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several encyclopedias overview the contemporary system of criminal justice in america but full understanding of current social problems and contemporary strategies to deal with them can come only with clear appreciation of the historical underpinnings of those problems thus this five volume work surveys the history and philosophy of crime punishment and criminal justice institutions in america from colonial times to the present it covers the whole of the criminal justice system from crimes law enforcement and policing to courts corrections and human services among other things this encyclopedia explicates philosophical foundations underpinning our system of justice charts changing patterns in criminal activity and subsequent effects on legal

responses identifies major periods in the development of our system of criminal justice and explores in the first four volumes supplemented by a fifth volume containing annotated primary documents evolving debates and conflicts on how best to address issues of crime and punishment its signed entries in the first four volumes supplemented by a fifth volume containing annotated primary documents provide the historical context for students to better understand contemporary criminological debates and the contemporary shape of the u s system of law and justice

a study of capital punishment issues including american attitudes deterrence problems and discussions for and against the death penalty

this is a cumulative index for the crime and punishment in america reference library

a history of the criminal justice system from colonial times to the present argues that the evolution of the criminal justice system has reflected transformations in american culture economics politics and social structure

earnest free of jargon lucid this is a book that ought to be read by anyone concerned about crime and punishment in america the washington post book world a finalist for the pulitzer prize when crime and punishment in america was first published in 1998 the national incarceration rate had doubled in just over a decade and yet the united states remained by an overwhelming margin the most violent industrialized society in the world today there are several hundred thousand more inmates in the penal system yet violence remains endemic in many american communities in this groundbreaking and revelatory work renowned criminologist elliot currie offers a vivid critique of our nation s prison policies and turns his penetrating eye toward recent developments in criminal justice showing us the path to a more peaceable and just society cogent compelling and grounded in years of original research this newly revised edition of crime and punishment in america will continue to frame the way we think about imprisonment for years to come currie is an extraordinary sociologist who writes like a journalist he offers a clear and compelling vision of how things could be different if the political will can be summoned to change the status quo los angeles times sunday book review a must read currie s analysis sorts through reams of statistics to debunk many of the myths and much of the hysteria that surround the discussion the san jose mercury news persuasively demonstrates the debilitating effects of extreme poverty on children if our crime policy were a stock shrewd investors would be selling it short david j rothman the new york times book review

from the first incident of petty theft to modern media piracy crime and punishment have been a part of every society however the structure and values of a particular

society shape both the incidences of crime and the punishment of criminals when the united states became an independent nation politicians and civilians began the process of deciding which systems of punishment were appropriate for dealing with crime a process that continues to this day crime and punishment in america examines the development of crime and punishment in the united states from the criminal justice practices of american indians and the influence of colonists to the mistreatment of slaves as well as such current criminal issues as the response to international terrorism

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when news breaks that a convicted murderer released from prison has killed again or that an innocent person has escaped the death chamber in light of new dna evidence arguments about capital punishment inevitably heat up few controversies continue to stir as much emotion as this one and public confusion is often the result this volume brings together seven experts judges lawyers prosecutors and philosophers to debate the death penalty in a spirit of open inquiry and civil discussion here as the contributors present their reasons for or against capital punishment the multiple facets of the issue are revealed in clear and thought provoking detail is the death penalty a viable deterrent to future crimes does the imposition of lesser penalties such as life imprisonment truly serve justice in cases of the worst offences does the legal system discriminate against poor or minority defendants is the possibility of executing innocent persons sufficient grounds for abolition in confronting such questions and making their arguments the contributors marshal an impressive array of evidence both statistical and from their own experiences working on death penalty cases the book also includes the text of governor george ryan s march 2002 speech in which he explained why he had commuted the sentences of all prisoners on illinois s death row by representing the viewpoints of experts who face the vexing questions about capital punishment on a daily basis debating the death penalty makes a vital contribution to a more nuanced understanding of the moral and legal problems underlying this controversy

this groundbreaking book by an award winning psychoanalyst and forensic psychiatrist presents a comprehensive exploration of a timely but often taboo topic the failure of punishment to deter crime and violence an issue that affects us both individually and as a culture written at the culmination of the author s fifty year career as a psychoanalyst forensic psychologist and scholar this wide ranging work identifies the origins of violence and investigates the surprising consequences of punishment from a multitude of perspectives in his treatment of the topic dr dorpat utilizes scientific research ethical reasoning and his vast clinical experience and insight he also

