleaning supplies, nor the fact that there's no working power outlets in the cells, and as a result there are several fire hazardous violations.

12/31/2020 I was retested. The nurse administering the test had 10 swabs in her hand all exposed. No levels with names or CDC numbers, or tubes to place each swab in once the test had been completed. I questioned her professionalism and accuracy of knowing whos test was whos. She stated she was placing each test back in the wrapper and she knew what she was doing. At or about 10:30 p.m. I was told by costody not medical that I had tested negative and needed to pack up and move to the quarantine unt. This direct order made little to no sense I had already been exposed in the positive unit for 24 hours. I requested to be retested and to speak to someone whos pay grade was higher then the person speaking to me at that present moment.

01/01/2021 The LT came to give the same direct order along with several threats of a Rules Violation write up, and use of force to be removed. I told her I'm willing to comply but I need to be retested and see the results of all the test because I'm unsure what's true or false. I'm not willing to gamble with my life all over this institution. As well as a reasonable and logical explanation as to how and why I was housed in the positive covid-10 unit when I tested negative, and the reasoning of moving me after "CCWF" staff has already put my life at risk of exposure. She had no answers and agreed with me that non of this made any sense. I haven't seen the LT since.

01/06/2021 I have developed covid-19 symptoms loss of taste and smell, server cough, body aches, headaches, loss of appetite, shortness of breath, and chest pains. Today I was sent to the infirmary for shortness of breath. I was informed by the Doctor that all of my test has come back negative but he couldn't retest me as I requested, he told me to write to the Public Safety Nurse.

I have requested to be retested and given an explanation everyday and everyday I have been ignored, or given a surface response to shut me up. It is clear and obvious to me the reason being is because a retest would reveal that I am now positive for covid-19 and this positive result falls on the negligence of the employees of CCWF. As I conclude I am still housed in the positive covid-19 unit with no history of a positive test and no answers to how and why! T.

Planting Seeds

Greetings once again to the Warrior Kings and Queens at CPF/KAGE who work to amplify the voices and causes of the men and women locked away in the SHU's, ASU's, and on the mainlines of the Prison Industrial Corporations across America.

Right off the top, I extend my deep gratitude and appreciation to you for publishing my letter in Prison Focus Issue No. 61 Winter 2020 under the heading "70 Years Old and Still Locked Up After 39 Years," and secondly, I am enclosing stamps as a show of support for the important service you perform on behalf of the incarcerated population.

As I was reading input from other prisoners on the topic of "California Prison Conditions During COVID-19," I was moved to expand on one of the answers a prisoner gave to one of the questions asked by Min. King X.

In paraphrase, Min. King X asked "What are the aware, conscious brothers doing to demand change?" The brother replied that he could only plant the seed, as he knows not who is willing to stand up, and who's comfortable being passive.

I can relate to the brother's disappointment. Stated another way, I heard that brother saying those willing to engage the struggle to help defend our health and sanity, and potentially save our lives from the scourge of COVID-19 behind prison walls, are few and far between.

In spite of what those courageous brothers serving indefinite SHU terms showed could be accomplished when prisoners work toward a common objective, most on these California mainlines today are so intimidated by the powers that be, that not only will they not stand up, but they have aligned themselves with those powers and will secretly tell on the prisoners who do stand up! The same confidential informants that caused prisoners to be subjected to indeterminate SHU terms in the past, are still active on the prisoncrats' payroll today.

Not only are such inmates legally classified as slaves under the 13th amendment to the U.S. Constitution and article 1, section 6 of California's Constitution, but they are actual, willing slaves who wake up each morning eagerly looking forward to volunteering their labor and covert information toward the maintenance and perpetuation of the prison industrial slave plantation for the few privileges and minimal pay they receive in exchange.

So yes - I feel that brother's pain and disappointment. Nevertheless, **the coronavirus represents a life and death issue for all of the elders and others with underlying health issues, and the conscious, courageous few willing to stand up, must continue to do so, planting as many seeds of awareness as our limited numbers will allow.**

Here at Solano State Prison, overcrowded conditions continue to make physical distancing impossible, and wearing masks in the correct way (covering mouth & nose) is still not done by a significant number of staff and inmates.

Despite frequent announcements over the Public Address System to social distance, wear masks, and use sanitizer, these are just pronouncements of "official policy", with no sincere effort to enforce it. Social distancing, as stated above, is not possible under the overcrowded conditions at this prison, the correct manner of wearing masks is not enforced, and the disinfectant we're given is watered down and the hand sanitizer contains no alcohol - it's more like a lotion than sanitizer.

Consequently, the rate of COVID-19 infections continue to increase, and the number of buildings on every yard placed on quarantine continue to be a part of our daily reality.

In closing, I wish to again thank the staff at CPF for the valuable service you provide, and add my voice of encouragement to the conscious-minded prisoners in these steel and cement jungles to keep standing tall no matter the odds!

In solidarity, Khalif (Solano State Prison)

BEING LET OUT FROM THE HOLE TO THE MAINLINE, DOESN'T MAKE A PRISONER OR NEW AFRIKAN "FREE"

Monumental! Extraordinary !! Dynamic!!! Brilliant!!!! Inspirational!!!!!! Radical Salutations! Komrad, You did my bruised heart well... I've been "entombed" nearly "40 YEARS!" I am an ex-Blood from Watts, Nickerson Gardens...

Let me extend my deepest appreciation for your invaluable endeavors, and for those crucial and quite illuminating works you forwarded --"Touch Down!" I'm especially engrossed in the "Unkaged \$lave" Zine. Splendid and necessitated. I am certain that will have a profound and insightful political and spiritual impact. The artwork captured my spirit and left an indelible effect on my psyche for sure. That's precisely what's needed to inspire and galvanize folks, even as it gave respects to our fallen warriors... Stay on your path, as the creativity and passion is POWERFULLY expressed. I hope y'all are able to sustain that Zine.

I received some relatively "good news" last week. As you're aware I filed a Writ of Habeas Corpus due to the Parole Board, that Panel of "demi-god" telling me to return in 5 YEARS! This was due to my refusal to admit to a homicide allegation, in which I am not convicted of, i.e., they essentially demanded of me to admit to a crime-charge that trial court DISMISSED. In any event, based on that Dec. 2020 "SPECIAL DIRECTIVE," formulated and implemented via L.A.s' D.A., George Gason, the Deputy District Attorney indicated to the Superior Court Judge, that I would surely qualify for re-sentencing, upon them establishing the "Unfit" for evaluation purposes. I was actually ILLEGALLY SENTENCED to "25 YEARS TO LIFE," even as I was/am constitutionally entitled to the term of "15 YEARS TO LIFE," which thus means, I've been "entombed" 20 YEARS beyond my MEPD (Medium Estimated Parole Date), even as I also qualify for release-parole under the SB-261, as well under SB 1448 the EPD (ElderlyParole)...

Of course, as "I'm far from being elderly ... As I tell these tinny boppers around here - *I'm seasoned not old!* Joe

The Forgotten

My name is Tasha. I represent the forgotten offenders: women. Like most sistas, I was misled to believe that my body was the center of my self worth. By the time I was 9 I had achieved most of my height; a child in an adults body. A lot of unspeakable things can happen to a child that develops early. When I was 13 one of my abusers instructed me to undress in front of him. He then said, "I know you're only 13, but you have the body of a 19 year old." By the time I was 15 I was living life on the verge of suicide. Though you wouldn't know by judging by my exterior, my internal reality was one of unimaginable hell. We all know that tensions will eventually find a way to surface, and mine erupted in the violent act of murder.

I was 15 years old when I committed my crime. At that time, I could not fully grasp the extent of the damage I am responsible for. I am now in my early 40's and I understand that the wounds generated by actions are far reaching and intractable. Studies have shown that there are intellectual, developmental and cognitive differences between children and adults. In addition, there are new juvenile directives concerning youth who were 17 or younger at the time of their offense. As a result, however, there are those of us that have been incarcerated 10, 15, 20 years that do not benefit by the changes in law.

