**Writing Assignment**

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**What are the social and economic factors that affect gun violence in the United States?**

Social – job availability, education level

Economic – gaps between rich and poor,

**What are the effects of mass incarceration on political rights, social dynamics, and personal economic achievement?**

Political Rights – removed rights

Social dynamics – feeling of getting out.

Personal Economic achievement – locked into permeant second class status.

**What are the causes and effects of the War on Drugs?**

Causes:

Political motives – getting the vote

Get tough policies

White people scared they will lose jobs to African Americans

Effects:

Caste based system

Legal discrimination on a set of individuals who are predominantly African American

**What are the complexities of finding a solution to the problem of mass incarceration?**

Structures already in place

Public opinion

Dangerous criminals, who really are in jail for good reason

**What are my thoughts?** Do you agree or disagree significantly with any parts of her argument? Feel free to candidly respond. Your opinion itself will not be used to determine your grade, but the quality (in terms of its analytical rigor) in your argument will.