

## Mission Statement:

We are college students who are passionate about sparking awareness about prison reform and prison overcrowding and how it is affecting our society. We advocate for the diminishment of certain prison sentences as well as the integration of former convicts and addicts into society. We seek to challenge the stigma surrounding prisoners and encourage discussion about the topic.

“Stop the cycle. Reform the system.”



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## What to learn more?

Go to:  
[Prisonreformers.strikingly.com](http://Prisonreformers.strikingly.com)

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# Prison Reform (Over-Crowding)

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“In the fiscal year 2010, there were almost 1,700 assaults on prison staff.”

## Effects on Prisoners:

- Prisoners are becoming more aggressive due to the tight spaces, spreading diseases, not getting the right medication, and becoming suicidal.
- Inmates sanity is a big question in these systems. Prisons being so overcrowded and prisoners not receiving the right medication and diagnosis, it is leading them to suicide. Suicide rates have spiked in prisons over the past few years.
- When there are so many people in one place, barely being able to move around without running into everybody around them, it creates frustration and friction.



## Effects on guards:

- Not only does overcrowding affect prisoners, it is affecting guards as well. Guards are being overpowered by inmates, catching diseases that inmates are spreading, quitting their jobs, and risking their lives.

- The inmate to guard ratio is increasing as overcrowding increases. Due to guards quitting, we are now lacking in people to fill the jobs of the prison officers. While prisons continue to overcrowd, and guards quitting, it is becoming much easier for inmates to overrun the officers.

## What can the government do?

A few solutions could be put in place to reform the prison system:

- Build more prisons
- Modify sentences
- Drug programs
- Transfer programs for non-US citizens
- Mandatory rehabilitation facilities
- Reduce penalties for nonviolent drug offenses

## What can we do?

- Peaceful protest
- Spread awareness
- Educate yourself
- Volunteer
- Join support groups



