



US penal system - taking a closer look at the preacher of morals



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super-rich people often get away without being detained even in the most serious offenses. Also, political or environmental activists often indefinitely disappear behind bars without a court hearing to silence them. In an interview with author Eugene Puryear, Abby Martin shows that the American judiciary and penal system in its origins was used to control the country. It was used to discipline the slaves from Africa and other countries during times of slavery, and to educate them for working life. After the end of slavery, the model was created to rent prisoners as cheap labor, for example, to use them in agriculture, so they continue to be kept almost as slaves. According to Eugene Puryear, today's relocation of production abroad to boost profits has sharply reduced the economy in their own country. To prevent major social unrest resulting from this, the US administration, as in the era of slavery, urgently needs effective control of the population. The arrests, which have risen sharply in recent years, represent precisely this controlling instrument: control by locking up people. – That's the reprehensible practices of self-proclaimed US moral apostles. But in the midst of this bleak US prison environment, prisoners sometimes develop amazing social skills. In joint actions and also prison revolts, they managed to raise a strong public awareness. Supported by the public, detainees were able to force improvements of their conditions of detention. According to Abby Martin, these are very encouraging developments. Because they show that changes by mobilizing the public are feasible even with limited opportunities. You will now see excerpts from the revealing, about 20-minute documentary by Abby Martin:

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