

Greetings Tim,

Thank you for your interest in the Prison reform article. You are certainly welcome to print and use the article in your class. I truly hope that your students find inspiration in my message. As inmates we have the greatest impact on the environment we live in. It is certainly true that the D.O.C. needs to make significant changes, but only when we - the inmates - learn to hold ourselves and each other to higher standards can we have the authority to advocate for those changes.

In my article I mentioned Gandhi as someone who exemplified this model, but Dr. Martin Luther King Jr is also a great example. If you get a chance read his Letter from Birmingham Jail, have your students read it as well (it's short, but powerful). It says what I tried to convey in parts ~~of~~ of the article much more powerfully and eloquently than I did, especially when he outlines the 4 steps to nonviolent campaigning, one of which is "self-purification".



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I would like to hear how your students responded to the article and if it inspired any kind of positive action. Also whatever criticism comes up I would appreciate hearing as well.

If you like, you can write me directly at:

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I just received your comment today, June 4th and this reply won't likely get posted until at least the 10th. So just keep in mind that it will take at least a couple of weeks for me to respond via the ~~the~~ blog.

Good luck to you and your students, and thank you for taking the time to help those behind the wall.

Peace,
Daniel