suggests the benefits of new and emerging humane alternatives to the revenge punishment model currently entrenched in our society such as restorative justice in contrast to most contemporary measures these new approaches while still imprisoning dangerous individuals effectively stress reparation and forms of sanctioning other than incarceration when restitution replaces revenge everyone benefits crimes of punishment examines four key interrelated social methods of punishment these are 1 the corporal punishment of children 2 the incarceration of adults in prisons 3 capital punishment the death penalty and 4 emotional verbal abuse as he elucidates and analyzes each of these forms of punishment dr dorpat clearly and logically makes the case that punishment is not only ineffectual but that it also engenders more of what it ostensibly aims to stop violence and misbehavior both children and adults who are subjected to punishment tend to become more violent individuals in covering the full scope of our contemporary justice system dr dorpat brings to the forefront those who are often overlooked or dismissed the victims of crime his concluding chapters present and clarify the psychological wounds and needs of these individuals and demonstrate how restorative justice is effective in attending to victims in an ethical and healing manner in a humane and ethically evolved society restitution replaces punishment market comparison crimes of punishment is unique in that it covers not just one but four different types of punishment the corporal punishment of children the incarceration of adults the death penalty and verbal emotional abuse two earlier books written by psychiatrists expose the terrible conditions in america s prisons they are the crime of punishment new york viking 1968 by karl menninger and prison madness by terry kupers san francisco jossey bass 1999 this book differs in two important ways from the books written by menninger and kupers first the crimes of punishment covers other kinds of punishment while those authors deal only with the punishment of incarceration secondly the reforms they recommend are merely piecemeal modifications of the present criminal justice systems whereas dr dorpat argues for a radical change that includes the abolition of today s punitive prison retributive justice system and the establishment of a new and different system namely restorative justice a system that has been developed over the past decade in australia and new zealand the crimes of punishment differs from menninger s book in covering the many changes that have occurred in prisons since 1968 in several short chapters on restorative justice the book also explores this exciting new approach and serves as an informed introduction to a new important and effective moral approach to the treatment of criminals

this revised and updated second edition is an overview of capital punishment it offers an examination of the death penalty supported by statistics and supreme court cases and followed by pro and con discussions the book addresses every major issue relating to the death penalty including deterrence racial impact arbitrariness its use on special

populations and methods of execution this text challenges students to evaluate their beliefs and assumptions on each of the various issues surrounding this controversial subject each chapter begins with a primer of the issue to be discussed followed by the data and critical documents necessary to make an educated assessment and concludes with essays that offer differing viewpoints by some of the best minds in the country new material added to the second edition includes updated data on deterrence new data and articles on brutalization and cost new cases and articles on the death penalty for juveniles new case and articles on the death penalty for raping a child and a new chapter on methods of execution

michael welch s book is an invitation to think it is an invitation to grow intellectually and critically as a consumer of crime policy and an observer of the american scene written by a scholar who has dedicated his work to uncovering the hidden ironies of formal crime policy this is a collection of essays of depth and significance those who read it will be challenged and those who engage with the challenges contained within these pages will have their views of the realities of penal policy changed deepened and made more honest more complete more true from the foreword by todd r clear florida state university punishment in america offers readers a critical examination of the so called back end of the criminal justice system namely incarceration the book integrates various levels of analysis ranging from the macrosociological aspects of punishment to the meso organizational and micro individual dimensions of imprisonment the overarching themes of punishment in america are social control and the ironic effects of incarceration in an effort to reduce crime the criminal justice system ironically produces various self defeating measures moreover these pitfalls in current correctional policy and practice which neglect fundamental social inequality merely compound the problem of crime

synthesizing recent scholarship in law and the social sciences on criminal sentencing and corrections this book provides a thorough balanced and accessible survey of the major policy issues in these fields of persistent public interest and political debate after three decades of explosive growth the american incarceration rate is impracticably high drawing on leading research in law and the social sciences this book covers a range of topics in sentencing and corrections in america in a manner that is accessible and engaging for general readers tackling high level issues in the criminal justice system it outlines the scale and causes of mass incarceration in the united states to complement this it details the roles and relative power of judges and prosecutors the severity of punishment for drug offenders and white collar offenders the abuse of prisoners and the enforcement of prisoner rights and repeat offending by released prisoners readers will better understand the challenges that come with a high incarceration rate such as the management of mental illness in the criminal justice

system the management of sex offenders and the impact of parental incarceration on children looking ahead this timely resource also considers prospects for reducing current incarceration levels the availability and effectiveness of alternatives to incarceration and the future of capital punishment

