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Hey C.B.B. (candle ships),
Sorry it took so long for my reply
I've been busy with college & recently
being married.

But I wanted to reply to your
reply to my Blog "Is the Criminal
Justice System Color Blind".

My comrade, because slavery is
the basis of the U.S. prison system,
(as embodied in the 13th Amendment to
the Constitution), this same resort to
brutality to exert "control" pervades it.
So as was done with the slaves, U.S.
Prisoners are projected to the public
as objects of suspicion, fear, and hate.
In this sense, we are the new "niggers"
When guards wish to demean us, we're
often told we're only "offenders," which
means less than human. Yet in reality,
the only thing that differentiates us from
the "public" (and who can say they've never
violated any laws of the oppressive state?),
is we've suffered the indignity of having
the government brand us "criminals".

As the guards who run these prisons frequently admit to us, the only difference between us and them is they've "never been caught." Which makes them the worse hypocrites, who devote their lives to punishing others (breaking up homes, families and communities, and subjecting us to all manner of abuses in the process) for violating laws that they don't respect themselves.

In America, people of color and the poor are the primary targets of aggressive policing, criminal prosecution and mass imprisonment. Criminal injustice in Amerika is far from blind - and definitely ain't colorblind.