After just over 18 years of incarceration, I have transcended the destructive mentality that led to my incarceration. In fact, my criminality did not follow me into adulthood, yet my life sentence has. As an adult I have learned how to make my life count in spite of my confinement. I have learned how to act with circumspection, displayed consistent, responsible behavior, completed numerous programs, facilitate, and most significantly, I have worked with programs like beyond incarceration to deter youth from crime. I have re-entry plans, family and community support. I even have the support of my victim's next of kin. What I don't have is a system that recognizes my rehabilitation. I (like thousands of others) am stuck in the paradigm of a retributive and punishment based system.

The powerless realize this country's criminal (in)justice system is racialized. With the double status of female and being new African (formerly African-American) I represent the largest portion of women in prison in the U.S. Incredibly, women offenders continue to be invisible. We are frequently denied many of the opportunities afforded to our male counterparts. In custody we suffer gender violence, humiliation, and degradation. We mostly

suffer in silence because our efforts largely go unnoticed or ignored. In a European Patriarchal society, most women here suffer from learned helplessness; not me. I have been to the depths of despair and I found my voice there. I have suffered in silence long enough, and quite frankly I'm pissed.

Do you have the courage to challenge arbitrary and outdated rules and regulations? Each of us is capable of effecting change. California incarcerates and releases more people per capita than any other state. The impetus for growth quite simply is capitalism. The materialist paradigm has reduced people to numbers on the stock market. Mass incarceration is civilizational suicide. We are killing our future with lengthy prison sentences. I encourage you challenge the status quo. I am sorry that it took a senseless murder to shatter my moral numbness, however now I cling more resolutely to life to do my part to repair our social world. Will you? We all have the capacity to reconstruct the world one act at a time.



At What Point Does Punishment Become The Crime?

Dear CPF,

I recently went to the BPH and got a 7 year denial... The psychological reports (FAD) used by the California Board of Parole is used to marginalize suppress or minimize offenders with ACE Adverse Childhood Experiences) that if properly documented by the FAD would establish diminished culpability in mitigation.

During my first BPH, I discovered intricate details about the practice of the FAD which in effect ignore or undermine the prerequisite found in the DSM-5, the subsidiary codes for PTSD and ACEs, that are intentionally being suppressed...

Editor's Note: The Forensic Assessment Division (FAD) provides the Board's suitability hearing panels with "Comprehensive Risk Assessments" to "assist" - theoretically - in assessing a person's potential for future violence and risk level if released to the community. Read more about FAD in Prison Focus Issue 54.

ENHANCEMENTS

DEAR PRISON FOCUS,

My letter is being written due to L.A. D.A. George Gascon, sentence Enhancements 5-year prison priors, I would like to know will the Riverside County and other countys do the same thing in Re-sentencing inmates with priors. Also I have been clean, free, of any and all 115's and I have N.A. A,A. GoGi celebrate Recovery. And C.G.A. certificate. I also had a on going court of Appeals Fourth Appellate District Court Case open for Re-sentencing my case went back to my Judge for him to take off my two 30 year old enhancements and my 41 year old prison enhancements. He was a White Judge. I'm Black and I did my time for these two old charges back in 1982 and in 1990. And I did everything he asked me to do and I did it for myself to better my life, because had been on drugs all of my life. Now I'm 60 years old. I had enough. I have changed. But this Judge is a Racist and the D.A. is a Racist. My whole Jury was white and mexican. Not one Black. My real Time was up in 2020 But here

I am still doing time for a crime I did back in 1982. This is wrong. Will the D.A.'s office Take OFF my 40 and 30 year old prison enhancements? The Law is written with the 5 year prison enhancements was re-done, but it's at the Judge's Discretion. This is Not Right. This Law needs to be done away with. No more 5 year enhancements unless they are new ones. My enhancements are 40 years old. Please help me in Removing these Enhancements.

I really want to go home and be with my Family.

My release date with my Two old prison enhancements is in 2032. Can you have someone to help me I dont know what to do.

CPF/KAGE CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

We care about the privacy and safety of everyone who writes to us at CPF. We understand that there are risks involved, and also realize that most letters are sent to us with the hopes that CPF will use the letters to expose prison conditions and abuses. Therefore, unless you tell us otherwise, we may share your letters and reports *anonymously*. We rely on you to tell us (with each letter) if you do NOT want us to share your letter at all, or if you DO want us to use your name.



Involuntary Servitude: California prison factories stayed open while imprisoned people worked for pennies an hour as COVID-19 spread throughout CDCr.

See: Advice for prisoners and their supporters regarding board of parole hearings psych eval's, including special advice for Ashker class members, published by the Prisoner Hunger Strike Solidarity Coalition, October 2016. Printed in **Prison Focus, Issue 54** (Special HOPE/Parole Prep Edition). Send CPF written request plus 4 stamps to receive a backissue of PF Issue 54

Write to PLO for Information Sheet on recent new laws related to Enhancements: [Español/Spanish] (revised October 2020)

➤ Prior Prison Term (One-Year) Enhancements (Senate Bill 136)

➤ Prior Serious Felony Conviction (Five Year) Enhancements (Senate Bill 1393)

➤ Gun Use Enhancements (Senate Bill 620) and

➤ Drug Enhancements (Senate Bill 180)

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STOP MYSOGYNISTIC ASIAN HATE LET'S TALK ABOUT SYSTEMIC RACISM & WHITE SUPREMACY

Democracy Now

Deadly shootings at three Atlanta-area massage parlors on March 16th left eight people dead have stoked outrage and renewed fears about rising anti-Asian racism in the United States, which has seen a rise in violence directed at Asian Americans during the pandemic. A report published recently by the organization Stop AAPI Hate documented nearly 3,800 reported hate incidents that targeted Asian Americans in the past year, and showed women reported attacks at more than twice the rate of men. Since the attack, memorials for the victims have been held nationwide. Following are excerpts from the transcription of an interview on Democracy Now regarding the growing outrage and fears about rising anti-Asian racism in the U.S., which has already seen a rise in violence directed at Asian Americans during the pandemic.

AMY GOODMAN: For more, we're joined by Dr. Connie Wun. She is the co-founder of AAPI Women Lead organization — AAPI stands for Asian American and Pacific Islanders — and a researcher on violence against girls of color. She's joining us from Oakland, California. Her piece for Elle earlier this month is headlined "Ignoring the History of Anti-Asian Racism Is Another Form of Violence." Dr. Wun, welcome to Democracy Now!...

Can you talk about your response to what took place and how it has now been framed by the police?

CONNIE WUN: *Good morning, and thank you for having me on your show. So, there's a couple of things, right? Here in the United States, in particular, we can't disconnect race from sexism or race from — racial violence from gender violence. That's kind of first and foremost in addressing the police officer's narrative around what took place. I think there's a long-standing history around the hypersexualization, the ongoing sexual violence against Asian women. This has happened across the globe. This occurred during racialized colonial wars in Vietnam, Cambodia, the Philippines, Korea. And so, our country has had a long history of sexual violence against Asian women. For the police officer and the national narrative to act as if this is not something based upon race is a problem. Centering around his narrative, instead of the survivors' or the victims' narratives, is also a part of the huge racial violence that this country is guilty of.*

NERMEEN SHAIKH: *You tweeted, quote, "I don't want to hear any symbolic gestures. I do not want you calling for more police or state surveillance in the name of the most vulnerable. Could you say a little more about the media coverage of this?"*

CONNIE WUN: *Right. The media focus upon particular individual acts of violence against our communities has been helpful to an extent but the way that we have framed the violence against our communities has failed to address the systemic violence that is taking place. **We have not implicated white supremacy enough. We have not implicated xenophobia enough. We have not implicated gendered violence enough.** We haven't even come close to addressing, you know, the conflicts around anti-Blackness. What the narratives have done is they've individualized these acts of violence.*

But what we need to do is also have a systemic analysis of what's happening.

Some have called for increased hate crime legislation, more policing and more surveillance. What they've failed to acknowledge is that Asian communities are also survivors of racial profiling. We are survivors of the criminal justice system. [Deportation] is also a form of anti-Asian violence. So, the media hasn't covered enough of the systemic and long-standing history of violence against Asian communities. They haven't historicized it enough or named other forms of violence against us.

