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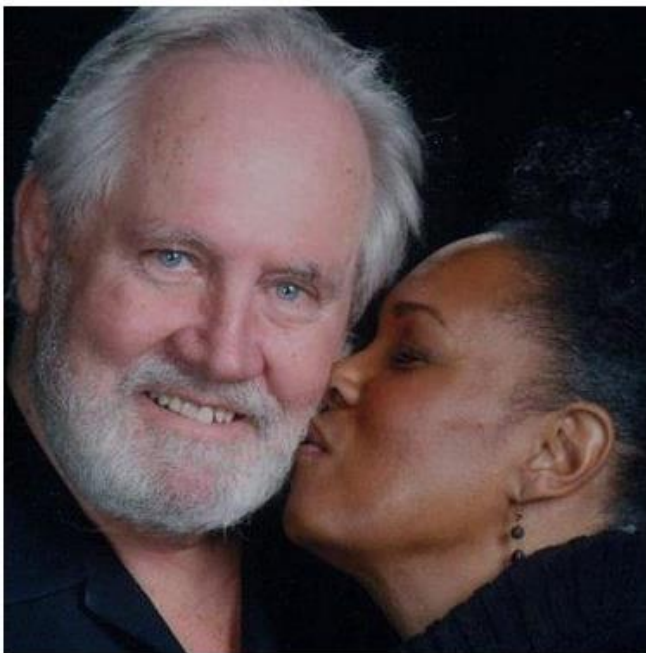
America's Misdemeanor Problem

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About Us



Who are *Dick & Sharon*?

Dick and Sharon edit and publish the LA Progressive. They also founded and host The [Left Coast Forum](#) — an annual convening of progressive activists, scholars, organizers, documentarians, media organizations and others who work to understand and restructure systems of oppression.

In 2008, Dick and Sharon launched the LA Progressive — intentionally bringing to the fore the progressive voice in Los Angeles. Their mission was and is to provide a platform for progressive thought, opinion and perspectives on current events.

The LA Progressive openly and unapologetically supports and employs advocacy journalism. They are committed to advocating for the public interest as opposed to the corporate agenda.

