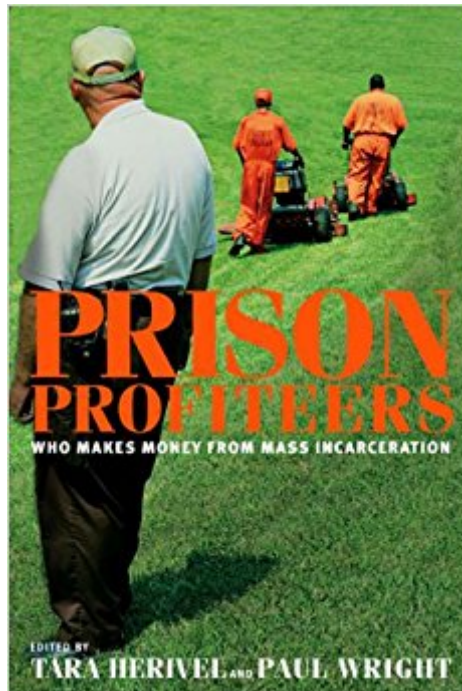




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# Prison Profiteers: Who Makes Money From Mass Incarceration



## Synopsis

In *Prison Profiteers*, co-editors Tara Herivel and Paul Wright "follow the money to an astonishing constellation of prison administrators and politicians working in collusion with private parties to maximize profits" (*Publishers Weekly*). From investment banks, guard unions, and the makers of Taser stun guns to health care providers, telephone companies, and the U.S. military (which relies heavily on prison labor), this network of perversely motivated interests has turned the imprisonment of one out of every 135 Americans into a lucrative business. Called "an essential read for anyone who wants to understand what's gone wrong with criminal justice in the United States" by ACLU National Prison Project director Elizabeth Alexander, this incisive and deftly researched volume shows how billions of tax dollars designated for the public good end up lining the pockets of those private enterprises dedicated to keeping prisons packed. "An important analysis of a troubling social trend" (*Booklist*) that is sure to inform and outrage any concerned citizen, *Prison Profiteers* reframes the conversation by exposing those who stand to profit from the imprisonment of millions of Americans.

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In their follow-up to 2002's *Prison Nation: The Warehousing of America's Poor*, prisoner rights activists Herivel and Wright, with 16 other contributors, follow the money to an astonishing constellation of prison administrators and politicians working in collusion with private parties to maximize profits at the expense of taxpayers, community health and, of course, the 2.3 million inmates nationwide. The overarching narrative, laid out clearly in the opening article by Judy

Greene, finds a system increasingly dominated by select, minimally accountable private companies for whom profitability depends on the promise of more and longer convictions. As such, investment in treatment programs, education and family assistance is diverted to organizations delivering substandard food and "health care" that allows hepatitis C to reach levels one doctor compares to "the Dark Ages with the plague

Prison is big business, from contracts for construction and food and health service to transportation and providing guards. Prisoner rights advocates Herivel and Wright offer a collection of essays examining every aspect of incarceration and economics, from the effect on rural economies (jobs and higher population counts for the census) to urban economies (the social effect on poor neighborhoods with an overabundance of men rotating in and out of the prison system). Banks and brokerage houses provide the financing, and contractors provide everything from Tasers to aspirin. Lobbyists supporting prison-related industries influence federal and state governments with an eye toward profits more than criminal justice. Contributors analyze the exploitation of prison labor to support the military and the effect on free-market interests. Beyond the economics, contributors examine the "commodification" of prison culture, including the influence on hip-hop music and linkages between faith-based programs and prison privatization. This is an important analysis of a troubling social trend that has not been widely publicized. --Vernon Ford --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Believe it. It's true. I've experienced it from the inside as a prisoner. Ask the democrats why they oppose a border wall. It's because a lot of them own or invested in prisons. Crimes = inmates = \$\$\$

"Prison Profiteers: Who Makes Money from Mass Incarceration". All taxpayers should read this eye-opening book. If you think prisons don't adversely affect your life, think again! Prisons are huge money-makers for some unlikely (and some very likely) people at our expense. A must read for people who want to stay truthfully informed. A warning for those who feel that only people who have broken the law are inmates in our prisons.

Though quickly becoming outdated by the expansive outsourcing for our carceral-industrial complex, this book centers attention on those who profit from policies that are incorrect in their assumptions, racist/sexist in their attribution and morally corrupt. Recommended reading for those

who need to know more about incarceration in the USA

People don't know that our prison complex is used as a new form of legal slavery that profits on the imprisonment of so many people and how our judicial system and laws seem to be tied to meeting quotas to keep this filed.

This work explains the increases in cost and worisome trends in our prison system. Backdoor prison financing, the political expedience but practcal fantasy of shifting prison costs onto prisoners, the private prison industry, the prison health care industry, the prison manufacturing industry, and the prison telephone industry, to name a few. This is a good read for anyone with loved ones serving time in our prison system, and for anyone with political leanings in county, amd state government.

This book is a compilation of articles written by no less than 15 respected authors. Chock full of statistics, the well sourced articles cover a range of topics related to the mass incarceration industry. This is a must read for anyone who wants to understand what is driving the unprecedented growth of the American prison system.

Though its hitting the headlines more and more many American's are not even aware that there is a growing trend of privation of prisons in our country and what it means. But it is one of several reasons that the U.S. holds the world record for having the most people behind bars... even more than China! When prisons are privately owed money is made by having more and more people behind bars. And these corporations who hold the purse strings are lobbying congress to make sure that happens. Complete with a lot of factual documentation info. Nancy Rector, author of: "A Painful Truth - The Entrapment of America's Sick" (How being ill got me arrested.)

This was a gift and well received.

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