

# Vera Institute of Justice

## Criminal Justice Issues and Prisoners' Rights

**<https://www.vera.org/research/justice-in-transition-nyc-advancing-justice-in-a-multicultural-city>**

## Policy Issue Resources

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, black, Hispanic and Asian residents of New York City and its suburbs are a majority of the metropolitan areas population. The disproportionate impact on minorities of stop and frisk ruled unconstitutional has been the leading item on the justice agenda. But other justice issues related to immigrants and minorities merit attention, such as the intersection of AMEMSA (Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, South Asian) populations with the justice system in the post-9/11 era, the lack of representation for indigent immigrants facing detention, and wage theft. This panel discussion, which is part of Vera's [Justice in Transition-NYC series](#), includes government and community leaders discussing these issues and what justice might look like in the de Blasio era.

[Watch the the full panel discussion](#) on YouTube.

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, black, Hispanic and Asian residents of New York City and its suburbs are a majority of the metropolitan areas population. The disproportionate impact on minorities of stop and frisk ruled unconstitutional has been the leading item on the justice agenda. But other justice issues related to immigrants and minorities merit attention, such as the intersection of AMEMSA (Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, South Asian) populations with the justice system in the post-9/11 era, the lack of representation for indigent immigrants facing detention, and wage theft. This panel discussion, which is part of Vera's [Justice in Transition-NYC series](#), includes government and community leaders discussing these issues and what justice might look like in the de Blasio era.

[Watch the the full panel discussion](#) on YouTube.

A laundry list of minor traffic violations can lead to tickets and even jail time. In the worst cases, police stops for trivial infractions turn deadly. But stops for those offense-tinted windows, a missing inspection sticker, an air freshener dangling from the rearview mirror don't make us safer. They do, however, drive racial disparities: study ...

A Virtual Event on the Power of District Attorneys in Criminal Justice

District attorneys wield enormous power in the criminal legal system. They have the power to decide the fate of people accused of crimes at every stage of a criminal case. They have tremendous sway over other actors throughout the criminal legal system, including policing practices and enforcement. We, the people, have the power to influence how th ...

Decades of these policies failed our communities and our nation. From 1970 onward, decisions made to sharply increase the use of jail and prison throughout the country and to impose harsher sentences for many criminal convictions are now commonly referred to as the era of mass incarceration. Today, nearly 2.3 million people are behind bars. Mass in ...

Transformative change, sent to your inbox.

Vera Institute of Justice. All rights reserved.