

# Vera Institute of Justice

## Criminal Justice Issues and Prisoners' Rights

**<https://www.vera.org/research/reimagining-prison-the-journey-begins>**

## Campaign and Advocacy

"Reimagining Prison: The Journey Begins" launch event at Eastern State Penitentiary in Philadelphia on June 20, 2016.

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Launched as part of Prison Visiting Week for Veras Reimagining Prison initiative, this explainer video focuses on alternative approaches to incarceration in use by countries such as Germany. Comparatively, tough on crime practices in the U.S. have been ineffective. We spend \$80 billion on incarceration per year, yet more than half the people who ...

A Report of the Commission on Safety and Abuse in Americas Prisons

The Commission on Safety and Abuse in Americas Prisons a national group of civic leaders, corrections administrators, scholars, advocates, police officers, religious community members, and former prisoners authored this report following a year-long study of jail and prison conditions in the U.S. The Commission, finding high volumes of violence and ...

Lifting a nearly 30-year ban on Pell Grants for people who are incarcerated, Congress passed the FAFSA Simplification Act, which restores their Pell Grant eligibility starting in 2023, allowing them to affordably pursue postsecondary education in prison. The Second Chance Pell (SCP) Experiment has highlighted the success of prison education program ...

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