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MASS INCARCERATION
THE WAR ON DRUGS
"America's public enemy number one is drug abuse" -1971
“The Nixon campaign in 1968, and the Nixon White House after that, had two enemies: the antiwar left and black people. We knew we couldn’t make it illegal to be either against the war or blacks, but by getting the public to associate the hippies with marijuana and blacks with heroin, and then criminalizing both heavily, we could disrupt those communities. We could arrest their leaders, raid their homes, break up their meetings, and vilify them night after night on the evening news…”
“...DID WE KNOW WE WERE LYING ABOUT THE DRUGS? OF COURSE WE DID.”

-John Ehrlichman, 1996
Counsel and Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs under President Richard Nixon
U.S. State and Federal Prison Population, 1925-2014

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics Prisoners Series.
Some (but not all) of the fallout from the War on Drugs

- Black Americans are far more likely to be arrested for drugs
- Mandatory minimum sentences raised for drug crime
- Black people get longer sentences than white people for the same crimes
- States that cut incarceration don’t have increases in crime
- Felon disenfranchisement laws disproportionately impact Black people and swing elections
Does Florida Really Want Ex-Felons to Vote?

Former prisoners can now go to the polls. But fines remain one obstacle. Believing anything will make a difference is another. That’s where Julius Irving comes in.
Foundational Claims

a. The U.S. criminal justice system functions as a contemporary system of racial control
THE SCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE
“...the U.S. criminal justice system functions as a contemporary system of racial control”

-DR. MICHELLE ALEXANDER
“The School to Prison Pipeline is the interaction of national, state, and local policies and practices that serve to push young people, disproportionately youth of color, out of schools and into the criminal justice system”

-African American Policy Forum
a. Zero Tolerance Policies involve police more often for minor events

b. Black girls are 6 times more likely to get suspended than white girls

c. Black boys are 3 times more likely to get suspended than white boys
Body camera video: 6-year-old girl cries, screams for help as Orlando police arrest her at school

By GRACE TOOHEY
ORLANDO SENTINEL | FEB 24, 2020 | 7:45 PM

A 6-year-old girl wags and begged for help as she was led in restraints to an Orlando police SUV after she was arrested at school, body camera footage shows.

How Black Girls Get Pushed Out of School

The New York Times

The debate about the school-to-prison pipeline has largely been centered on boys. Meet the author and academic who has worked to change that.

Still from the film, “Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in School.” PBS

By Erica L. Green

April 4, 2020
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THE PRISON TO SCHOOL PIPELINE
of
EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

a. High tech
   AI, learning analytics, facial recognition

b. Low tech
   Pencils, paper, white boards, desks
LOW-EDTECH AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Bullet proof glass and backpacks
- Guns
- Isolation Rooms
- Metal detectors
- Electric shock
- Technology as contraband
How to Keep Schools Safe with Bulletproof Glass

It's no secret schools do not feel as safe as they once did. As a school administrator or anyone charged with the responsibility of keeping children safe, bulletproof glass schools are one of your best tools for increasing security.

Bulletproof glass for schools provides a layer of protection between children, teachers and administrators, and harm. Whether a threat occurs on the outside of the building, our children and staff need a safe place to take shelter inside of the building until a threat is contained, school bulletproof glass can help.
Arming Teachers: IL Association Of School Board Revisits Proposal

A year after voting down a plan to arm teachers, the lobbying group will take another look at the issue next month.

by Shannon Antarini, Patch Staff
Oct 23, 2019 9:17 am CT | Updated Oct 24, 2019 11:17 am CT

Arming Teachers Just Makes Sense

by Brian McCombie - Monday, January 6, 2020
The Quiet Rooms

Children are being locked away, alone and terrified, in schools across Illinois. Often, it’s against the law.

By Jennifer Smith Richards, Jodi S. Cohen and Lakeidra Chavis
Photography by Zbigniew Bzdak

PUBLISHED: NOVEMBER 19, 2019

This investigation is a collaboration between the Chicago Tribune and ProPublica Illinois.
A 7-year-old girl who was secluded after she “threw a fit” indicated she was feeling sad, angry and frightened. (Eastern Illinois Area Special Education)

I was thinking: “I need help, ’t Not to die”

A student spent about 40 minutes in isolation after she refused to sit at a desk. She wrote sentences promising to obey next time. (Eastern Illinois Area Special Education)
Do metal detectors keep schools safe? Chicago school board wades into debate.

