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Reflection

For me, the most important statement and lesson taught in this reading is to not judge others based on their history and outside appearances. As the reader, I began to visualize myself in the shoes of the law school student and reflect on my own personal experiences with criminals and those that do not have the same background as me. We have a lot of evil and judgment in our world and a lot of the time we let it consume us as individuals. The quicker we are to judge others the more we will begin to judge ourselves. If we are constantly seeking and searching for the bad in others, we will train our minds to find it with ease. It is not bad to judge others, but most judgements are made without any context. For example, we pride our government system and are constantly in fights with each other on where we stand. If someone does not agree with your beliefs we automatically assume that they are less than us. Another statement that stood out to me while reading was “strong and determined but marginalized and excluded”. This reading talked a lot about racial discrimination and prisoner injustice. Today we have the highest incarceration in the world, we have increased from about 300,000 to 2.3million people today. As a society we have judged prisoners and those with a criminal history harshly. Prisoners are constantly looked down upon without question or context on their personal lives and stories. We must remember to treat everyone with respect despite their history or background. When judging someone we must focus on the person they are today and not the person they were in the past.

We are constantly growing and evolving as a whole. Everyone is strong and determined in their own way, and no one deserves to be ma