

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY SOLUTIONS



PROMOTE COMMUNITY SAFETY THROUGH Alternatives to Incarceration

Our criminal justice system should ensure that all individuals feel safe and secure in their communities.



CREATE FAIR AND EFFECTIVE Policing Practices

To work for all of us, policing practices should ensure equal justice and be supported by evidence.



PROMOTE JUSTICE IN Pre-Trial Services & Practices

The right to due process is a cornerstone of our commitment to freedom and fairness. However, current pre-trial practices have the effect of coercing low-income individuals into pleas even when they are innocent.



ENHANCE Prosecutorial Integrity

Prosecutors represent the government, and therefore must reflect the highest levels of integrity and ethics in their work.



ENSURE FAIR TRIALS AND Quality Indigent Defense

Every accused person is entitled to a fair trial. Indigent defendants have a constitutional right to competent representation at trial.



ENCOURAGE Equitable Sentencing

People convicted of crimes should receive fair sentences. These sentences should reflect the severity of the crime and be administered in a fair manner.



ENSURE DECENT Detention Conditions

Decent, rehabilitative prisons are a basic human right and crucial to the successful reintegration of formally incarcerated people.



REQUIRE EQUITABLE Parole and Probation

Parole and probation practices should be fair and consistent. They should be used as a tool to allow accused persons to safely remain in their communities.



FOSTER Successful Reintegration

Most Americans agree that after completing a criminal sentence, released persons should be given an opportunity to successfully reintegrate into their communities.



FOSTER AN ENVIRONMENT FOR RESPECTING Children's Rights

We must adopt policies that ensure children reach their full potential and are not placed off track for childhood mistakes. Children and adolescents should not be treated like adults because they do not have the same mental capacity of adults.



ERADICATE THE CRIMINALIZATION OF Sex, Gender, & Sexuality

We all should have freedom to live without fear of criminalization because of our expressed sex, gender or sexuality.



ELIMINATE THE Criminalization of Poverty

Living in poverty should not mean that an individual should be subject to incarceration and heightened policing. Instead of increasing opportunities to succeed, our law too often funnels low-income people into the criminal justice system.



ELIMINATE THE CRIMINALIZATION OF Public Health Issues

The criminal justice system is too often used as a cure-all for social problems that are better suited to social services and public health responses.



PROMOTE FAIRNESS AT THE INTERSECTION OF Immigration & Criminal Justice

Everyone is entitled to have their human rights respected regardless of immigration status.