

# Reflections on 13

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## Five things that struck me about the movie [“13”](#)<sup>1</sup>:

1. The United States makes up 5% of the population of the planet, but it also makes up 25% of the planet’s prisoner population.
2. The concept of [“mandatory sentencing”](#) essentially where a judge’s ability to do their job in the proper way is removed.
3. While viewing, I was realizing that black people have never truly had freedom in this country (even still).
4. Donald Trump’s proposal to force the death penalty upon a group of innocent African American children.
5. The supposed removal of the parole system.

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<sup>1</sup>I believe the film is actually called “13th.”