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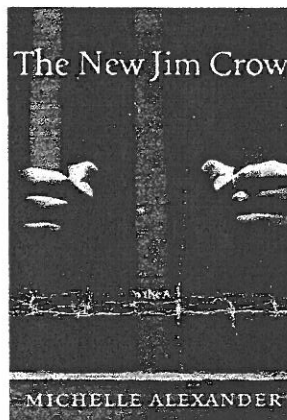
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The New Jim Crow

Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness

MICHELLE ALEXANDER

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As the United States celebrates the nation's "triumph over race" with the election of Barack Obama, the majority of young black men in major American cities are locked behind bars or have been labeled felons for life. Although Jim Crow laws have been wiped off the books, an astounding percentage of the African American community remains trapped in a subordinate status—much like their grandparents before them.

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A longtime civil rights advocate and litigator, Michelle Alexander was a 2005 Soros Justice Fellow. She holds a joint appointment at the Moritz College of Law and the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in Columbus, Ohio, where she lives. *The New Jim Crow* is her first book.

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• THE UNITED STATES IMPRISONS A LARGER PERCENTAGE OF ITS BLACK POPULATION THAN SOUTH AFRICA DID AT THE HEIGHT OF APARTHEID.

• IN WASHINGTON, D.C., THREE OUT OF FOUR YOUNG BLACK MEN (AND NEARLY ALL THOSE IN THE POOREST NEIGHBORHOODS) CAN EXPECT TO SERVE TIME IN PRISON.

• IN SOME STATES, AFRICAN AMERICANS MAKE UP TO 90 PERCENT OF DRUG PRISONERS AND ARE UP TO 57 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE INCARCERATED FOR DRUG CRIMES THAN WHITES.

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RE: "The New Jim Crow"

Dear Professor Alexander:

We write to thank and support you for your happy Warrior Spirit [Harriet Tubman; Ida B. Wells; Dorothy Height and Hon. Marcus Garvey, et al. Lives on!] in fighting against, seemingly insurmountable odds, for Justice and Liberation for the million plus (Black) folks currently incarcerated in U.S.A.!!! Heb. 13:1-3.

Would you kindly allow for my presumptuous urgings to couple advocacy to stem "Niggers on Blacks Violence" to your noble and just cause!!!

Ameen!


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