



The New Political Prisoner
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For the first time in California state history, A New Generation of inner-city youth housed on Death Row at San Quentin State Prison are taking matters into their own hands with an inspiring movement geared to educate the public, specifically the "next generation" of their youth, portraying ruinous patterns of social and economic gain for corrupt law-enforcement and justice system officials alike, redefining the words, "Political Prisoner".

Despite little journalistic acclaim and even fewer resources, this crusade emerged from a vision had by a wise young man who chose to assemble a creative writing group comprised primarily of condemned youth, dubbed Papyrus Collective (PAPCO).

Understood for generations, the term "political prisoner" has been predominantly (and respectfully) tied to revolutionary and freedom fighters everywhere.

PAPCO has begun publishing their own mini magazine (ZINE) now known as, "Write or Die". Their underground gorilla-like periodical is fast-becoming an innovative outlet to exhibit poetry, columns, essays, artwork, photos, and unedited shoptalk between themselves from inside Death Row in a popular section called "@ Golgotha", made available both online at www.betweenthebars.org and in print, directed to the streets of America's inner-cities, giving rise to the fight for true freedom while preventing illegal captures of our next generation, literally.

With www.deathrowinmate.org (DRI) graciously hosting the workshop efforts, PAPCO thrives online as a platform for society to consume relevant and valuable information slated to impart "reality" upon today's youth, before they (like us) fall victim to the deathtrap which anxiously awaits them. PAPCO's many voices aim to unmask the face of the new political prisoner behind our nation's every detention facility and penitentiary, compounds that warehouse generation after generation of men and women serving unjustified sentences for "Street Level" offenses.

Death Row is no longer a place for the so-called serial killer, child molestor, or media-born foreign bomber type. Read unending stories, solution-based ideas, and challenging calls for self-leadership amongst our youth -- forward motion without breaks. Join hands with PAPCO in our mission to keep the next generation informed and out of prison, stand obliged to alert communities that inner-city youth are indeed, "at-risk". We challenge the public, specifically our local youth leaders, to make inquiries as to the many undisclosed benefits given to those who determine the fate of tomorrow's political prisoner --- our children.

Promoting necessary awareness in this emerging era of communication, DRI & PAPCO welcome insightful, germane, and empowering submissions from accomplished prison writers. For publishing consideration, mail your article (photocopies only) to: Papyrus Collective * P.O. Box 70023 * Riverside, CA. 92503.

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