Many of us are still in ICE detention, facing deportation, this is also anti-Asian violence.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: *Dr. Wun, can you talk a little more about the exponential rise of hate violence against Asian Americans?*

CONNIE WUN: *So, that's been really painful, I'll have to be honest. The recent hate reports, the anti-Asian violence that has been exacerbated in the past year, have been really hard for our communities, and on all of our lives. There are a couple things. One is that these hate incidences are underreported. Surviving anti-Asian violence has been a large part of most of our lives. And most of the time, we haven't reported the violence that we've experienced because our communities don't trust the criminal justice system, and because we have a different relationship to the mainstream.*

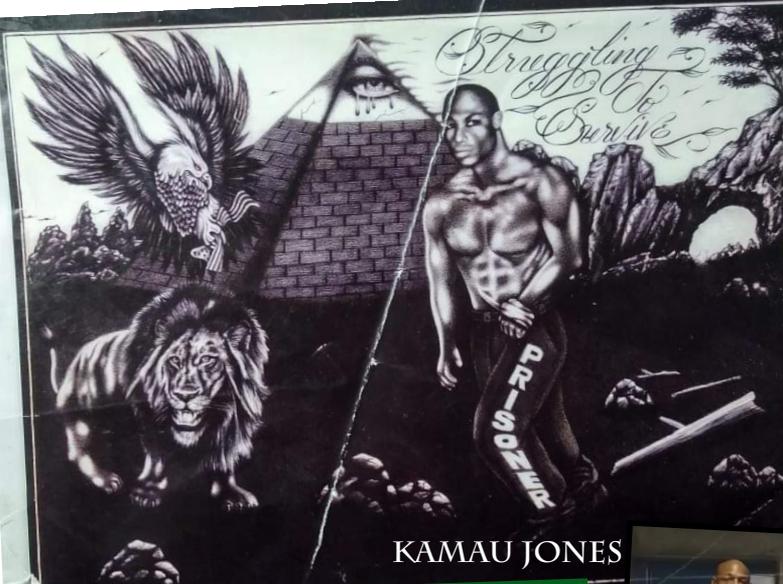
We can't separate the surge in violence that we see today from Trump and his administration, and from the fact that this global pandemic, that has killed so many people and hurt so many, was blamed on us - was called the "China virus," or the "Wuhan virus".... We were scapegoated by the previous administration.

AMY GOODMAN: *I want to read from a statement from Dr. Michelle Au, a physician and Georgia state senator. She's the first Asian American Georgia state senator. Dr. Au wrote, quote, "Our AAPI community has been living in fear this past year in the shadow of escalating racial discrimination and attacks. This latest series of murders only heightens that terror. ... I implore all Georgians, and all Americans, to reach out to your Asian-American neighbors [and] to pledge to stand with them in solidarity." She gave a speech on the floor of the Legislature right before the attack, with this heightened, this escalating violence against Asian Americans. And I was wondering, Dr. Wun, if you can also go further and talk about these massage parlors. We don't know if the victims, some of the victims, were sex workers. But you write on the dangers that sex workers of color, including massage parlor workers, face by police, clients and, now more definitively, white racist misogynists. Talk about this in the context of what we see happening now.*

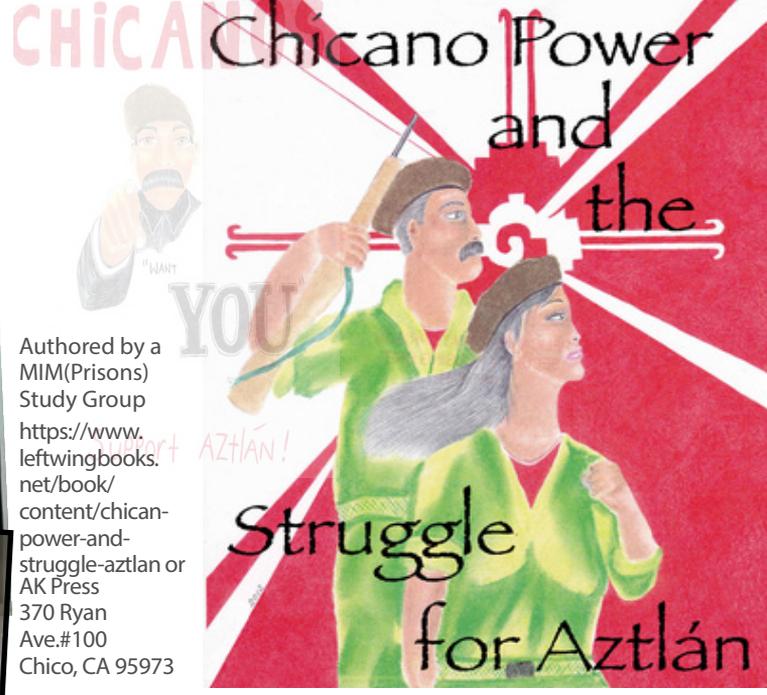
CONNIE WUN: *Sure. What we have to recognize around the women and the men who were recently killed is that many of them were working in low-wage jobs, right? Which means that they were exploited, they were underprotected, they were underresourced. I learned that some of the women who were killed were actually living in that spa, living in that massage parlor. That means that they were living under conditions of poverty. I want to highlight that.*

And I also want to talk about the ways that this industry - massage parlors and the sex trade - is a criminalized and stigmatized industry, which means they are subject to criminalization and police violence. We are survivors of the criminal justice system, which is why when mainstream media or politicians or others call for more policing and surveillance in response to the violence that massage parlor workers face, including these women who were killed, you're calling for more violence against our communities. And that isn't the answer, either. Right?

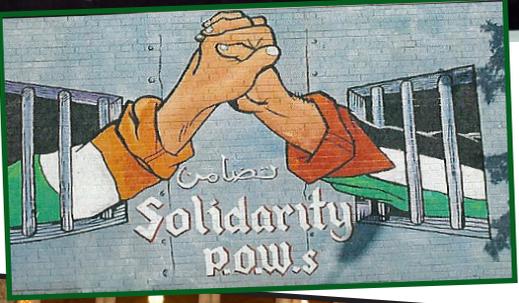
It's very painful at this moment is that while Asians, in particular, are being subject to so much violence, including death, we cannot rely on a criminal justice system; the same system that is causing death of Black communities. So we are relying on our community organizers, who are working for community-based accountability, in solidarity with Black communities, Latinx communities, Indigenous communities, Pacific Islanders...



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*All that to simply say,
Thanks. Send my Gratitude, and
always my love. As I too,
Suffer from Unfair trial and
conviction. Enduring 32-yrs of an
indefinite Political sentence.
The smallest light,
Makes a difference in the
darkest night.*

WHEN PAIN TURNS TO POWER

John Jones III is currently on staff for Just Cities as the Director of Community and Political Engagement. As a father of three and third generation East Oakland resident, John is also a formerly incarcerated advocate seeking to transform his community. After being un-sheltered and unemployed for eighteen months, John became involved in community organizing and advocacy to empower himself and others by utilizing his personal story of pain, trauma, faith and transformation to inspire young people, as well as to fight for policy change. John has worked on several local and state campaigns and ballot measures - most recently Fair Chance Housing ordinances in the cities of Oakland and Berkeley. John is a passionate and vocal advocate for affordable housing, employment, ending mass incarceration and racial equity. "

John Jones III, Director of Community and Political Engagement
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*For one, and all.
Keep shining..*

Dear CPF: My name is Jimmy "Nati da Poet" McMillan. To CDC, for the last 24 years, I'm inmate P-32432. Being in these soul-sucking cages for that long will change you fundamentally. Good or Bad, for better or for worse. I will never be the person I was. Prison has changed me. Funny thing is ... I remember sitting in one of these cages with my Brother Min. King X around 2007. And like most of our conversations, we were discussing about building his extraordinary vision for the UKB. We happened to make a song called "Prison Changed Me." (Man, we came up with so many hits, my brother and I, he truly inspired me every day!) Now these years later, I am still in prison (I go before the Parole Board in November. Within the birth of Pyeface and Nati and UKB, inspired my style of poetry I call "spoken floz" TM. It's an eclectic blend of hip-hop, poetry and spoken word for hip-hip poetry and spoken word?). I later fashioned "Prison Changed Me" into a poem I call "Mask." If possible I would like to share it..

