

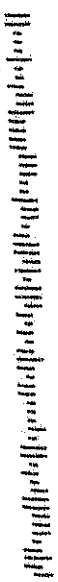
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## A New Prison Abolition Path

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As a decades long Political Prisoner, I have participated in and become aware of many failed efforts to abolish the Prison Industrial Complex (P.I.C.).

Here i offer A New Prison Abolition Path forward.

We must begin a nationwide push to turn the P.I.C. into Incubators of social and environmental changes that are needed in the 21st century. A paradigm that can unite prisoners, positive change elements, academia, prison employees, the communities they come from, and society at large, in a quest to provide Massive Open Online Courses within the entire P.I.C. (prisoners and prison employees alike).

We start by convincing sympathetic volunteers from academia of the value of using technology to help prisoners and prison employees to master science, technology, engineering and math (S.T.E.M.) skills. Such a undertaking will give our present Abolitionist efforts a leverage far beyond what we presently exercise.

Namely, such a effort must set it's sights on finding cures for cancers, AIDS, autism, alzheimer's disease. Producing improved and innovative ways to lessen the dependence of society on planet killing fossil fuels, through affordable solar and wind energy techniques, as well as developing and spreading everything that makes organic gardening and farming potentially our best mass organizing mechanism.

Properly motivated prisoners have both the intellect and the time to discover ~~how~~ how such knowledge and skills have the ability to place in their hands the kind of leverage that will cause the research (profit) hungry corporate giants to flock to the prisons seeking access to the secrets behind the published papers coming from those quarters; even when that means using corporate power to change the laws that stand in the way.

The prison employees must also be encouraged and supported in any attempts to take advantage of their workplace/prison Incubators. Since once such exciting and challenging undertakings gain a foothold amongst enough prisoners, the present anti social "gangsta", community/prison culture will be pushed to the margins. That will doom the P.I.C. as we know it, along with the present employment of hundreds of thousands of prison staffers jobs.

My hope is that this can be married to the best of what others are working on.

Straigh Ahead!

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