**Mass incarceration**

Research and action

The rise of mass incarceration in the U.S. is one of the most important social, political, and economic developments of the last four decades. During the 1950s and 1960s, the U.S. incarceration rate was unremarkable, ranking between those of Finland and Denmark. However, after almost 40 years of increasingly punitive criminal justice policies and dramatic shifts in the structure of the U.S. labor market for men with relatively little education, the U.S. now incarcerates a greater proportion of its population than any country in the world.

**Task**

Research the causes, consequences, and future of mass incarceration in the United States, with a particular focus on race, poverty and power.

What do I know?

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Where do I go?

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