- MASK -

infinte struggle
 I wake up in this Concrete Jungle
 insulted by A Strip of Light ;
 Offended by a Cold sink
 And the Stink ~of a toilet that lies a few feet
 From where I sleep ...
 Rest ... is for the weary
 Leary of this Caustic air
 That I share
 Dont shed a Tear 4 me, Mama, I aint happy ha.
 Bobbed wire tones and stone hearts
 Bullet-proof Recluse
 I wear a MASK to block the verbal daggers
 that approach
 But its the Scars that youdnt see, is what
 hurts you the most
 Resonates ...
 Until that hunger wont hesitate
 To consume my conscious focus
 And seep thru my membrane like osmosis
 and I noticed
 that No one wants to be around me
 When that aura of pain surrounds me
 And Bawls me
 I had A Dream
 that I last my Queen.
 A Double-Dose of reality, I found solace
 in a bottle of pills
 ... Now My ANGELS Have Opinions
 Now thats a battle of Wills
 And in my younger days

I would've lashed out A hundred ways
 Starving 4 attention
 But secretly hoping that that hunger stays
 Built in the contradictions
 Of these contradictions
 My anger still saddens me
 So somber moods
 in these dark rooms
 Can only turn into a horror show
 and darken the aura of my Glow.
 And I know
 Each day... this MASK gets heavier
 harder to lift
 And a stored face is just a part of the gift
 ... Cursed
 I feel like Pac before he Dropped his hardest verse
 Before those Shots
 Stopped his heart and left him part of the Earth
 I wonder if his MASK made him weary
 Hoping my ANGELS Hear Me
 Before Death Nears me
 All I ASK
 Is They UN-MASK this prisoner and Bury
 ME Free.

multiple inmates from old Folsom State Prison where there was a massive covid 19 outbreak... who have tested positive upon arriving here but were not put into quarantine as is procedure for new arrivals... I've watched cdcr move inmates with negative results for tests out of our building and into environments/buildings with active covid cases.

They have produced paperwork indicating a negative result to for many people who refused. They move people and force us into environments that put the population at risk for no other reason than to make it appear to the outside and officials that cdcr is acting in our best interest, when in fact CDCr offers NO treatment and acts as though we are cattle... We are not provided any cleaning materials, yet they announce via loud speaker to disinfect our areas .only the porters have access.in the last year since this pandemic I've been offered no cleaning supplies."

KAGE Universal Phone Interview

COVID-19 REPORT, Solano State Prison, January 2021

Min King X: What do you want to tell the people?

• **Anthony:** My name is Anthony. I've been at Solano State Prison since the start of the Covid 19 pandemic. I have watched my building have no covid positive cases up until December of 2020 when cdcr moved in

LOCKED UP FOR HIS OPINION

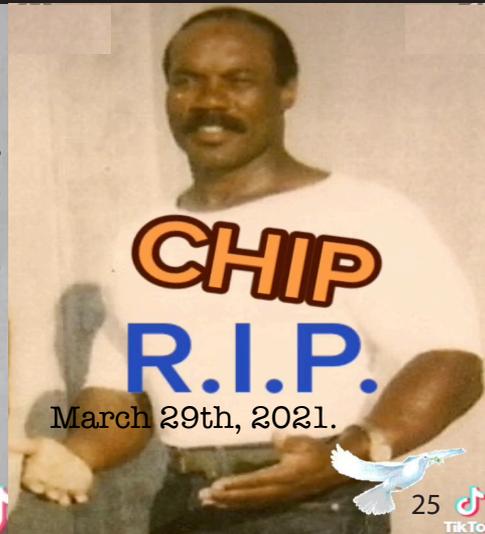


"I will lead by example with spontaneous acts of love."

ROMAINE "CHIP" FITZGERALD



Former member of the Black Panther Party, Chip was 1st eligible for parole in 1976. He served over 3 times the average sentence for his offense. Chip wouldn't compromise his values so **they killed him by Indeterminate Sentencing.**



Political Prisoner

Chess Not Checkers

In Summer 2020, Under Lock & Key, a publication of MIM (Prisons), which defines itself as “a cell of revolutionaries serving the oppressed masses inside U.S. prisons, guided by the communist ideology of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism”, promoted a campaign in Texas’ Allred Unit, for phone access and video visits during the COVID-19 lockdowns. The campaign won this immediate goal, however the campaign included a list of 15 demands that included an end to long-term solitary confinement, good time credits, releases related to COVID-19, the right to vote and others which were not addressed. Here, one of the organizers draws some lessons from the campaign.

A USW comrade in Texas: Seven days after the phone zap all prisoners in Restrictive Housing Unit (RHU), even those on level 3, began receiving free phone calls weekly... So the zap and the strike were a success, but I also made some keen observations.

Now the lessons: **#1** A more profound respect for the necessity to remain underground. This coincides with **#2** which is that the masses, both those within the organized body (the rank & file) and outside that body, are EASILY pacified with the simplest reform because for most lumpen the “invincibility” of the state and admin remains intact. Therefore if in the event the admin actually budges in any way it is considered a monumental victory and complacency sets in.

Backtracking to **#1**, The admin was made privy to my position and influence among the active protagonists (Team One). I was isolated and rehoused. Since then some captives have used their outside contacts to apply pressure to admin – this resulted in the discontinued practice of isolation of dissidents on level 3 pods. Consequently I was moved again, and although things are favorable here in most ways, the point is that the admin’s success in separating the cadres has circumvented my attempt to mobilize peers to push the movement forward. However, I truly think that once the ‘free’ calls are taken away, and it goes back to \$15 for a 5 minute call, people will see exactly what I’ve been preaching to them about for the last 3 months...

MIM(Prisons): The comrade above reported on repression and bad-jacketing efforts by the state, but has worked against them through mass contact and political education. While the focus of the campaign became the immediate goal of phone access during COVID-19, the demands highlighted much bigger concerns, including the end to long-term solitary confinement, which MIM(Prisons) has spent a lot of time campaigning for over the years. Another USW Leader addressed the issue of organizing around immediate, minor reforms in the USW leaders meeting while discussing local conditions in their prison:

USW comrade N: The most pressing issues at this facility are of course important to all who feel strongly

about them (i.e.: phone access to loved ones during the lockdown). However from an organizers’ perspective, these are not battles in which we can effectively push anti-imperialism forward, much less Marxism-Leninism-Maoism (MLM), without veering into reformist practices of little tactical or strategic value. I am aware that arguments on principle can be mounted to the contrary, but absent a practicable, totalizing strategy for revolution domestically being put forward by an MLM organization that is actionable in the here-and-now, we cannot effectively utilize many of these prison struggles as a proper springboard to corresponding actions in other areas, actions which do not translate into long-term pacification which benefits their prison administration in an objective, cost-to-us, benefit-to-them analysis.

If we cannot muster the resources and external man[people] power to mount a facility or state-specific campaign for a tactical reform to push our agenda and continually imprint firmly in the minds of the incarcerated that we have their best interests in mind, it may be advisable to abstain from participation, lest credit for the reforms go elsewhere and becomes politically-neutered, or, worse yet, the system co-opts the struggle as its own and touts its successes (ie. The First-Step Act). Otherwise, we are gaining no more than sporadic traction amongst those we are attempting to revolutionize, and then only of a transient nature. We should not be trying to ‘improve’ American prisons...

If we are to engage in any prison organizing, then censorship battles concerning our political ideology, the UFPP and the Re-Release on Life programs should take center stage. I find it harder to advocate quality-of-life reforms which are not linked to a totalizing revolutionary strategy outside the walls. Our goal is to radicalize those on the inside, for subsequent outside work. As for our comrades who do not have the luxury of a release date, or have sentences which essentially translate into the same, their best hope for release lies not in reforms but with an all-sided MLM revolutionary organization planning their release through eventual Peoples’ War. It goes without saying that for them, and for everyone suffering under American imperialism, the sooner, the better.

