



# Summary and Assessment of The Prison Policy Initiative

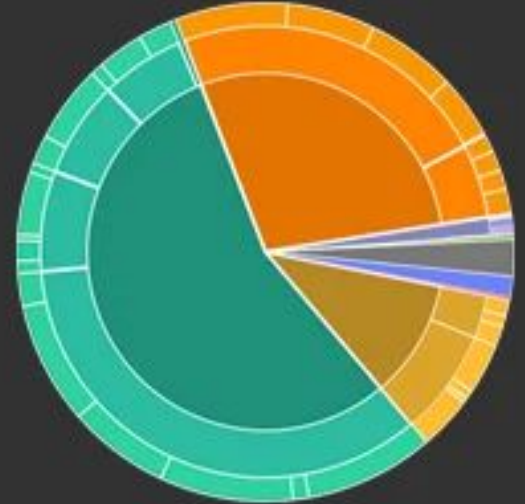
[prisonpolicy.org](https://prisonpolicy.org)

# The Prison Policy Initiative

## Overview

independent research and advocacy organization which documents how mass incarceration negatively affects social welfare. conducts public education and advocacy for local-, state-, and federal-level criminal justice reform. focus on reducing incarceration and combating racial inequality.

**MASS**  
**INCARCERATION:**  
*The Whole Pie*



# Goals

"About", [prisonpolicy.org/about](https://prisonpolicy.org/about)

The Prison Policy Initiative (PPI) is involved with many different campaigns and partners with other organizations to produce more research and publicize information.

"Expose the **broader harm of mass criminalization**"

"Spark **advocacy campaigns**"

"Create a **more just society**"

# Methods

Document and Publicize

Compile Data

Create an Archive

Provide Legal Resources

Work with Activist Groups

# Expose Broader Harms

**STATES OF  
INCARCERATION**  
*The Global Context*



- ❑ The average person rarely considers all the impacts of mass criminalization
  - ❑ Many unduly harmful effects
- ❑ Exposure helps hold government (state & federal) responsible for the unexpected/unknown effects of the criminal justice system
- ❑ The damage done by mass criminalization is intentionally shrouded or concealed from the public

# Inspire Advocacy

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- Awareness campaigns : a crucial way to better society
- Collecting Information - A Goal = No Systemic Change
- Information properly arranged + presented helps inspire activism

**PRISONS DON'T WANT  
YOU TO KNOW WHAT  
HAPPENS INSIDE.**

**THAT'S WHAT MAKES  
PRISON JOURNALISM  
SO IMPORTANT.**

# Create a More Just Society

## The data shows...

- A clearly unequal system in action...
- Reinforcing an even more profounding unjust society...
- Which unfairly punishes some and rewards others...

## We deserve to...

- Receive true justice under the law...
- But we can not receive fair + equal treatment ...
- Unless society trends towards justice and equity...



**If you're new to the intersection of  
immigration & the criminal-legal  
system, *start here***

**PRISON**  
POLICY INITIATIVE

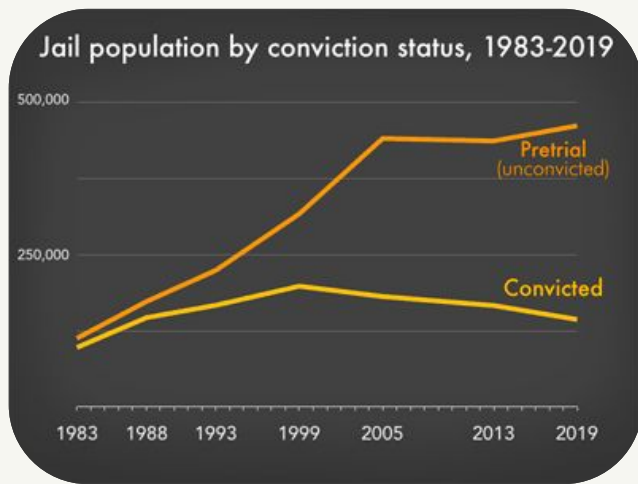


# Document and Publicize



- Most mass incarceration info is inconsistent and difficult to access or understand
  - makes it difficult to comprehend the scope of mass incarceration
- PPI research makes it easier to
  - understand what is really going on in the criminal justice systems
  - organize and take action to improve the system
- They also spread this information to help inspire people to join the movement

# Compile Data



Crucial information is often difficult to get access to or understand clearly, as there is no central system that collects all incarceration data

Collecting information shows a fuller picture of the impact of over-incarceration and makes it easier to see the repercussions

Helps the average person get access to a clear and coherent understanding of mass incarceration

# Create an Archive



Simplifies the process of confronting governments and officials with the impact of their policies

Provides quick and accessible resources to refer to when taking action against the system of mass criminalization

Shows how pervasive and extensive the impact of mass criminalization is

Provides a clear timeline of the progress that has been made and that which remains to be accomplished

# Provide Legal Resources

Quick way of  
alleviating damage  
inflicted by mass  
criminalization



Creates infrastructure  
for more research and  
advocacy

# Work with Advocacy Groups

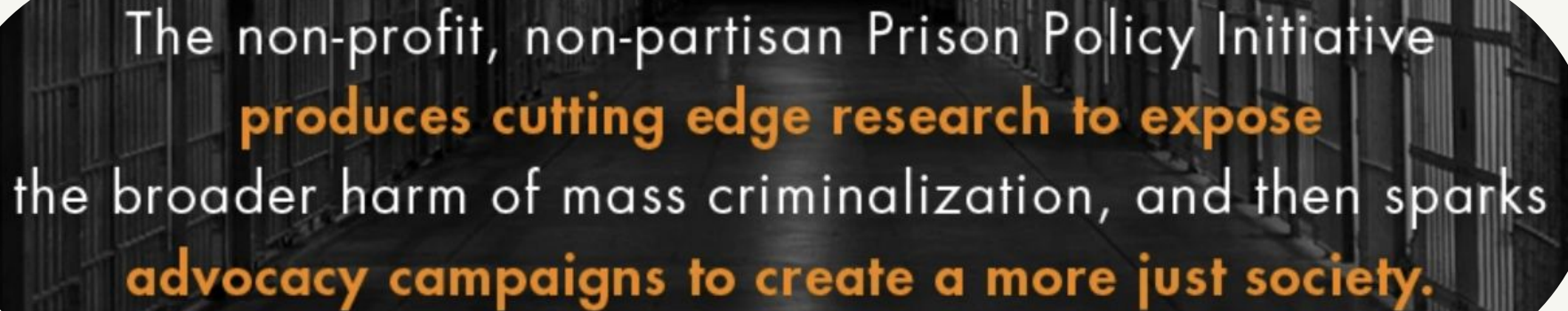
Material support of the goal to spark advocacy

focus on  
supporting  
low-resource  
groups

make activism  
more  
accessible and  
widespread

ensuring that  
high-need areas  
receive support

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The non-profit, non-partisan Prison Policy Initiative  
**produces cutting edge research to expose**  
the broader harm of mass criminalization, and then sparks  
**advocacy campaigns to create a more just society.**

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Thank You