

# The Dark Side Of The Criminal Justice System

: The criminal justice system, a complex tapestry of institutions and practices designed to maintain Free Download and protect society, often presents a facade of fairness and impartiality. However, beneath the veneer of justice lies a murkier reality, a shadowy side that exposes the flaws and injustices within the system. "The Dark Side of the Criminal Justice System" delves into this hidden realm, exposing the hidden biases, systemic racism, and societal failures that taint the pursuit of justice.

## Biases and Prejudice

Unconscious biases and explicit prejudices plague the criminal justice system, influencing decisions at every stage. From the initial encounter with law enforcement to sentencing and parole, individuals from marginalized communities, particularly African Americans and Latinos, face a disproportionate burden of suspicion, arrest, and harsh treatment.

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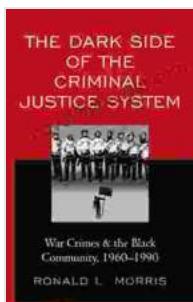
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Black and Hispanic people are arrested and incarcerated at higher rates than whites in New Hampshire, and at more disproportionate rates than others and the national average.

## LIKELIHOOD OF BEING ARRESTED COMPARED TO WHITES

Hillsborough County



New Hampshire



United States



Black

Hispanic

White

Black

Hispanic

## LIKELIHOOD OF BEING IN JAIL COMPARED TO WHITES

Hillsborough County



Hispanic

New Hampshire



White

United States



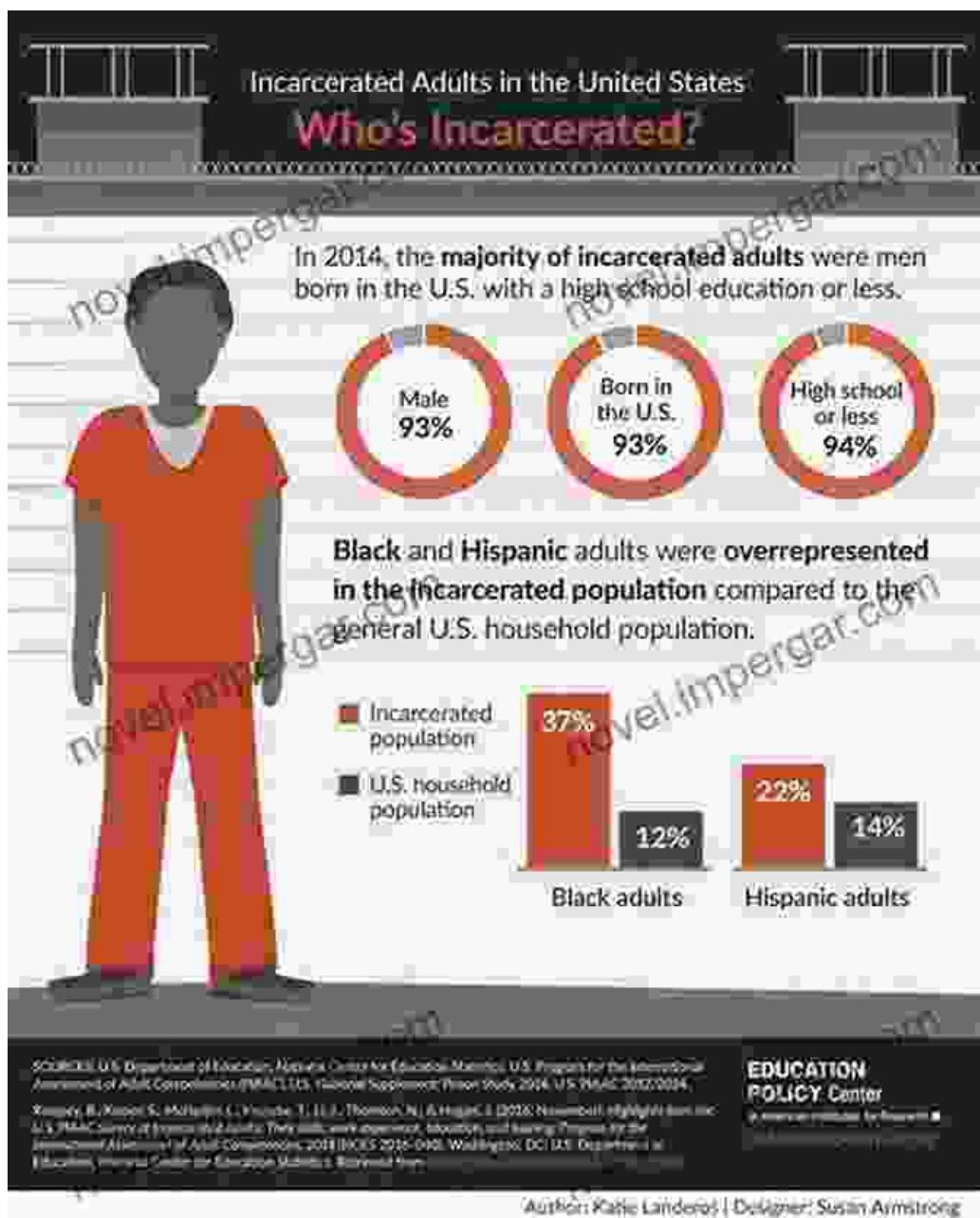
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Source: National Data from the National Institute of Justice's Crime Sentencing Project, 2010. National arrest data from FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program, 2010. National jail data from FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program, 2010. State-level data for New Hampshire from Dec 21, 2012, County jail 2010, released from Data Marketplace. County jail data from NH Department of Corrections, Bureau of Corrections, December 2013, HC 2011 and 2014.