MIM(Prisons) adds: It is our general practice to shy away from inherently reformist campaigns; ones that do not contribute to our long-term goals and projects. We include the struggle against long-term isolation on that list, which Team One included in their demands, but was perhaps dismissed as a throwaway demand.

Reformist campaigns serve to unite different lumpen formations for common cause. With the correct leadership, keeping our eyes on bigger goals, and uniting others around a list of more impactful demands, reformist campaigns like phones access could be productive. At this point we rely on the leaders of Team One to make that determination.

We can also say that only focusing on the reformist campaigns, without the longer goals, is not going to change anything in regards to ending oppression and injustice.

We've seen many who say that they unite with our goals but argue that the masses aren't ready for them so they hide their true politics. This is called tailism, and it has not proven effective in building the communist movement. Finally, Comrade N makes the point that we need a broader communist movement to be guiding our work in a strategic way. The fact that we are just a prison ministry focused on prisoner support, without a larger

organization/formation to be guiding our work leads us to be much more susceptible to the trap of reformism. This is why it is important for us to be involved in the development of a broader communist movement in this country and to link up with other forces that have the correct orientation around key questions for communists.

Under Lock & Key is a news service written by and for prisoners with a focus on what is going on behind bars throughout the United States. Under Lock & Key is available to U.S. prisoners for free through MIM(Prisons)'s Free Political Literature to Prisoners Program: MIM(Prisons) PO Box 40799 San Francisco, CA 94140.

Declaration of War

By Barry Woods Sr.

Aint this a blip. These whitefolks are seriously debating on whether or not if these insurrectionist, traitors, to our nation, neo-nazi's, klansmen, should be labelled, investigated, arrested and prosecuted as domestic terrorist and even if the justice department should wage war against these degenerate hate groups. I find it very odd, there was never any debate about the fate of the blackman; young girls and boys crips and bloods. They declared an open war on the crips and bloods over 30 years ago which continues to this day with no signs of relief in sight. Many of us still linger inside of America's prisons and jails; lost minds, broken hearts, hopelessness showing on our faces. Our communities bare the scars of this decades-long war that was launched under the guise of a war on drugs and gangs.

But here, 2021, we have a debate going on about these avowed white supremacists after the failed attempt to overthrow our government by confederates (traitors), neo-nazi's, fascist and sympathizers who have supported the shootings/killings of our mothers, fathers, and children inside of churches, at peaceful rallies, in our stores and even in our schools. BLACK LIVES MATTER You've killed kids to help send your message, you sit on the court bench, prosecute and act like you defend. You sit in judgement on the prison board and walk amongst us on the prison yards as guards. Now you want America to debate how to label and prosecute your treasonous acts of hate.

Every sane American understands that you are a threat to our Democracy, our future, and the economy.

It makes no sense to me as I think back to the 70's 80's and 90's and how our government did not hesitate to go after the Black Panther Party - Huey P. Newton - Crips and Bloods, sisters and Brother's who stood up for political freedom and equality with unloaded gun stepped into the California State Assembly to peacefully protest demand for equal treatment for Black citizens, an end of police brutality in our communities, think back we talking about the 1970's , 80's and 90's, but without hesitation our racist and houseboys and girls sided with the bigots to devise a DECLARATION of war under the guise of a war on drugs and gangs to strip the Panther Party members and members of the Crips and Bloods of their Constitutional Rights by use of the Counter Intelligence Program Co-Intel-Pro who engaged in undermining our black polical leadership within our communities using sellouts to help to openly assassinate black members of the community and place many others into prison naming these groups Black terrorist organizations, but now these whitefolks take to the air ways and write op-eds advocating a debate on whether these traitors to OUR NATION should be labelled as terrorist a debate about one of the greatest recent threats to face not only in America but the World, humankind, white supremacy. white supremacist who spread the disease of hate. And now you can't stand to face the fact that you see in these traitors your face, hear your voice, share your thoughts' which have festered for years inside of you and so ceremoniously exploded on January 6, 2021. No more hiding...your views are full exposed!

Naw, this aint no debate. Due to these white supremacists, what you have done to others who you've accused of breaking the law, killing a police, aiding abetting the things you've done to the Crips, Bloods and Black Panther Party members for standing up for polical rights and exposing their polical beliefs. This is not about equality but about some white supremacy warped ideology of racial superiority. Pelican Bay State Prison is a place where they are breeding this ideology and sending dangerous people back into our society. They even employ those here who openly express this crazy ideology and have infiltrated this system at every stage, corectional officer, administrative official. nurse, doctor, warden and board members who make everyday decisions about me who support and believe in this warped white supremacy ideology.

Now is the time to weed out our gardens, rid the World of this great sin, be it by ballot, bullet or the stroke of the pen. Racism/ facism must be eradicated from our society and there must be written a DECLARATION of war to stop the spread of this cancer that has infected all of our society and the many peoples heart and minds.

Like America did in the war on drugs and gangs, Crips and Bloods, we must now commit to an unwavering war on these confederates, neo nazi's, white nationalist and supremacist traitors to OUR NATION and ensure that they are identified, arrested and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. We cannot let this go unchallenged, as to do so means the beginning of the end to democracy (or hyporcarcy?) in this country as we know it. We can no longer sit by and be complacent in this racist push for the usurping of power; sit back and cower as our sons, daughters, mothers and fathers are slaughtered. We must unite and go forward to put an end to these hateful people and make America and the World a better place for our future.

Black Vaccine Hesitancy Rooted in Mistrust

By Saundra Young, Feb. 2, 2021

Black, Hispanic, and Native American people are about 4 times more likely to be hospitalized and nearly 3 times more likely to die of COVID-19 than white people.

Yet African Americans have nearly the lowest rates of vaccination among any ethnic group. In fact, white Americans are being vaccinated at a rate 3 times higher than Black Americans. New CDC figures show that of those who have received at least the first dose of a vaccine, 5.4% are Black people, compared to 60% who are white people. According to recent Kaiser Family Foundation poll, about 35% of Black Americans said they don't plan to get the vaccine, citing fears about safety and concerns that the vaccines are so new. Wynne Stovall-Johnson is one of them. The 54-year-old mathematics teacher from Elkins Park, PA, is hesitant about getting vaccinated right now. The mother of two says even though her asthma puts her in a high-risk category, it isn't enough to sway her.

"It's really an emotional thing. Trust is based on emotions, and I just don't trust right now," she says. "I'm educated. I have a graduate degree. I read a lot. I'm informed. I'm not a person who clings on to conspiracy theories, but I simply do not trust the government at this point."

She says her husband and half of her close friends plan to get it. But the stain of the Tuskegee Study, the Henrietta Lacks case, and other examples of how Black people have been treated, and in many cases still are treated, by the medical community, makes her skeptical. In the Tuskegee experiments, Black men with syphilis were promised treatment but didn't receive it. Many of the men died, went blind, or developed other serious health issues. Henrietta Lacks' cancer cells were used for medical research without her or her family's knowledge, and without financial compensation.

But it's not just her lack of trust; she's concerned about future problems.

"I just think there will be some long-term negative effects caused by the vaccine that we can't know now because the vaccine is new. I think in 2 years, or 3 years, or 4 years, there will be side effects that people get who got the vaccine that could not have been foreseen because not enough time has passed."



"During toughest times of life you'll see true colors of people who say they care. Notice who sticks & who doesn't. Be grateful for those who leave; they give you room to grow in space they abandoned. Be ok with gifting absence to those who don't appreciate & respect your presence." Coolkay

"Now everyone says the vaccine is safe," she says. "I've heard that from a lot of people. I've heard that from the establishment, both political and scientific, they've had all kinds of Black people getting shots on TV. None of that means anything to me. The vaccine just hasn't been out there long enough for scientists and doctors to really know the long-term effects of people getting the vaccine ... so I'm hesitant."

Anthony Hardy Sr. is not hesitant. The 32-year-old from Glen Burnie, MD, is a flat-out no.