By Catherine Henderson  July 25, 2019
To Control Inmates, Some Counties Try the Threat of Electric Shock

This electric shock device, made to wear on the body, has been used to control inmates during jury trials in Wisconsin. It is capable of delivering 50,000 volts. Anthony Wahl/The Janesville Gazette, via Associated Press

F.D.A. Bans School Electric Shock Devices

The ban is national, but it is squarely targeted at a single school in Massachusetts that has been using electric shocks to condition students’ behavior for decades.

A student at the Judge Rotenberg Educational Center in Canton, Mass., wore an electric shock device on her leg in 2014. Charles Krupa/Associated Press
HIGH-EDTECH AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Using cell phones to track location
- Social media account monitoring
- Learning Analytics
- Artificial Intelligence
- Facial Recognition
ACLU sues Homeland Security over ‘stingray’ cell phone surveillance

Zack Whittaker@zackwhittaker / 9:00 am MST • December 11, 2019

Racial Disparities in Police 'Stingray' Surveillance, Mapped

George Joseph • October 18, 2016

Cops are using secret cellphone trackers nationwide to collect cellphone data—especially in poor, black neighborhoods.

A woman uses a cellphone as Baltimore police officers stand by during protests connected to the death of Freddie Gray. (Reuters/Lucas Jackson)
Colleges are turning students’ phones into surveillance machines, tracking the locations of hundreds of thousands

Syracuse University is among the dozens of schools in the United States that use tracking systems to monitor students’ academic performance, analyze their conduct or assess their mental health. (Carolyn Thompson/AP)

By Drew Harwell
Dec. 24, 2019 at 6:00 a.m. MST
HOW ICE USES SOCIAL MEDIA TO SURVEIL AND ARREST IMMIGRANTS

Max Rivlin-Nadler
December 22, 2019, 6:38 a.m.

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Social Media Monitoring

SUMMARY: Personal information gleaned from social media posts has been used to target dissent and subject religious and ethnic minorities to enhanced vetting and surveillance.
Could Monitoring Students on Social Media Stop the Next School Shooting?

Employees at Social Sentinel in Burlington, Vt. “If a student is posting about shooting their teacher, we would hope we'd be able to find something like that,” said Gary Margolis, the company's chief executive.  Hilary Swift for The New York Times

Schools Are Mining Students' Social Media Posts for Signs of Trouble

But should they?
Colleges are using big data to track students in an effort to boost graduation rates, but it comes at a cost

Under a Watchful Eye: critics question if predictive analytics at college invades privacy and reinforces racial inequities

by JILL BARSHAY and SASHA ASLANIAN
August 6, 2019
AI IN LAW ENFORCEMENT: A STEP FORWARD TOWARDS THE FUTURE

Dr. Raúl V. Rodriguez - 1 Week Ago

An Algorithm That Grants Freedom, or Takes It Away

Across the United States and Europe, software is making probation decisions and predicting whether teens will commit crime. Opponents want more human oversight.
EDUCATION: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

How AI Can Realize The Promise Of Adaptive Education

Derek Haoyang Li, Insights Contributor
Published: Mar 26, 2020

Artificial Intelligence, Authentic Impact: How Educational AI is Making the Grade

Educators find AI can revolutionize the K-12 experience, for both teachers and students.
ICE Used Facial Recognition to Mine State Driver’s License Databases

London Police Are Taking Surveillance to a Whole New Level

The city, stepping into a debate over privacy, says it will use real-time facial recognition technology “to tackle serious crime.”

By Adam Satariano

Jan. 24, 2020
Facial Recognition Software on the Rise in U.S. Schools

As school officials across the country worry about how to stop the next mass shooting, biometric technologies and expanded surveillance systems have become attractive alternatives to traditional security procedures.

BY LUCAS ROPEK  |  OCTOBER 17, 2019

Schools are using facial recognition to try to stop shootings. Here’s why they should think twice.

Facial recognition is just one of several AI-powered security tools showing up at schools.

By Rebecca Hailwell  |  Dec 20, 2019, 10:00am EST
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4. The Prison to School Pipeline of EdTech
Why is this happening?
I don't know.
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- White supremacy
- Surveillance
- Criminals as broken people
- Reintegrate back into society
- Prisons held outside of society

EDUCATION

- White supremacy
- Surveillance
- Students as blank slates
- Integrate into the job market
- Schools held as outside of society
What do we do about it?
I don't know that either.
I don't know that either.
(besides don’t use carceral technology in education)
“The classroom remains the most radical space of possibility in the academy.”

bell hooks
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boundary of time & space
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