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Analysis and Argument

A Nation of Jailers (Analysis)

What is defined to be called a “perfect world?” “If citizens, even colored, had never broken a law in their entire life, would they receive the same treatment? “, “If everyone has obtained regulations, would they feel as if they belonged on this earth and that their future will be truly bright with opportunities?” The title of this selection is “A Nation of Jailers” written by Glenn Loury. Within this essay, Loury tends to inform his audience (Citizens of Color) that Prison has always been connected to blackness. When I think of the term blackness, I do not only think of my own people, but I symbolize it as evilness or corruptness it can have on a person.

America is increasing penal institutions and Racist Jailers; He explains his argument with Statistics and Logic towards the number of prisoners in America with other countries to make a debate. He also compares the ratio of African Americans and Whites, who were also taken in around the same period. Prison, within this essay, is defined as “a quarantined zone where purportedly criminals are kept separating them from the rest of the public. “However, Loury’s perspective and how he tends to prove his theory makes his audience willing to stop and read between the lines of it impacts us today. He uses diction such as “Them” and “Us” in order to split and compare the worlds of living within the government and living outside of it.

I believe this essay is most significant due to his theory of how people should treat living underneath the government and attending their daily lives as a citizen in America. Throughout his argument he tries to fill the gaps that are still left between Blacks and Whites. There are “To many White people who are not willing to support the developments and opportunities for education for black people in poor areas” which can cause conflict through suppression and poverty. Lory quotes “Americans have made collective social and Incarceration policy decisions that caused America to become a ‘system of suffering.” This quote made me assume that immigrants and people who lived in poverty, who were unable to become knowledge, made decisions that may have been best for them but not useful to the outside world. This can lead into a social injustice issue towards people of color not having as equal rights as whites. Due to this, they were willing to take their anger into rage which lead them in a similar position that we have been going through since slavery, punishment.

This makes me feel bad, witnessing it in the 21st century if things would become easier for my people and still having to yell down our lungs “Black Lives Matter.” It sad that we have to witness a man, such as George Floyd, get brutally arrested and lose his life in order to see that the law system has had a evil side within them when it has really been like this for decades. The news will tell citizens what they eish to hear and not the truth or the reality of what is going on within the system. This is why I agree with Lory’s quote as he resolves his argument stating that, this has become “A moral problem we cannot fix until we find recognition that shows we have ignored the ideal justice and equality for all citizens.”