"I've seen death from it. A sorority sister of my wife lost her baby after getting the vaccine," Hardy says. "I've read about lingering effects as far as coughing, your throat or ribs or kidneys hurting, headaches, drowsiness. I've read and heard about other effects as far as reading it off of the VAERS (Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System) website, and I don't think I should get it. It's not a chance I'm willing to take."

Nor does his family plan to get a COVID-19 vaccine.

"We've had conversations about it, we've talked about it. I do have some family that are inside the medical field as far as nursing, as far as doctor's assistants and stuff like that, but they don't plan to get it."

Hardy feels the benefits simply do not outweigh the risks and uses a football analogy to make his point.

"It's not a fourth and inches. I don't have to go for it right now, it's not the end of the game. It's the first quarter, second quarter. I don't have to really go for it. I know I'm going to get the ball back. That's the way I'm seeing it."

While data about the safety of COVID-19 vaccines for pregnant women is limited right now, there's no evidence the vaccines are linked to infertility or miscarriage, experts say. There is no increase in miscarriage rates among pregnant women with COVID, and women with COVID would generate the same antibodies as a COVID vaccine. In addition, there's no evidence to date that COVID vaccines may have serious side effects long-term. Testing of the vaccines has been ongoing since summer 2020. Out of millions of doses, a handful of severe side effects have been reported, mostly severe allergic reactions. Paul Offit, MD, director of the Vaccine Education Center at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and a member of the FDA advisory panel that recommended approval, says there's no evidence the Pfizer vaccine can cause long-term effects, and serious rare side effects typically occur within 6 weeks of getting a vaccine.

James Hildreth, MD, president and CEO of Meharry Medical College, a historically Black medical school based in Nashville, says he understands why many African Americans are not comfortable getting the vaccine.

But unlike Tuskegee, he says, Black scientists had a major role in the development of both vaccines.

"Tuskegee was horrible," he says. "This is nothing like Tuskegee because we have been involved at every level of developing the vaccine from the beginning. The scientists who were involved in creating it to the ones involved in approving it, we've been involved at every level, at all phases." Hildreth, also a voting member of the FDA committee that authorized emergency use of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, says the vaccines are safe.

"None of the steps typically involved in evaluating the safety of a vaccine were omitted," he says. "They're all there, they're all done to completion, and they all demonstrate that the vaccine is safe and effective."

Hildreth says the school acknowledges that the hesitancy is well-founded, and it offers information to people, specifically minority communities, to help them understand that the vaccines are safe.

"This idea of DNA being damaged or our genes being changed, that's been addressed," he says. "There are no microchips to monitor people and where they go; it would be impossible to do in a biological vaccine like this. But I think what health care professionals should do, they should get the information they need to feel comfortable about the vaccine and then share that with their patients."

But Tuskegee is only part of why so many African Americans are not getting vaccinated. A historical lack of access to care and disparities in care are other reasons.

An Investment in Access and Equality

“As a nation, we need to invest in Black serving institutions to offset disparities in health outcomes,” says Leon McDougle, MD, president of the National Medical Association and a professor of family medicine at Ohio State University College of Medicine. The association, the largest and oldest national organization of African American doctors in the country, recently released a report that found the pandemic has highlighted disparities in the Black community.

He calls for expanding vaccine sites to include office space practices and locations that are easy to get to by people in the African American, Hispanic, and Indigenous tribal communities. Marcella Nunez-Smith, MD, chair of the Biden-Harris COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force, says in order to get to equity in vaccination in this country, we’re going to have to double down on access and acceptance.

“When people say, ‘I have skepticism, I have questions,’ I honor that. For many people, this is grounded in reality. Many folks don’t have to look back to Tuskegee or Henrietta Lacks; they can look to an experience they or their family members have had interacting with the health care system this week, or this month, that left them feeling that perhaps there is bias in the system against them.”

“I want to be sure that we don’t get so lost in conversations about hesitancy and vaccine acceptance that we forget about the structural barriers that also exist. What motivates me every day is saying, when it’s somebody’s turn and they are a yes for the vaccine, we have to make sure there are no structural barriers that stand in the way of them getting vaccinated.”

Equity, Nunez-Smith says, does not happen by default.

“If you were someone who didn’t have access to a vehicle or a car, then testing was out of reach, and many of those testing sites were in, quite frankly, affluent communities, not in communities of color. So we know that unless we center on equity, we won’t get there.”

“We’re also seeing that people residing in higher-income ZIP codes are getting a disproportionate, higher share of vaccination than that of the general population.” Nunez-Smith says. “Unfortunately, for so many communities -- and many of these are communities of color -- for many low-income communities, rural, and others, inequity has been the narrative of this pandemic so far; we have to disrupt that.” She also says tackling disinformation and misinformation is a high priority.

“It’s really disappointing, quite frankly, that there are some out there who are taking advantage of this moment to try to push political agendas when we are in a public health national emergency, the likes of which we haven’t seen before. And we just need to be anchoring in science and evidence and data every day; that’s the only way we’ll get through to the other side of the pandemic.”

Putting a Focus on Gaining Trust

Dorothy Roberts, JD, pushes back on how the issue has been framed. “It’s not that Black people have an irrational fear of new medical technologies, it’s that they have an awareness of a long history of being disrespected, mistreated, and violated by the government and by health care professionals,” she says.

“If we start out with the assumption that Black people have to be convinced to trust the vaccine because there’s a problem with Black people’s attitude toward medicine and science, that’s the wrong approach,” says Roberts, founding director of the University of Pennsylvania Program on Race, Science & Society. “The approach should be how can medicine and science be made more deserving of Black people’s trust.”

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“It’s not just that there was a past history of medical experimentation on Black people that makes them suspicious of new technologies today. There is a continuing practice of racism in medicine and government policies that many Black people have experienced themselves. That’s why there’s a skepticism about the government rollout of the vaccine. It’s a rational skepticism, and the only way to address it is to work toward ending the racism in medicine and health care that caused the skepticism in the first place.”

Stovall-Johnson, the mathematics teacher, agrees.

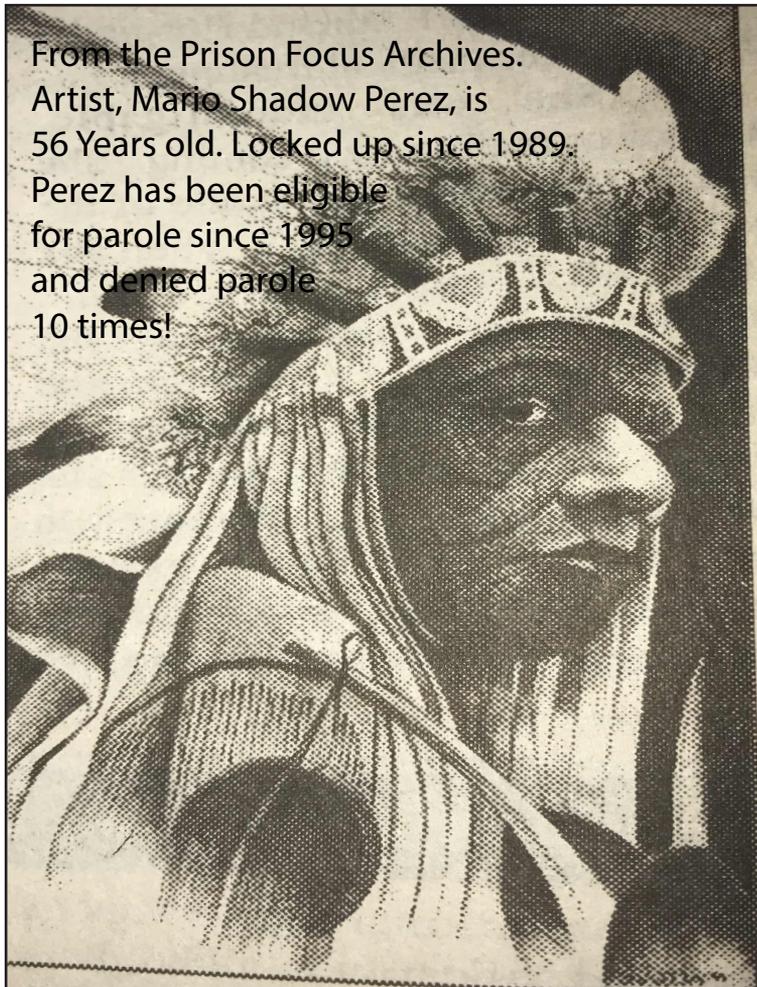
“There’s been a whole lot of effort that has gone into portraying this vaccine as being safe, yet the same amount of thought, effort, and concern has not been put into figuring out how to get the vaccine to Black people and Black communities. That’s a disconnect, but it’s not surprising. Black people don’t have equal access to things like quality education, good health care, safe communities; the vaccine is no different. It’s like everything else in our society. There is never equal access for Black people.”

