



Malign Neglect: Race, Crime, and Punishment in America

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Oxford University Press Inc, United States, 1996. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 208 x 142 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Despite the perennial claims of politicians that our courts are coddling hardened criminals, the fact is that America already sends a higher proportion of its citizens to prison-and for longer terms-than any other western nation. To quote the Canadian House of Commons s Committee on Justice, If locking up those who violate the law contributed to safer societies, then the United States should be the safest country in the world. Yet despite well-documented and mounting evidence that increased penalties alone cannot reduce crime, the Reagan and Bush administrations repeatedly lobbied for tougher mandatory sentences and more prisons. Although black crime rates have been stable for twenty years, the number and percentages of blacks in jail and prison have skyrocketed since Ronald Reagan took office. The trend continues with President Clinton, who recently called for three strikes you re out legislation dictating mandatory life sentences for third felony convictions. In Malign Neglect, Michael Tonry addresses these paradoxes with passion and lucidity. Drawing on a vast compendium of the latest statistical, legal and social science research, he...



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