

Essay Outline

- Introduction
 - The American prison at its core is an invisible hand of the government to enact and punish whoever it deems as evil or wrongdoers in society.
- Contextualization
 - Invisibility
 - The Law
 - * “Moving the goal posts”; law changes like Jim Crow
- Importance
 - Why should people care
 - Why 2022?
 - * Prison reform has been around for almost 2 centuries and the modern prison abolition movement has been around for more than 4 decades
 - * The toll of prisons on society increases with each year that passes without change. Furthermore, reform will become less effective over time and therefore abolition should be considered in the present day as a guiding principle for future advocacy and change.