CDCr VACCINATION UPDATE

Within CDCr: Total population: 94,942.

As of March 25, 79,583 individuals have received a minimum of first-round vaccines statewide (staff: 26,776; incarcerated individuals: 52,807).

From the Prison Focus Archives.
Artist, Mario Shadow Perez, is
56 Years old. Locked up since 1989.
Perez has been eligible
for parole since 1995
and denied parole
10 times!



Art: Mario Shadow Perez

Las Angeles D.A. Gascon's Resentencing Guidelines

Resentencing guidelines for the first phase of LA DA George Gascón's new directives, prioritized three categories of incarcerated community members: adults, minors tried as adults, and medically compromised individuals.

Minors Tried as Adults

- * Sentenced for a crime that was committed at age 14 or 15
- * Not serving time for a homicide offense
- * Has served a minimum of 10 years in custody
- * Is not a sex offender registrant

Medically Compromised

* The individual has been recommended for resentencing by CDCR because of high risk of complications related to COVID Adults

- * Age 50 and older
- * Sentenced to 20 years or more
- * Served a minimum of 10 years in custody
- * Serving a sentence for a non-serious or nonviolent felony (Serious and violent felonies are defined in Penal Code section 1192.7(c) and Penal Code section 667.5(c)) Has not suffered a prior conviction for a "super strike," as defined in Penal Code section 667(e) (2) C (IV)
- * Is not a sex offender registrant

Prison Activist Resource Center

PO Box 70447 Oakland, CA 94612 info@prisonactivist.org
PARC corresponds with and mails a directory of these resources to prisoners, their friends and family members. We are often the first point of contact for people to connect with prisoners' rights organizations, community organizations, prison literature and arts projects, family and visiting resources, health care and legal resources, parole and pre-release resources, and the prison abolition movement.

When sending a medical complaint: Who to Write for What

Source: <https://caitlinkellyhenry.com/cdcrpolicies/>

- Always include a 7385 (medical) and/or 1019/1021 (non medical) release form.
- Include completed form 22, 1824, 7362, 602, 602HC, or 1858 forms or past correspondence if available.
- If complaint about staff member, include signed 1858 "rights & responsibilities" form. (Format: CDCr emails firstname.lastname@cdcr.ca.gov)
- For Medical Issues - 1st Level Inquiry
Clark Kelso, Receiver
[CA Correctional Health Care Services
P.O. Box 588500, Elk Grove, CA 95758]
- For Medical or Custody Issues - 1st Level Inquiry
Facility Warden (cc Public Information Officer)
- For Medical or Custody Issues - 1st Level Inquiry
Coordinator of the facility.
- Write if you are scheduling a phone

call, or visit, need info or materials, or have a question.

- For Medical or Custody Issues - First Level Inquiry
Public Information Officer of the facility.
- Medical/Custody 2nd Level Inquiry
[Office of Legal Affairs
P.O. Box 942883
Sacramento California, 94283]
- For Custody Issues - If you don't get a response from other people, enclose past correspondence and contact:
Deputy Director, Facility Operations
Division of Adult Institutions
Christopher.Lief@cdcr.ca.gov

[Division of Adult Institutions
P. O. Box 942883
Sacramento CA. 94283
(916) 445-7688]

- For Custody Issues - If you don't get a response from other people, enclose past correspondence when contacting:

[Robert Barton
Inspector General
10111 Old Placer
Road, Ste. 110
Sacramento, CA 95827]
Sent Via Mail and Email
Roy.Wesley@oig.ca.gov (800) 700-5952.

● For Custody Issues
[CDCR Office of Internal Affairs
P.O. Box 3009,
Sacramento, CA 95812]
(916) 255-0860

● For All Issues
[Office of the Ombudsman
1515 S Street
Sacramento, CA 95811]
Phone (916) 445-1773

Attorneys in relevant class actions

- Plata, Coleman, Armstrong, Clark, etc.
[Prison Law Office
General Delivery
San Quentin, CA 94964]
(510) 280-2621
- [Rosen Bien Galvan & Grunfeld LLP
Michael W. Bien, Att. at Law
Post Office Box 390
San Francisco, CA 94104
415-433-6830]

NEW resource toolkit fro PAN: California State Regional Re-Entry Guides!

Berkeley Law students and PAN came together to create three separate publications providing key California regional information about how to connect people stepping outside of prison doors for the first time in a while with local community resources. Each listing has been contacted to make sure the services provided follow up-to-date COVID-19 safety practices.

Printable versions of the resource guides are available at <https://www.prisoneradvocacynetwork.org/re-entry-guides.html>. Ask somebody you know to download and print the materials and mail them to you. Be sure to request by Northern, Central, or Southern California regions. PAN does not have resources to mail to all who request - share the knowledge if you receive it.

Other Information guides available include:

- PAN COVID-19 Guide Introduction
- PAN COVID-19 Routes To Release Guide
- PAN Guide to Administrative Appeals For COVID-19
- How To Draft Declarations to Support Requests Related to COVID-19
- Self-Help Litigation Guide For State Habeas Corpus Petitions Related to COVID-19

Send med. complaints regarding a specific doctor to:

Medical Board of California
Central Complaint Unit
2005 Evergreen St., Ste 1200
Sacramento, CA 95815

or regarding a specific nurse here:

Board of Registered Nursing
Attn: Complaint Intake
PO Box 944210
Sacramento, CA 94244-2100

Send completed ADA complaint forms to:

U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
4CON, 9th Floor
Washington, DC 20530

THE CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION CLEARINGHOUSE collects documents and information from civil rights cases across the United States. It is available to scholars, teachers, students, policymakers, advocates, and the public, to allow greater understanding of historical and contemporary American civil rights litigation. <https://www.clearinghouse.net/>

POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS AFTER GETTING A COVID-19 VACCINE

COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you from getting COVID-19. You may have some side effects, which are normal signs that your body is building protection. They should go away in a few days. Some people have no side effects.

Common side effects

On the arm where you got the shot: Pain, Redness, Swelling
Throughout the rest of your body: Tiredness, Headache, Muscle pain, Chills, Fever, Nausea
If you received a second shot, side effects after your 2nd shot may be more intense than the ones you experienced after your first shot. Your body is building protection and side effects should go away within a few days.

When to call the doctor?

- If the redness or tenderness where you got the shot gets worse after 24 hours.
- If your side effects do not seem to be going away after a few days
- If you get a COVID-19 vaccine and you think you might be having a severe allergic reaction later, seek immediate medical care.

We are still learning how vaccines will affect the spread of COVID-19. After you've been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, you should keep taking precautions in public places like wearing a mask, staying 6 feet apart from others, avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces, and washing your hands often. CDC will continue to update recommendations as we know more.

PATIENT HEALTH CARE INQUIRY LINE FOR OUTSIDE FAMILY MEMBERS

The CA Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS) maintains an Patient Health Care Inquiry Line to enable members of the public, employees, and families of inmates to report concerns regarding the medical care provided to inmates by CDCR. In most instances, concerns should be reported to the warden or chief medical executive before using the Patient Health Care Inquiry Line.

Callers may leave a voice mail message containing the details of their concerns, and be assured that CCHCS will review all reported medical care issues. Providing a written statement of concerns is most helpful, as this will assist CCHCS in quickly identifying the issues, conducting any necessary research, and providing a prompt response.

