

The election of Trump to the United States Presidency has all but ended federal prison reforms that may assist prisoners therein obtain consideration for reduced sentences, in some cases it may affect state prisoners but selectively if at all do to the Governor and legislatures of each state wielding the power and authority to effect policy changes without presidential interference.

In 2001, September 11, when planes flew into the World Trade Centers in New York, the United States and many of the citizens therein embraced a nationalist ideology in such numbers unseen in this country since World War II. The rhetoric of the U.S. Government was highly intimidating towards people who identified with the Muslim faith, predominantly people of color. In California prisons, inmates who claimed to be Muslims were harassed and placed in Administrative Segregation Units and labeled threats to the safety and security of the institution without ever having committed any acts towards that end. It was simply the employees of the state and prison system aligning themselves with the emerging views of the Federal Government as Trump's words and tweets are doing today. In prison it is an exhausting and often-times failed effort to raise the consciousness of the prisoner population. For they seemed to be overwhelmed by their subjugated status and only search for ways and means to lessen the psychological stresses of confinement through non-progressive pursuits. In society we have to reach out to the youths in school, juvenile halls, Youth Authorities

with Care, Concern and Information that will expand their horizon beyond the television screen or Radio. As once a youth therein myself I know that the world was as small as the facility/institution it was not until I was able to get hold of Books and newsletters by, from and about my own people of color that I began to see the world in many shades other than white or black and the struggles that raged between the two. I know mothers have good intentions for their children but the struggles to keep an impoverished family together with little education and no father can be rough..

We need to build our own... so that we can care for and develop our own. schools, safe environments to recreate, housing, food aid, clothing and get the government off of our backs.

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Respects

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