the statistics are startling since 1973 america's imprisonment rate has multiplied over five times to become the highest in the world more than two million inmates reside in state and federal prisons what does this say about our attitudes toward criminals and punishment what does it say about us this book explores the cultural evolution of punishment practices in the united states anne marie cusac first looks at punishment in the nation's early days when americans repudiated old world cruelty toward criminals and emphasized rehabilitation over retribution this attitude persisted for some 200 years but in recent decades we have abandoned it cusac shows she discusses the dramatic rise in the use of torture and restraint corporal and capital punishment and punitive physical pain and she links this new climate of punishment to shifts in other aspects of american culture including changes in dominant religious beliefs child rearing practices politics television shows movies and more america now punishes harder and longer and with methods we would have rejected as cruel and unusual not long ago these changes are profound their impact affects all our lives and we have yet to understand the full consequences

why is american punishment so cruel while in continental europe great efforts are made to guarantee that prisoners are treated humanely in america sentences have gotten longer and rehabilitation programs have fallen by the wayside western europe attempts to prepare its criminals for life after prison whereas many american prisons today leave their inhabitants reduced and debased in the last quarter of a century europe has worked to ensure that the baser human inclination toward vengeance is not reflected by state policy yet america has shown a systemic drive toward ever increasing levels of harshness in its criminal policies why is america so short on mercy in this deeply researched comparative work james q whitman reaches back to the 17th and 18th centuries to trace how and why american and european practices came to diverge eschewing the usual historical imprisonment narratives whitman focuses instead on intriguing differences in the development of punishment in the age of western democracy european traditions of social hierarchy and state power so consciously rejected by the american colonies nevertheless supported a more merciful and dignified treatment of offenders the hierarchical class system on the continent kept alive a tradition of less degrading high status punishments that eventually became applied across the board in europe the distinctly american draconian regime on the other hand grows whitman argues out of america's longstanding distrust of state power and its peculiar broad brush sense of egalitarianism low status

punishments were evenly meted out to all offenders regardless of class or standing america's unrelentingly harsh treatment of transgressors this equal opportunity degradation is in a very real sense the dark side of the nation's much vaunted individualism a sobering look at the growing rift between the united states and europe harsh justice exposes the deep cultural roots of america's degrading punishment practices

this reader friendly exploration of the primary forces relevant to punishment poverty and political powerlessness highlights the necessity for humane alternatives to our current incarceration binge this provocative overview looks at the business of punishment and at the historical patterns of control regarding slavery the death penalty women the lgbtq community juveniles and supervision the united states has the world's highest rate of incarceration a form of punishment that separates the least privileged from the rest of society creating populations of damaged lives all of society pays the price for overly punitive sanctions equal justice is not possible in an unequal society up to date statistics illustrate the race class and gender inequalities in the criminal justice system the criminal justice system has expanded for half a century will challenges to policing succeed in narrowing the net of social control will the cost of maintaining a massive system stimulate a transformation or will stakeholders support minimal reforms that do not threaten their interests the public is largely unaware of most of the workings of the criminal justice system through this engaging text the authors hope to provide insights that encourage readers to examine the collateral effects of policies to address crime and the role of punishment

a radical rethinking of prisons and their purpose

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in profit and punishment a pulitzer prize winning journalist exposes the tragedy of modern day debtors prisons and how they destroy the lives of poor americans swept up in a system designed to penalize the most impoverished intimate raw and utterly scathing heather ann thompson pulitzer prize winning author of blood in the water crucial evidence that the justice system is broken and has to be fixed please read this book james patterson 1 new york times bestselling author as a columnist for the st louis post dispatch tony messenger has spent years in county and municipal

courthouses documenting how poor americans are convicted of minor crimes and then saddled with exorbitant fines and fees if they are unable to pay they are often sent to prison where they are then charged a pay to stay bill in a cycle that soon creates a mountain of debt that can take years to pay off these insidious penalties are used to raise money for broken local and state budgets often overseen by for profit companies and it is one of the central issues of the criminal justice reform movement in the tradition of evicted and the new jim crow messenger has written a call to arms shining a light on a two tiered system invisible to most americans he introduces readers to three single mothers caught up in this system living in poverty in missouri oklahoma and south carolina whose lives are upended when minor offenses become monumental financial and personal catastrophes as these women struggle to clear their debt and move on with their lives readers meet the dogged civil rights advocates and lawmakers fighting by their side to create a more equitable and fair court of justice in this remarkable feat of reporting tony messenger exposes injustice that is agonizing and infuriating in its mundane cruelty as he champions the rights and dignity of some of the most vulnerable americans

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