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Criminology
Teaching The Criminal Justice System: Corrections
Course Information

Corrections is a growing area of study. The prison boom and era of mass incarceration have led criminologists to study corrections with increased interest. These videos will discuss the history of corrections as well as correctional facilities. These clips will also discuss private prisons and how prisons and jails can better inmates.

History of Punishment
http://sk.sagepub.com/video/history-of-punishment

Professor Will Oliver discusses the history of crime and punishment, highlighting changes in socially acceptable punishment since the colonial era.

Mary Katherine Stohr Discusses Corrections
http://sk.sagepub.com/video/mary-katherine-stohr-discusses-corrections

Professor Mary Stohr discusses her academic work in the field of corrections and criminology. She describes green corrections facilities, criminal justice theory, and where she believes the field is going based on current trends.

Prisons and Jails as Productive Places
http://sk.sagepub.com/video/prisons-and-jails-as-productive-places

Professor Kenneth Peak discusses the prison and jail system. He highlights different perspectives on what would make inmates better citizens when they return to society.

Private Prisons: Mixing Punishment and Profit

Professor Paul Leighton analyzes the policies and practices of private prison initiatives in three separate countries. He identifies areas of social concern and addresses issues that come about when prisons need to make a profit off their inmate population.

Suggested Courses or Topics

These videos can be used in a variety of criminology courses, which might include:

- corrections,
- survey of crime and justice,
- criminal justice systems, or
- entry-level criminology courses.

Classroom Clips

- History of Punishment: This clip provides a brief summary of the history of crime and punishment in America. Clip 0:09 – 2:42.
- Mary Katherine Stohr Discusses Corrections
  - This clip discusses the definition of corrections and what corrections entails. Clip 0:16 – 0:39.
  - This clip discusses the value and benefits of learning about corrections. Clip 0:40 – 1:19.
  - This clip discusses common myths about corrections and crime. Clip 14:17 – 16:46.
- Prisons and Jails as Productive Places: This clip discusses how prisons and jails can be productive. Clip 0:05 – 2:35.
- Private Prisons: Mixing Punishment and Profit
  - This clip describes the dimensions of privatization. Clip 1:51 – 3:47.
  - This clip discusses privatization of prisons in the U.S. Clip 5:41 – 9:04.

Research Assignment

Dr. Leighton discusses private prisons in the U.S. (Clip 5:41 – 9:04). Find, read, and summarize four articles comparing privatized prisons to non-privatized prisons. What were the results of these studies? Do private prisons lead to less costs or lower recidivism rates?
Classroom Discussion

Dr. Oliver discusses the history of punishment in America (Clip 0:09 – 2:42). How do you think society has changed with regard to punishment over the last 200 years? How has it changed in the last 50 years? What do you think punishment in America will look like 50 years from now?