

AH HA! FOOLED YOU AGAIN!!

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As a man who has spent many years in prison I am always trying to figure things out, always trying to make sense of my world behind these walls, always trying to understand the philosophy of the penal system and how it relates to the real world in terms of success. Is it working? Do they really want it to work? Honestly ask yourself if your hard earned money is being spent wisely? Sure there are really bad people who need to be locked up; this I will not dispute. But look at the average prisoner who is here for basically small crimes that are usually committed to support a drug habit. Then there are those that are in prison for a little more serious crimes such as robbery, assault, and others. My point is that a lot of guys end up pleading out (making a deal) and getting less time. Let's give them an average of five years, during which time they spend their time playing cards, dominoes, basketball, working out, etc.. They are only required to take jobs that help keep the prison running and get paid at the average about eight cents an hour to start. How do you survive on that? And if you owe restitution they take 55% of your measly earnings, and of any funds sent to you. Thank the Creator I don't owe any... What does a guy do to survive? He hustles and if he don't know how to hustle, then he learns real quick, this involves all kind of enterprises, from drawing to washing clothes to building hobby things to stealing the state blind to sell stuff on the black market. So what does prison teach you? It inadvertently encourages these young men to continue that behavior which lead them to prison in the first place and since they have a fixed release date they know when they are going to get out so why invest time in trying to fix their behavior? They don't have to earn their way out it is already set. No matter what happens they get to go out to the world, back into the public to re-commit crime. Do not take my word for it check the statistics in California. The tax payers just keep paying the bill and getting nothing in return. I guess that is what is meant by the phrase "Business as usual".

I'm Paul Behind The Wall.....