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The image displays a series of 12 presentation slides, each tilted at an angle, floating over a dark background. At the bottom of the image, there is a decorative wavy pattern composed of blue and green dots and lines, resembling a digital signal or data flow. The slides contain various text, images, and charts related to the criminal justice system. The visible slide titles and content are as follows:

- Racism continues...**: A slide with a bar chart showing data related to racism.
- #23 Wars**: A slide with a small image and text.
- Warfare**: A slide with a small image and text.
- What's wrong with the US?**: A slide with text discussing the US criminal justice system.
- Racism and Police Misconduct**: A slide with a small image of a police officer and text.
- What is the criminal justice system?**: A slide with text defining the criminal justice system.
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What is the criminal justice system?

"The system of law enforcement that is directly involved in apprehending, prosecuting, defending, sentencing, and punishing those who are suspected or convicted of criminal offenses." <https://www.google.ca/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8#q=what%20is%20the%20criminal%20justice%20system>

What's wrong with the CJS?

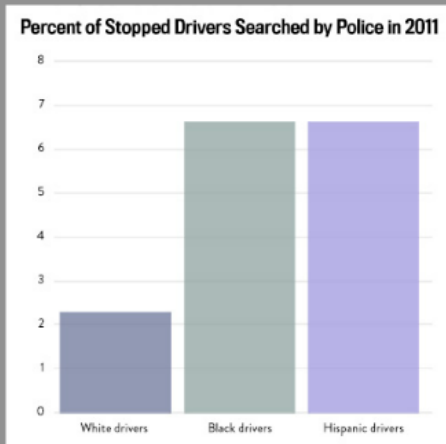
There are many versatile flaws within the Criminal Justice System. Throughout this presentation we will discuss those problems. Also we will discuss how the Criminal Justice System can be fixed.

Racism

Racism is known as the biggest crime in the criminal legal system. If trends continue it is said that 1 in every 4 African American males born within the last 10 years can expect to go to prison in his lifetime. Despite the fact that the Census Bureau reports that the U.S is 13% black, 61% white and 17% latino.

There are many different examples of the problems with Racism and the Criminal Justice System:

Racism continued..



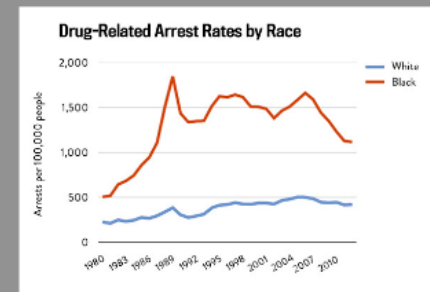
1. Black Americans are more likely to have their cars searched.

A study shows that cops are three times more likely to search the cars of black drivers than of white drivers, this is demonstrated on the chart.

Nationally, black drivers are also more likely to be pulled over and less likely to receive a reason for being stopped.

2. Black Americans are more likely to be arrested for drug use.

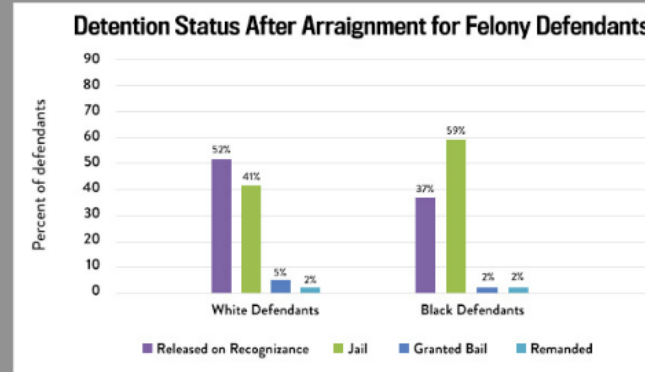
The rate of whites are two times lower for drug crimes than black Americans, black Americans are the ones that police arrest more, according to federal data, despite the fact that whites use drugs at comparable rates and sell drugs at comparable or even higher rates.



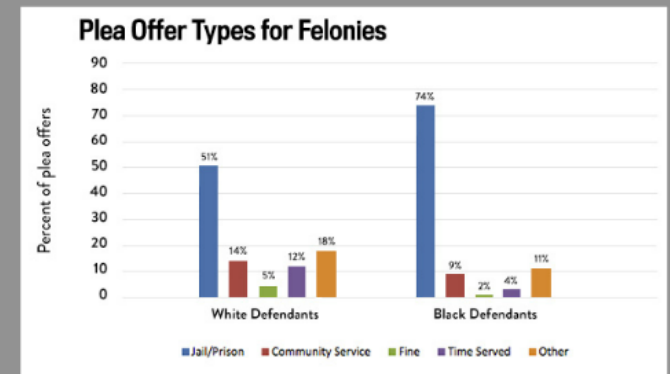
3. Black Americans are more likely to be jailed while awaiting trial

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While they await trial, blacks were more likely than whites or non black minorities to be in jail , even after controlling for the seriousness of charges and prior record.



4. Black Americans are more likely to be offered a plea deal that includes prison time
black defendants are more likely to be offered plea deals that include prison time than whites or non black minorities. Even after controlling for many factors, including the seriousness of charges and prior record, blacks were 13 percent more likely than whites to be offered such deals.



http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/crime/2015/08/racial_disparities_in_the_criminal_justice_system_eight_charts_illustrating.html

Racism and Police Misconduct

Although we like to hope our Police use their power fairly, misconduct can occur. Police misconduct can be as little as an implied threat for failing to cooperate or as huge as a beating or shooting. Often times, the police are under great pressure to act quickly.



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