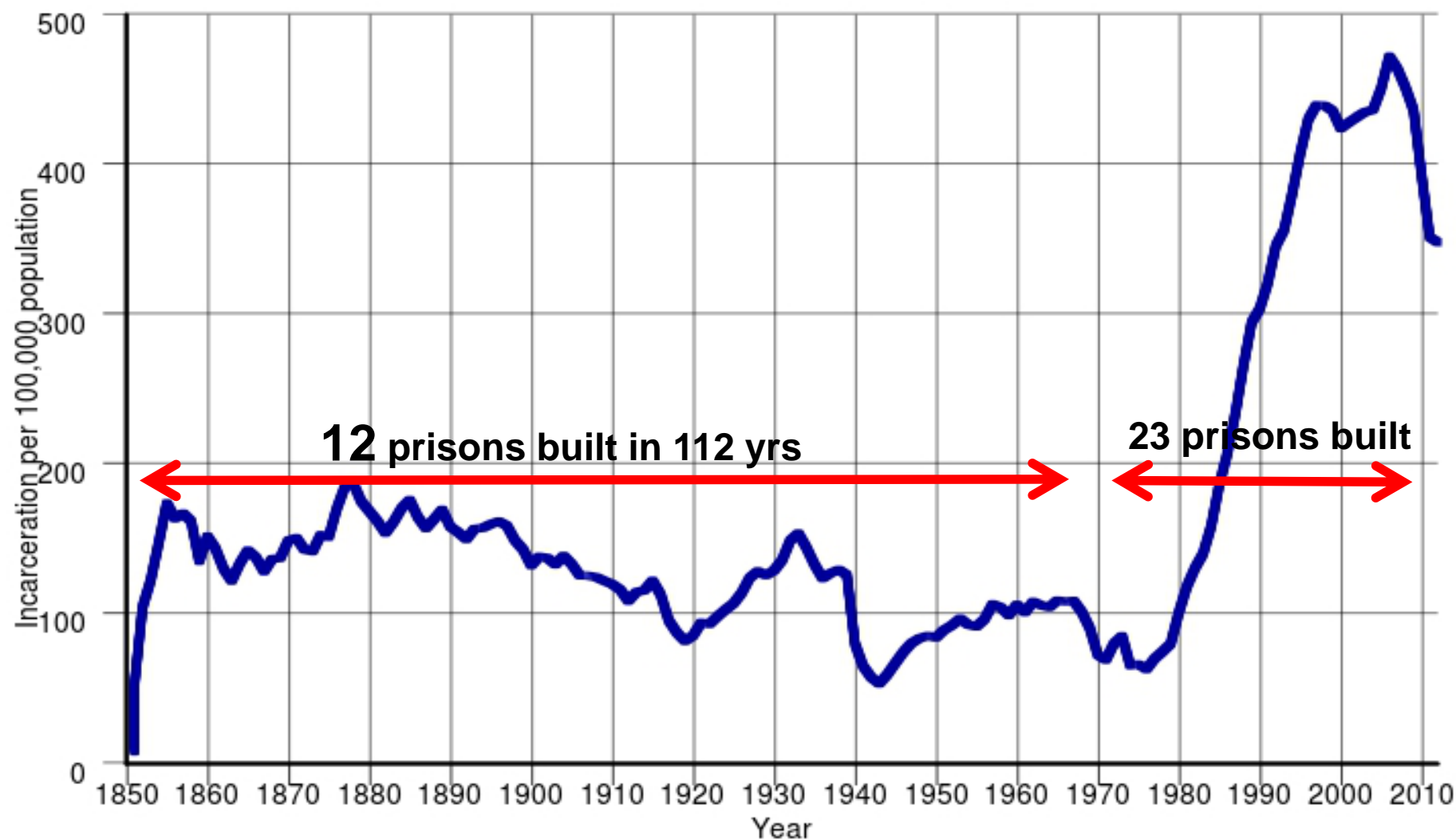
A host of gifted [writers](#) contribute to the LA Progressive's daily offering which typically amounts to 45 articles a week. Dick and Sharon write as well as edit and publish. The LA

Progressive covers the gamut of progressive issues both on the domestic as well as international stages with a particular focus on local issues in Los Angeles, the home of the LA Progressive.

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California Prison Population Since 1851



- California's prison population increased **500%** from 1982 to 2000
- In the first 112 yrs, 1852 to 1964, California built 12 prisons
- Post 1964, 23 more prisons were built at a cost of approx \$300m each

(According to the California Dept of Corrections and Rehabilitation, California has 34 State facilities. Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary is counted in the first 112yr figure. No county jails, ICE detention centers or juvenile justice facilities are included in this graph.) SOURCE: CDCR

