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Writing in *The New York Times*, columnist Charles Blow delivers a list of woe that the next American president will inherit, citing mass incarceration as one of the country's major shortcomings.

Our criminal justice system has made a mockery of the concept of equal justice with its racially skewed pattern of mass incarceration. Not only is the United States the world's leader in incarceration with 2.2 million people currently in the nation's prisons or jails a 500 percent increase over the past thirty years, [according to The Sentencing Project](#), but the group also [points out](#):

More than 60 percent of the people in prison are now racial and ethnic minorities. For black males in their thirties, 1 in every 10 is in prison or jail on any given day. These trends have been intensified by the disproportionate impact of the war on drugs, in which two-thirds of all persons in prison for drug offenses are people of color.

Read the full commentary in [The New York Times](#).

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People in prison is serving a life sentence

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