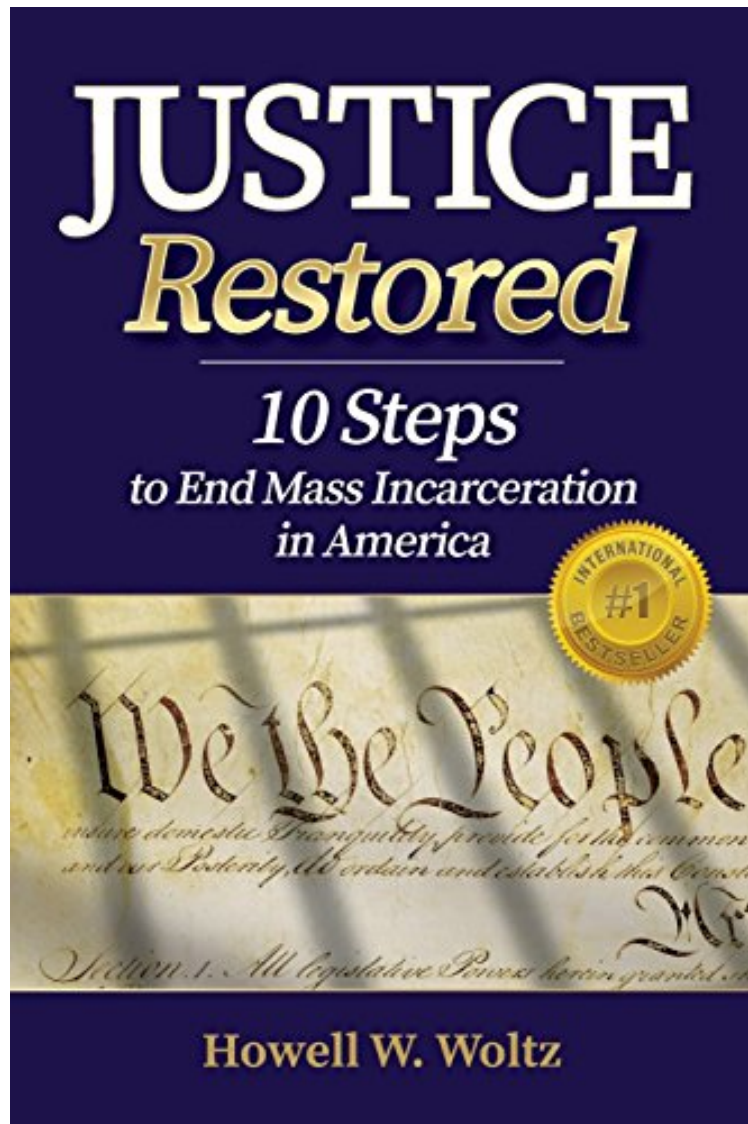


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Interesting and well researched By Phil Bolos Justice Restored by Howell Woltz explores the epidemic of mass incarceration in the United States. Howell Woltz has experienced this problem first hand. He has been writing as a journalist since the 1970s and has been fighting for the everyday man the

entire time. During the Bush administration, Woltz was imprisoned for a time based on his writings and findings. Once his time had been served, he was released only to be almost re-imprisoned by the Obama administration. When this event happened, Woltz packed up and headed to central Europe where he has been enjoying more individual freedoms than he ever did here in the United States. Recently, Woltz discovered that 25% of the US adult population has a criminal record. This is a remarkably high number that is a cause for concern. Once one has been labeled as a felon, they lose access to certain jobs and higher institutions. This turns them into an instant member of the lower class and takes away their ability to rise up from that rank: something that our founding fathers would take instant issue with. This book is Woltz's attempt at dealing with this issue and also finding a way to turn the ship around and end the huge numbers of incarcerations in the United States. This book was written very well, is well researched, and passionate to the point of being very convincing. I enjoyed reading it and learning the different sides of this complex and growing issue. I feel there are many parts of this topic which still need to be explored and delved into if the general public is going to be able to truly grasp what is going on, but this is at least a good starting point. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Justice Restored- Important Solutions to Deal With Mass Incarceration By Sheryl Justice Restored should be read by the people of America to gain a greater degree of freedom. As an academic writer I often come across questions of mass incarceration that is assailing the United States. I have read several studies related to it and all of them point out that America is the leading nation in the incarceration rate and that every year numerous people (mostly Blacks) are tired and imprisoned for various reasons which include keeping and consuming alcohol. Hence, I was mighty interested in Woltz's book to check what new he had to present to me. However, Woltz did manage to surprise and satisfy me. Firstly he had explored the topic of incarceration from several angles and shown me that the government is ignoring a number of constitutional rules when it allows people to be imprisoned in such large numbers. Most importantly he has provided a set of 10 step solutions which could be used to address this issue. Justice Restored is a very important and insightful book and I hope maximum number of Americans would read it to make a real impact in their nation. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A plea to end mass incarceration in America By Sdan12 The author speaks from personal experience about the increasing number of Americans who are wrongfully convicted of crimes. He cites an article from the U.S. Department of Justice's Criminal Law Reporter (May 2010), which states that 25% of Americans have a criminal record and that 3 out of 4 of these have been wrongfully convicted. The United States now has the largest prison population in human history and many of these prisoners have suffered the injustice of being denied due process of law. Just a look at the titles of the chapters, which name the 10 basic steps which the author advocates for ending the tragedy of mass incarceration, will be an eye-opener. Can we really have allowed ourselves to be hoodwinked out of these basic rights?