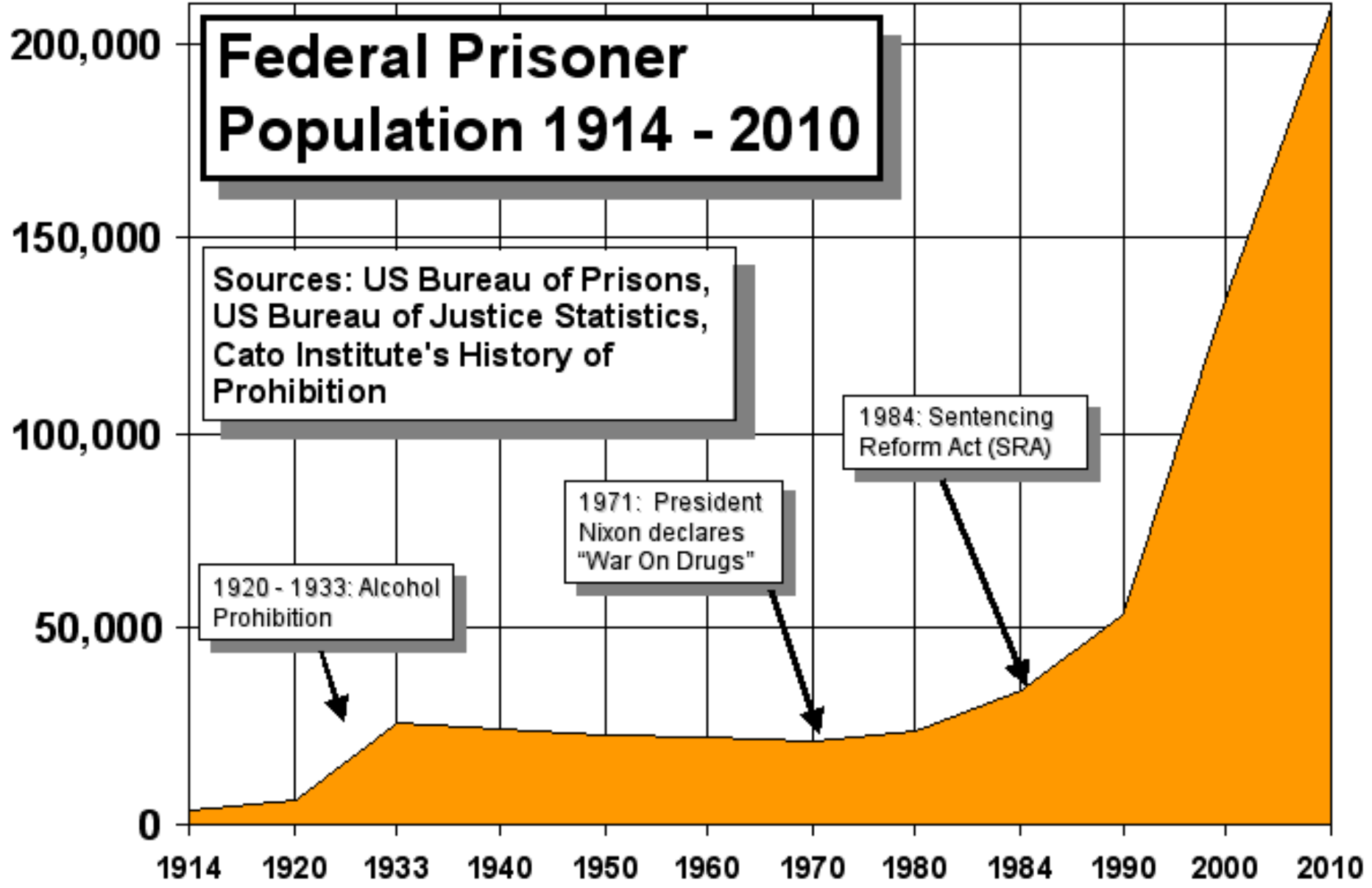
Federal Prisoner Population 1914 - 2010

Sources: US Bureau of Prisons,
US Bureau of Justice Statistics,
Cato Institute's History of
Prohibition

1984: Sentencing
Reform Act (SRA)

1971: President
Nixon declares
"War On Drugs"

