

NEW GENERATION: PART II

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Welcome to the future, the New Generation of action oriented captives in prison, eager to display, share, *Learn* and teach the necessary adjustments needed to be addressed in order to cause growth and an open path to all forms of freedom to the incarcerated all over the world.

In this article, I want to focus on the world's attention being drawn to observe what youth are "at risk of", we at Papco challenge community leaders all of you, to join us in our campaign to change that focus to what youth are "at risk from."

At risk of is a reactive approach to a situation.
At risk from is preventive in nature to a situation.

At risk of indulging in drug activity, street violence, and self-destructive behavior is a police minded approach to the larger community issue that has already become "out of control."

By redirecting the focus to exactly what the youth are at risk from, we provide for a window of opportunity to gain control before the policy makers force feed our communities the need to rush to the poles and vote in favor of more detention, more corrections, and punishment with language like "War on Crime."

Billions of dollars are allocated for Corrections Departments that effect our youth only after a transition into lifestyles unacceptable to society, and after our youth has become a ward of the State. Mind you, there is still no system set up to protect the hundreds of thousands of falsely accused incarcerated youth in this country, and those youth are so traumatized by that form of child abuse, that to excel in education; and trade skill training, mental and spiritual development in spite of the harsh conditions of confinement is an issue in great need of even more attention, and for those remarkable youth, there should be programs that provide certification for those youth to spearhead efforts to educate their peers conducive to the dynamics of what it really means to be "at risk." Those kids are our next effective leaders if we prepare them now.

The New Generation propose an urgent reallocation of funds already provided to agencies, to be re-directed into new employment creation that targets solutions, and are preventive and action oriented, specifically career training in community development projects. Yes, we are saying train the youth to build the community, and maintain the integrity of the program by training youth to train other youth in areas of proper parenting. We use the word proper as it highlights what is often deficient in inner-cities, and more times than not, can become the ignighter to the evolving progress towards the difficult transition into adulthood. Proper parenting is just one of the many issues to be addressed by the youth.

Anyone feel compelled to assist in the drafting of the curriculum of this solution based New Generation community building project designed for youth to lead?

100 Black Men, where are your youth? Urban League, where are your youth? NAACP, where are your youth? I can call hands all day, we want to convey to the world that most youth are experiencing some form of incarceration before they become a ward of the state. Some homes, and over all communities which includes the social fabric, have become prison-like settings for most facilities. For instance, schools are being closed, and the remaining ones are becoming prison-like environments while more prisons are being built and are becoming the new centers *FOR* education. I'll repeat this later.

We are no longer interested in the old conspiracy theory that this was all a plan by the system to keep us down. The New Generation don't do conspiracy, we know that every house built derived from the minds of architects. Our focus is on the demolition of those structures and creating a new foundation of self-worth and leadership for the next group of talented architects from our communities. Our youth are incredible without instruction, I challenge you to involve in the youth development movement and be amazed at what they can do under the influence of you.

We know for a fact that words shape societies. For example, I love to repeat what the late Stanley "Tookie" Williams told me one day on the yard before his senseless murder, he was explaining how people have been conditioned to say things like:

"If I can just help one person, it would make my efforts worth it."

Tookie said, "If you have only helped one person, you have failed the rest."

The New Generation, like Tookie believe that we must shift away from those traditional ideologies that obviously don't work, and build on the efforts of our predecessors by instilling greater value systems in the minds of the next generation.

At Papco, we refuse to be products of our environment and we encourage the world to end subjecting our youth to this kind of psychological abuse that hinders growth.

Solution, the new saying, and statement that you should be telling our youth is:

"your environment should be a product of you."

Whenever we hear or read someone describe a "bad neighborhood," they basically straight up called the people "bad."

Nobody ever called the neighborhood where Phillip and Nancy Guriddo lived a "bad neighborhood" because evidently kidnaping a child off the streets and abusing her for 18 years is not a street crime, drug activity, or gang violence. In fact it's obvious how the parole system does not practice equal

justice. Justice has its own issues, but equal justice has never risen to any level of what is truly defined as equal in this country, taking off hoods and sheets, and putting on uniforms has not changed the situation in the inner-city.

For 18 years while Jacee Duggard was being traumatized by a parolee. The same parole agency was too busy being "tough on crime" to the point where the courts installed injunctions against people who was labeled gang members to stay out of even the communities where they have children. Think about that, people was arrested, had their parole conditions violated and thrown back in prison because the parent in them was unable to stay away from their child, while Phillip Guriddo had someone else's child, and targeting other children, documented on video tape in areas he was free to roam without an injunction to keep him away from every one else's children. They worry more about saggy pants than keeping known child molesters away for our children.

I don't believe in reform, so probation and parole agencies in my opinion are a larger part of the overall destructive failure and disorder in our communities, this cycle is deadly when viewed with a powerful, wider lens.

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Close schools, build prisons, the remaining schools become prisons, and prisons become centers for education. The Juvenile Justice System is designed to capitalize and exacerbate the totality of the situation to the point of assuring our youth maintain a 0.0 grade point average in the school of life, only to graduate to adult facilities with dishonors. Prison jobs are ready and available to everyone who couldn't find a job in society. Free education is offered to prisoners that had no idea that a Technical Trade School existed in the area they lived in before incarceration. Prison and parole boards are more interested in producing model prisoners than keeping model youth out of prison. The state has a budget that included funding for the Department of Corrections and its agencies to produce model prisoners, no temp application fee required, no prison experience needed, no portfolios or references required, ironic, sad.

Need a job? Come to prison, they don't even need to advertise. When the opportunity for youth is offered to the youth in correctional facilities, it becomes displayed proof that the captor of its captives posses the freedom to offer assistance and positive development programs before incarceration. This epitomizes deprivation.

When we aim to help every child we literally render the judicial system obsolete, so its no surprise that the Department of Corrections will never address the real issues in our inner cities because the system itself is operating on a life support system that constitutes a high demand for failure in the lives of our young people. When our children fall into the system the village has assisted the captors, and the downfall of our youth provides billions of dollars every year to the agencies that are designed to maintain the cycle.

If it takes a village to raise a child, the village in this country has failed hundreds of thousands of youth who are now prisoners in this country.

Now I know that my writing style is very critical of "The System," it is what it is and I welcome anyone to challenge my disposition. Moreover, I'm as equally radical against the lack of love we as a people display to our youth, in my next article I plan to address my community to raise awareness as to how we as a people misdiagnose our own youth and how we as a people inflame destruction by creating energies through words that create environments for failure. Join me at New Generation Part III.