A powerful manifesto showing why and how "justice" has been removed from our "criminal justice system"--and what we can do to restore it. Criminal justice reform has moved to the center of our national conversation about mass incarceration, race, poverty, and economic fairness. But there's been no overarching look at how the erosion of rights has stolen "justice" from us and what can be done about it. Seizing this moment, Justice Restored is an expose, history lesson, and powerful call-to-action not only to reduce the number of people in prison, but to fix the underlying causes that stack a deeply corrupt criminal justice system against the very citizens it's meant to protect. Each of the book's ten chapters lays out one aspect of the system including: the shameful use and misuse of plea bargaining the near-complete elimination of parole and the institution of a second sentence known as "supervised" release the unintended consequences and abuses of conspiracy charges the need to restore jury rights to ensure prosecutors and judges are not above the law Author and journalist, Howell Woltz, speaks from personal experience. He was arrested, illegally denied bail, and unlawfully held for seven years by the U.S. Government, though never convicted in or by any court of jurisdiction. Woltz vividly illustrates each of his suggested reforms with riveting true stories from cases on which he has worked personally. His sound recommendations demonstrate that making things right by returning to Rule of Law is not only a constitutional necessity, it is long overdue

TITLE INFORMATION JUSTICE RESTORED 10 steps to end mass incarceration in America Howell W. Woltz Hybrid Global Publishing (141 pp.) \$14.99 paperback, \$4.99 e-book October 25, 2016 BOOK REVIEW A book delivers a scathing indictment of the American criminal justice system. It's clear that a social issue has reached critical mass when folks all across the political spectrum publicly recognize it as a fundamental problem. Such is the case with mass incarceration in the United States. As Woltz (The Path, 2014, etc.) points out in this ambitious work, the Department of Justice estimated in 2010 that 25 percent of American adults carry the burden of a criminal record. The author presents similarly alarming statistics throughout the text, but he also explains how things got to this point by means of concise historical analysis. Topics range from parole and plea bargains to jury rights and conspiracy statutes. In each chapter, Woltz examines the issue at hand, offers "action items," and presents a case (often maddening and Kafkaesque in nature) to exemplify his argument. (On several occasions, he mentions his own bizarre encounters with the criminal justice system, but he recounts them in depth elsewhere.) Even the most politically astute readers may be surprised to learn that the much-criticized Citizens United Supreme Court decision "is actually the culmination of 130

years of misinterpretation by that same Court, ostensibly beginning with an offhand comment that was made by a Supreme Court justice in 1886 before the case [Santa Clara County v. Southern Pacific Railroad Company] was even heard, but was left on the record." Woltz paints such a bleak picture that some may wonder if the situation is essentially intractable due to the deep-seated financial and political interests at play. Others may question the viability of his recommendations, such as the abolishment of the FBI and the Department of Justice. Woltz seems aware of this potential hesitation, as he writes: "However, the nation has become so accustomed to these organizations being in power that it sounds foreign--almost insane--to talk about putting them back in the unconstitutional hole from which they sprang." Thus, he concludes the book with what is perhaps a more achievable goal: "limit any donation to any politician to those living, breathing human beings who reside in their district of election." This seemingly simple act, which would necessarily entail the overturning of Citizens United, would have far-reaching implications throughout the entire political landscape. This impressively cogent work about mass incarceration provides concrete actions to curb the excesses of a government apparatus spinning out of control.

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