1920 - 1933: Alcohol
Prohibition



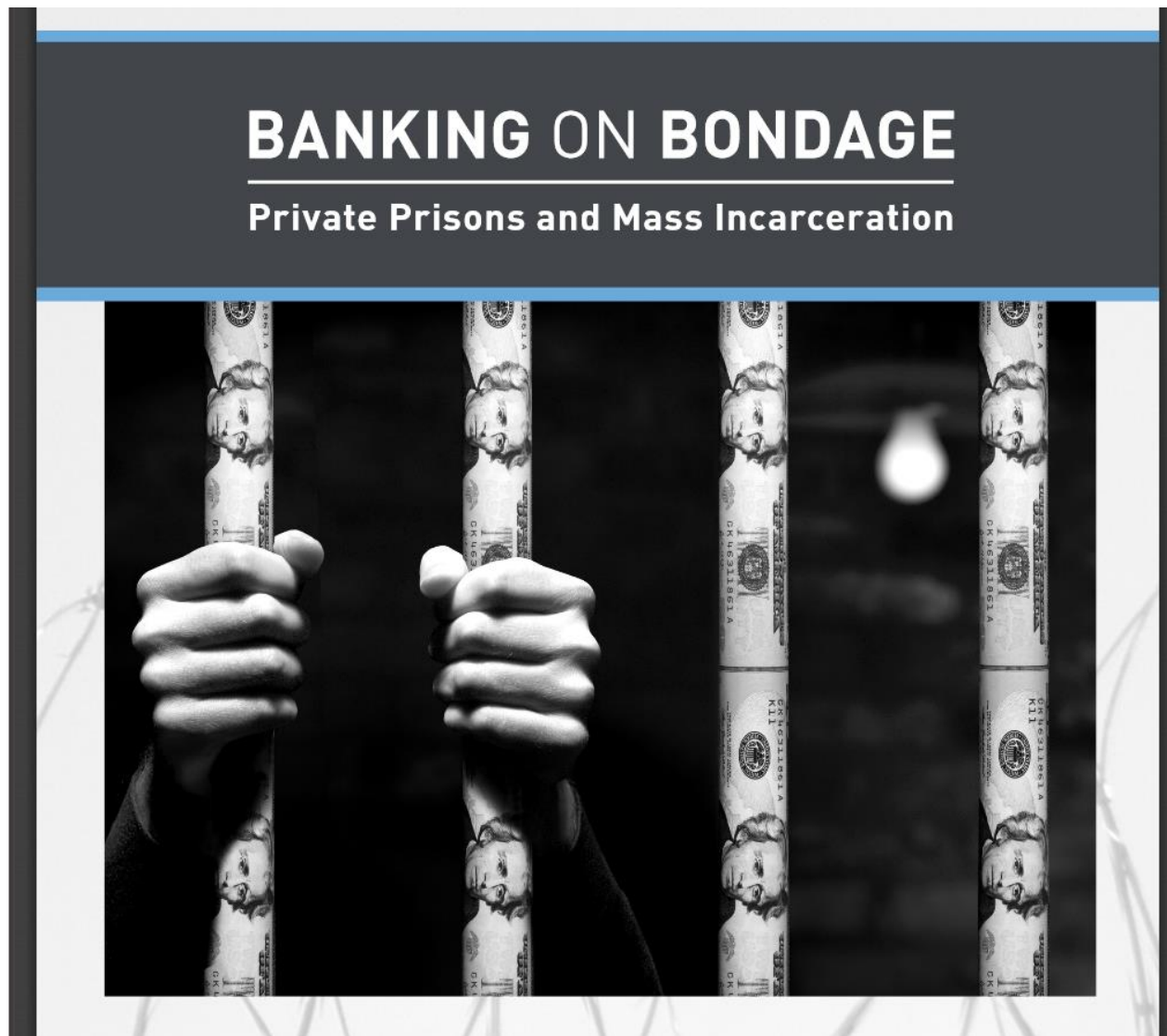


**PRISON IS THE
ONLY FORM OF
PUBLIC HOUSING
THE
GOVERNMENT
HAS TRULY
INVESTED IN
OVER THE PAST
FIVE DECADES.**

Banking on Bondage is a report published by the ACLU

It discusses profits generated by private prisons and beyond -- including other private enterprises like construction companies, food service providers, etc., the ACLU found that at least 37 states have legalized the contracting of *prison labor* to private companies

IBM, Boeing, Motorola, Microsoft, AT&T, Wireless, Texas Instrument, Dell, Compaq, Honeywell, Hewlett-Packard, Nortel, Lucent Technologies, 3Com, Intel, Northern Telecom, TWA, Nordstrom's, Revlon, Macy's, Pierre Cardin, Target Stores, and many more.



