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Young was elected to the city council with a total of two write-in votes—one of which was from his wife.

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In states that disenfranchise felons until after they have completed their sentences, including parole and probation, such individuals make up about 45 percent of the entire disenfranchised population in those states, and total over 2. The story has become sadly familiar to me, particularly as I have spent the last few years corresponding with, meeting and interviewing women like Guanipa in jails and prisons across the country. Figures 4 and 5 compare the proportions of black men in prison to the proportion of all men in prison.

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These accounts portray political elites as key catalysts in the politicization of the crime issue and the creation of a more punitive public. As noted above, such laws have a particularly deleterious effect on black political power. The mass incarceration of black men is the result of an historically embedded racial caste system in American political, cultural, and social institutions that can be traced back to slavery.

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Racialized drug policies that unfairly target black men exacerbated the disparity between black and white male incarceration rates to worsen across the states over time, visible in Figures 3 and 4. Disinvestment in schools and education because of white flight led to less job opportunity and poverty, increasing the incentives for crime, especially in neighborhoods where less stigma is attached to criminals Mawhirt 2010.

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. Once again, these policies materialized in the huge increase in prison populations in from 1990 to 2000 in Figures 1, 4, and 5. I apply a correctional factor of 0.

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Deposition of Shirley Washington, *ibid.* Guanipa spent the last ten and a half years locked in federal penitentiaries in Florida, locked away from her Miami community, her extended family and two young boys. The role of conservative groups in promoting a more hard-line position on crime and punishment is well documented.

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