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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 ...

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