<https://www.aclu.org/banking-bondage-private-prisons-and-mass-incarceration>

Arrests by
law
enforcement
agency

	Felonies	Misdemeanors	Total
City Police	288,383	580,209	868,592
County Sheriff	148,102	225,186	373,288
California Highway Patrol	9,182	96,139	105,321
Other	2,885	16,745	19,630
Totals	448,552	918,279	1,366,831

Source: Legislative Analyst California Justice Primer

<https://lao.ca.gov/reports/2013/crim/criminal-justice-primer/criminal-justice-primer-011713.aspx#2>

Across the nation, the vast majority of arrests are for misdemeanors

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Felony	376,511	43,403	419,914
Misdemeanor	741,122	84,333	825,455
Status offenses	—	21,827	21,827
Totals	1,117,633	149,563	1,267,196

Source: Legislative Analyst California Justice Primer

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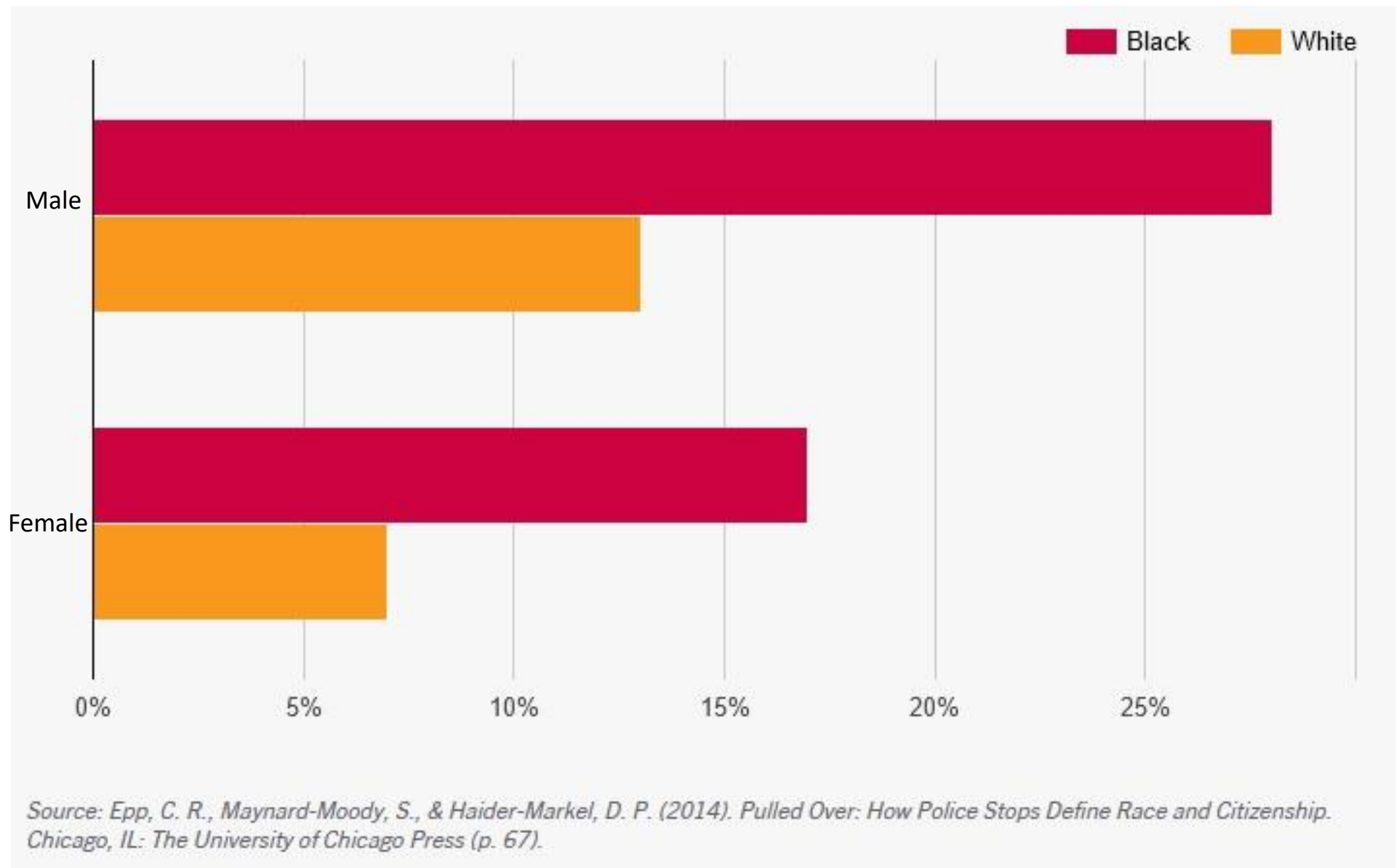
SUSPECT CITIZENS

