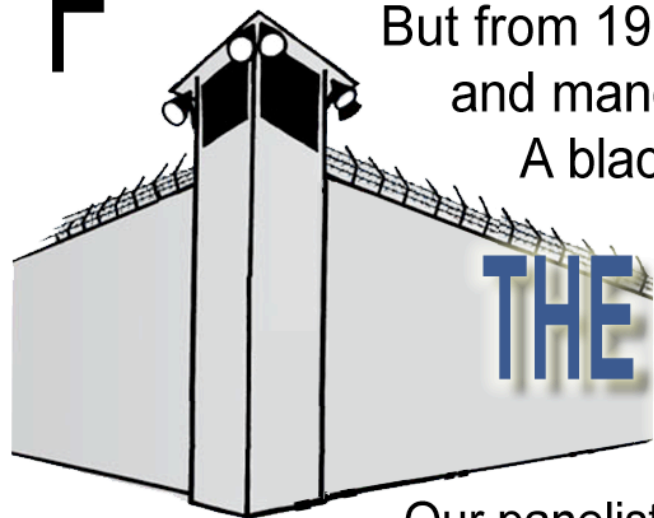


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THE Prison Industrial Complex

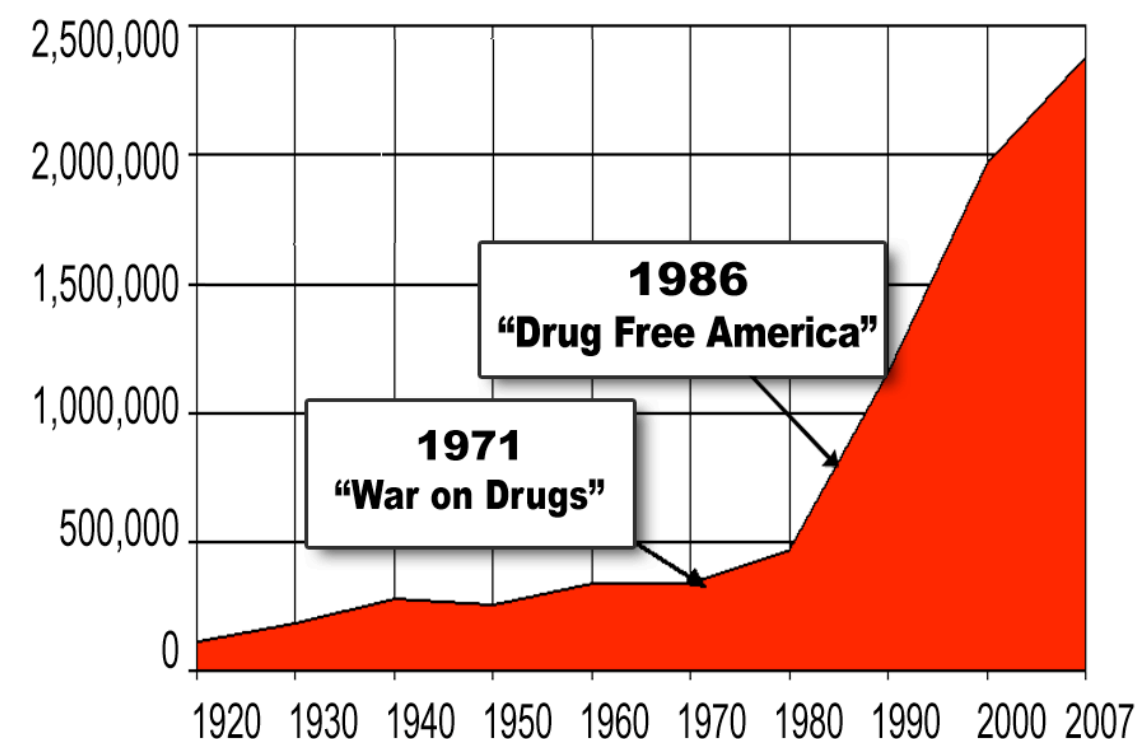
Our panelists will discuss this alarming situation:

- **Deborah Young, President, Cape Girardeau NAACP:** Inhumane treatment of inmates in SE Missouri correctional facilities. Prisoners being denied food, water & other abuse.
- **Fredric Raines, Professor Emeritus of Economics, Washington Univ.:** Inner cities have been devastated constitutional rights eroded by "America's 30 year war on itself".
- **Edna Harden, Board member, Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants (CURE):** The cost to society from the death penalty, long sentences, aging prisoners. True rehabilitation and community corrections can make society safer.
- **Tarah Demant, Amnesty International USA, Missouri Area Coordinator:** Immigrants detained for years without any meaningful judicial review? What about asylum seekers, torture survivors, victims of human trafficking, parents of kids who are U.S. citizens?
- **Zaki Baruti, Gateway Green Alliance, Universal African Peoples Org.** [moderator]

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