

Daniel Gwynn Blog Update

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The government agencies has gone to extremes to confound the public when it comes to its criminal justice socio-economic machinations--Profiteering. The Prison Industrial Complex (PIC) is a billion dollar industry that's traded on the Stock Exchange.

Lately, there's been a lot of griping about Pennsylvania's prisoners being permitted to get new technology (GTL Genesis 116-PA ipad), and assumptions that we're living in the lap of luxury. The public is being misled into believing that the new technology will be a luxury. There are no luxuries in prison. Everything made available to prisoners are a calculated move for the State & private investors to make a profit and implement control.

The products made available to prisoners are sanitized compared to the products made available to the public: TV's USB ports, clocks & timers are removed; radio recording devices, antennas & extra speakers are removed; ipad's wifi & internet access, camera and other frills are all removed.

The products made available to prisoners are a privilege & a behavior modification tool--reward, punishment & preoccupation. Albeit, the primary goal here is to keep the idle prisoners complacent to lessen their aggression towards the staff and distract us, these privileges are an incentive that can be given or taken away. As long as a prisoner is on his best behavior he gets to purchase a TV, radio or reading materials to help off-set the mental & physical deterioration of solitary confinement.

All purchases must be approved by & made through a branch of the DOC called the Pennsylvania Correctional Industries (PCI). This way the DOC & its profiteers can always skim the maximum profit from the exorbitant mark-up prices they place on defective products.



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As a captive consumer, prisoners & their families/friends are taken advantage of at every opportunity (victim fees; court fees; high phone rates; low quality products, etc.). The DOC receives kick-backs from the outside vendors who win the contracts to provide products & services to the prisoners. We can't go shopping for bargains, sales or better quality products. What the PCI stocks we must buy from them. Nothing is free. Prisoners are a well tapped source of revenue for the State & these vendors, which in turn creates jobs for the public.

Just about everything is computerized these days (books, music, mail, etc.), so by allowing prisoners to purchase ipads opens up a new market to exploit prisoners with. The DOC will be able to cut costs while making a profit. Other states have created policies to do away with prisoners receiving reading material & letters through the mail all because they wanted to force prisoners to get it electronically. The DOC will harass prisoners to purchase ipads by creating policies that will restrict books, newspapers, etc. that will be made available at their PCI. They will also force us to communicate with family & friends through emails and the expensive phone system, doing away with letters.

I'm a death row prisoner trapped in a perpetual solitary confinement. There are no comforts here, only stresses & degradations. The new GTL Genesis 116-PA is far from a luxury. It's just another double-edged sword waiting to be twisted into our guts like all of the other privileges. Why should you care that prisoners and their supporters are taken advantage of & suffering so long as the public is benefiting from the revenue accrued. We're here to be punished by any means necessary right? Is this the justice you seek?