WHAT 20 MILLION
TRAFFIC STOPS TELL US

about POLICING
and RACE

The most comprehensive look to date at the most common form of police-citizen interactions, the routine traffic stop.

Investigatory Traffic Stops Kansas City



Investigatory Traffic Stops = proactive stops used to investigate drivers deemed suspicious
Traffic Safety Stops = reactive stops used to enforce traffic laws or vehicle codes



UCLA wins \$3.65-million grant to build 'Age of Mass Incarceration' archive with LAPD records



Professor Kelly Lytle Hernández and other UCLA scholars have received a \$3.65-million grant to build a new archive on the "Age of Mass Incarceration" in Los Angeles. (MacArthur Foundation)

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BREAKING DOWN THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX VIDEO PROJECT

BREAKING DOWN THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

In this period of astonishing energy and public discussion about the state of policing, detention, imprisonment, sentencing, and surveillance, CR is excited to release this new video series, *Breaking Down the Prison Industrial Complex*, as part of our Profiles in Abolition initiative. The videos explore the current state of the prison industrial complex (PIC) and how people are fighting back to resist and abolish it. As always, we feature abolition as a strategy to dismantle systems of harm and punishment in favor of systems that increase health, stability, and self-determination.

Please share these videos broadly and help amplify abolition as an irresistible vision and practical organizing strategy.

Do you find these videos useful? Considering making [a donation to Critical Resistance today](#).

Racially Based Caste Systems in The United States

Sustained and reconstituted via legal and/or extralegal measures from the colonial period to today

Slavery – legal imprisonment, torture, rape, killing, and forced labor of millions of people based on their African origin. Provided profit for others **1609 - 1865**

Black Codes – laws restricting African Americans' freedom primarily through vagrancy arrests, the penalty of which was often included involuntary labor. Provided profit for others **1800-1866**

Convict Leasing – legal system of penal labor practiced in the Southern United States, beginning at the end of the American Civil War through WW II. Many historians consider the treatment “worse than slavery”. Often included involuntary labor. Provided profit for others **1865-1941**

Share Cropping – legal practice where landowner allows a tenant to use the land in return for a majority share of the crops the tenant produced. Tenants were sometimes beaten and forbidden to leave the land **1870s - 1950s**

Peonage – illegal system of involuntary servitude or **neoslavery** that was widely practiced in the south after the U.S. Civil War. Although illegal, it was widespread, and the perpetrators were rarely prosecuted. Southern states and private businesses boomed with this free labor. It is estimated that up to 40% of blacks in the South were in bondage due to peonage in the beginning of the 20th century. Owners often used severe deprivation, beatings, whippings, and other abuses as "discipline" against the workers. **1880s - 1940s** (source: Blackmon, *Slavery by Another Name*)

Lynching – illegal practice of torturing and killing by extrajudicial mob action. Although illegal, the perpetrators were seldom prosecuted. Congress refused to pass anti-lynching legislation; thousands of Blacks lynched in the United States chiefly from the **1870s - 1960s**

Jim Crow Laws - laws mandating and enforcing racial segregation often through violent means **1876 - 1965**

Mass Incarceration – legal practice of stopping, frisking, and arresting African Americans disproportionately and sentencing them to incarceration for low level offenses **1970s - current day**

Predatory Policing



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