## Systemic Racism and Mass Incarceration

Systemic racism is deeply embedded within the criminal justice system, resulting in mass incarceration rates in the United States that dwarf those of any other developed nation. The war on drugs, enforced with mandatory minimum sentencing laws, has disproportionately targeted communities of color, leading to the imprisonment of nonviolent drug offenders. This mass incarceration has devastating social and economic consequences, tearing apart families, destabilizing communities, and perpetuating cycles of poverty and crime.



The United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world, with communities of color disproportionately represented in the prison population.

## The Broken Promise of Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation, a cornerstone of the criminal justice system's mission, is often an elusive goal. Prisons are often overcrowded, underfunded, and ill-

equipped to provide inmates with the resources and support they need to successfully reintegrate into society. Parole boards often deny parole to individuals who have served their sentences, perpetuating a cycle of recidivism and further undermining the possibility of rehabilitation.



## Erosion of Civil Liberties

In the name of public safety, the criminal justice system has increasingly encroached upon civil liberties, particularly in the areas of surveillance, privacy, and due process. The rise of predictive policing algorithms, facial recognition technology, and stop-and-frisk practices disproportionately targets communities of color and erodes trust between citizens and law enforcement.



Surveillance technologies and stop-and-frisk practices have raised concerns about the erosion of civil liberties in the United States.

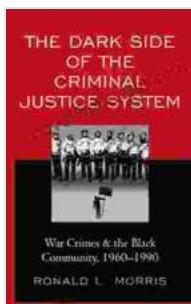
### **Towards a Just and Equitable System**

While the dark side of the criminal justice system presents a formidable challenge, it also demands urgent attention and transformative action. To create a just and equitable system, we must:

- Challenge and dismantle systemic racism and implicit bias.
- Reform drug laws and reduce mass incarceration.
- Invest in rehabilitation and reentry programs.
- Protect civil liberties and ensure due process for all.

- Promote community-based policing and restorative justice.

The dark side of the criminal justice system is a complex and troubling reality that exposes the flaws in our pursuit of justice. However, through determined advocacy, systemic reforms, and a collective commitment to equity, we can illuminate these shadows and create a criminal justice system that truly serves and protects all members of our society.



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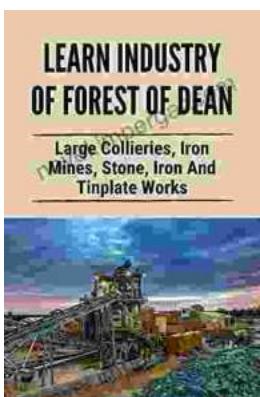
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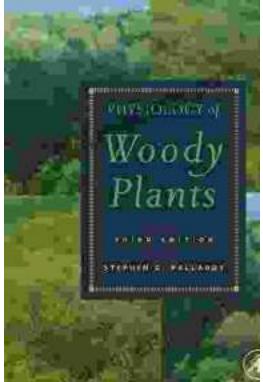
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