

The author of the selection is Glenn Cartman Loury. Glenn Loury is an American author, professor, and economist. He is from Chicago Illinois and became the first black tenured professor of economics in the history of Harvard University. The title of the selection is “A Nation of Jailers”. The intended audience for the selection is people of color in America, especially African American Males, American jailers, and America as a whole. The purpose of the article is to shed light on the massive incarceration of innocent individuals in America, blacks especially. According to the text it states “concerning both the scale of incarceration and its racial disparity — have been much remarked upon of late. Simply put, we have become a nation of jailers and, arguably, racist jailers at that.” This is relevant because it highlights the fact that America is in an era of racist jailers.

The significance of the article is that massive imprisonment is a target toward financially unstable individuals, especially those who identify as poorly educated black and Hispanic. According to the text it states “imprisonment on a massive scale has become one of the central aspects of our nation’s social policy toward the poor, powerfully impairing the lives of some of the most marginal of our fellow citizens, especially the poorly educated black and Hispanic men who reside in large numbers in our great urban centers” This is relevant because it highlights the fault in the American system as well as the ail that us black men have to go through. My thoughts about the author’s article is that this is truly an eye opener to the stratagem of the American system. It is great to know that we have him (the author) as one of our voices as black men against the system.