Those individuals who submit issues of concern will receive a written response within the guidelines of the Confidentiality of Medical Information Act (California Civil Code § 56 et seq.), which requires written authorization by the patient to release medical information. Patients must sign an Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information (English)/(Spanish) to permit release of medical information to any individual, including family members. This form is available in the medical offices at all institutions.

California Correctional Health Care Services, Health Care Correspondence and Appeals Branch P.O. Box 588500 Elk Grove, CA 95758
Email: CPHCSCCUWeb@cdcr.ca.gov Telephone: (916) 691-1404

HOW TO FILE 602 & 602HC APPEALS, REQUEST ACTIONS OR RELEASE DUE TO COVID-19 (Source: PAN)

Where to send requests for release due to COVID-19 (via LEGAL MAIL)

- CDCR's COVID-19 response team. COVID19@cdcr.ca.gov.
- J. Clark Kelso, Federal Medical Receiver (916) 739-7000 ckelso@pacific.edu
- Secretary Kathleen Allison, for CDCR 916-323-6001 @cdcr.ca.gov
- Diana Toche, Undersecretary - Health Care Services diana.toche@cdcr.ca.gov
- Connie Gipson, Director, Division of Adult Institutions connie.gipson@cdcr.ca.gov
- If people have gone before the board and were found suitable, contact BPH and Governor to ask for expedited release Jennifer.Shaffer@cdcr.ca.gov
- Write and call the medical department at the prison.
- Reach out to the Ombudsman assigned to prison.

Ask a lawyer who is available to help or already working with you on the case to reach out to the prison's Litigation Coordinator.

- Contact facility's Warden
 - If release date within 60 days and may qualified for expedited release contact James King at james@ellabakercenter.org
 - If referred by CDCR under Penal Code section 1170(d)(1) for resentencing, contact emily@ellabakercenter.org
 - The Public Defender's office and/or the private attorney that handled your criminal case to request resentencing under PC 1170(d)(1) from CDCR or the DA.
 - Prison Law Office (PLO) General Delivery, San Quentin, CA 94964 office@prisonlaw.com
 - Rosen, Bien, Galvan, & Grunfeld (RBGG) 101 Mission St. 6th Fl, S.F., CA 94105
 - Governor Gavin Newsom State Capitol, 1303 10th St., Suite 1173, Sacramento, CA 95814. Submit commutation application. Contact kelli.evans@gov.ca.gov, eliza.hersh@gov.ca.gov.
 - The superior court where the prison is through a writ of habeas corpus/mandate.
 - The fed. court where the prison is through a habeas/civil rights suit under 42 U.S.C 1983.
 - The legislators representing your home / district you are incarcerated in.
 - Your loved ones. They can submit packages to advocate for your release. You should fill out medical and general release and authorization forms so they can obtain documents from CDCR and allow CDCR to speak to them. These forms include the CDCR 1019/1021 custody records release, CDCR 7385 (health record release authorization) CDCR 7421 Advance Directive for Health Care
 - Stanford 3 Strike Project, Michael Romano, 650 736.8670, mromano@stanford.edu, Susan Champion 650 736.7757 schampion@law.stanford.edu, Milena Blake milenab@stanford.edu Crown Quadrangle, 559 Nathan Abbott Way Stanford, CA 94305
- Note:** PAN will not file anything in court, with CDCR, or with the Governor on your behalf. PAN is all volunteer-run, and with the shelter-in-place order. we expect mail will be delayed 2-4 weeks. We can never return originals.

Toolkits, Handbooks & How-To-Guides

(All found digitally on the **Ella Baker Center** <https://ellabakercenter.org/resources/>)

Or request directly from Ella Baker Center at:
1419 34th Ave, Suite 202 Oakland, CA 94601

Back to Court: A Resentencing Guide to the Fair and Just Sentencing and Reform Act (SB 1393) and PC § 1170(d)(1)

For people in California prisons with 5-year enhancements on their current sentence for prior serious felonies, also a general resource for anyone interested in PC § 1170(d)(1)resentencing.

List of Legal Resources in California

Guide to Commutations Published by the California Coalition for Women's Prisoners (CCWP) 4400 Market Street, Oakland, CA 94608

How to File a CDCR Administrative Appeal or (Form 602), How to File an Habeas Corpus. (Prison Law Office)

PRISON FOCUS AND UNKAGE'D SLAVE: 24 HOURS AGO SUBSCRIPTION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Incarcerated individuals: \$8/16 stamps for 4 CPF/KAGE publications. Free for individuals in California SHU or prolonged ASU. \$20 for outside readers. (Let your friends and family members know that they can request one complimentary issue of Unkage'd Slave: 24 Hrs Ago Zine or Prison Focus Newspaper or support CPF at www.prisons.org) Back issues are also \$2/each.

Back Issues of note include Prison Focus Issue 61 (Sample resentencing request letter to the D.A.)

Prison Focus Issue 57 Information on how to conduct legal research.

Prison Focus Issue 54 Special Parole Edition (Resources for parole hearing preparation)

Submissions should be sent to CPF at 4408 Market St., Ste. A Oakland, CA 94608

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Prison Law Office has a variety of information sheets on the following topics:

CA Criminal Convictions - Challenges and Resentencing
California Parole - Consideration, Conditions, and Revocations
California Prison Conditions

RECURSOS EN ESPANOL

Condiciones penitenciarias en California
Carta Informativa Sobre la Validación de Pandilla y Como Renunciar una Pandilla (Debriefing)
Como Tramitar una Apelación Administrativa
Demandas Contra Oficiales de Prision para Indemnización por Danos y Perjuicios
Información Para Prisioneros del Estado de California con Ordenes de Retencion Migratorias
Información Re: El Uso de Fuerza Excesivo o Ilegal Por Parte Del Personal Del CDCR
Investigaciones de Mala Conducta de Personal u Otras Condiciones de Problemas en Encierro
Los Derechos de Los Presos en la Segregación Administrativa
Los Derechos de Los Presos en Relación Con Graves Cargos Disciplinarios
Planes Para Reducir la Poblacion Penitenciaria
Tratamiento del virus de la hepatitis C (VHC)
Condenas criminales en California -- Desafios y re-sentencia
Información re: Apelaciones Directas a Condenas Delictivas agosto
Informacion Sobre La Propuesta 47
Los ataques colaterales en las condenas penales estatales y federales a través de peticiones de habeas corpus
Nueva Legislación sobre Incremento Penal sobre Armas y Drogas. (Ley del Senado 620, Ley del Senado 180)
Libertad condicional en California - consideración, condiciones, y revocacione
Información Sobre el Registro, Aplazamientos y Requisitos de Residencia para de Delicuentes Sexuales
Libertad Provisional Medica y Libertad Compasiva

The Abolitionist

Launched in the Spring of 2005 by CR's Oakland chapter, is a bilingual (English/Spanish) print publication dedicated to the strategy and practice of prison industrial complex abolition. The paper is an important forum for prisoner voices and a valuable source of news and analysis on the issues that affect prisoners and state-targeted communities across the US. The Abby is a major inside-outside organizing tool with and for people who are locked up, and is made free for prisoners by subscribers on the outside. Topics covered range from re-entry to the criminalization of immigrants to prisoner health care to internationalism to alternative visions, practices and models

Are you locked up?

Sign up for a free subscription by sending your name, Prisoner number and mailing address to:

Return your slip to: Critical Resistance

Attn: Abby Subscription 1904 Franklins St., Ste 504 Oakland, CA 94612

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Shante Herrell - #WF7016, I am currently being held against my will at the Central California Womens Facility (CCWF) serving a 22 year Sentence. By chance or by fate your News Letter "Unkaged Slave" was slid under my door. From the first page I was intuned. I have shared the knowledge within, with my 15 year old son and 13 year old daughter. We must pass on any and all knowledge to our Young Kings and Queens, in fulfilling our duty to equip them with the "Correct" tools they need to keep the fight alive. However the intention of this notation is to request to be placed on your mailing list, so I can receive my own issue of "Unkaged Slave". If there is anything I can do to support this movement please correspond and let me know. As I depart from you I would like to leave you with these words: "Be a master of your mind - not a victim of your thinking".

Respectfully,

9/2/2020

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