Presentation Structure

1. Opening Statement
   1. What is an open prison?
      1. Modern Open Prison system based on the transition stage of moving long term prisoners and reintegrating them back into society.
      2. Popular in Scandinavia
         1. Popular in Scandinavia because in the early 20th century incarceration rates were high and recidivism was becoming an epidemic.
         2. Much like what is happening in Canada and the United States today.
         3. In the 60s and 70s open prisons were introduced gradually
            1. Finland then ended up with one of Europe’s lowest incarceration rates and crime did not increase
   2. Points about open prisons
      1. Humanitarian
         1. In the west we treat our prisoners terribly. We have them in terrible conditions, where their souls are crushed and they are socialized to the prison culture
         2. When prisoners come to these open prisons, it is said that they spend hours just staring at the sunset
            1. These people have been inside prisons for so long they no longer remember sunsets and have forgotten the beauty in life.
      2. Lowers recidivism
         1. The recidivism rate for those who go through the open prison system drops by 20 percent according to the Finnish Criminal Sanctions agency.
      3. Cheaper
         1. Due to the open nature the prison
            1. Requires less guards
            2. The prisoners contribute to the work done around the facility
            3. Less maintenance required

Fences

Armored doors

Lock down systems