



Beyond Neutrality

Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site

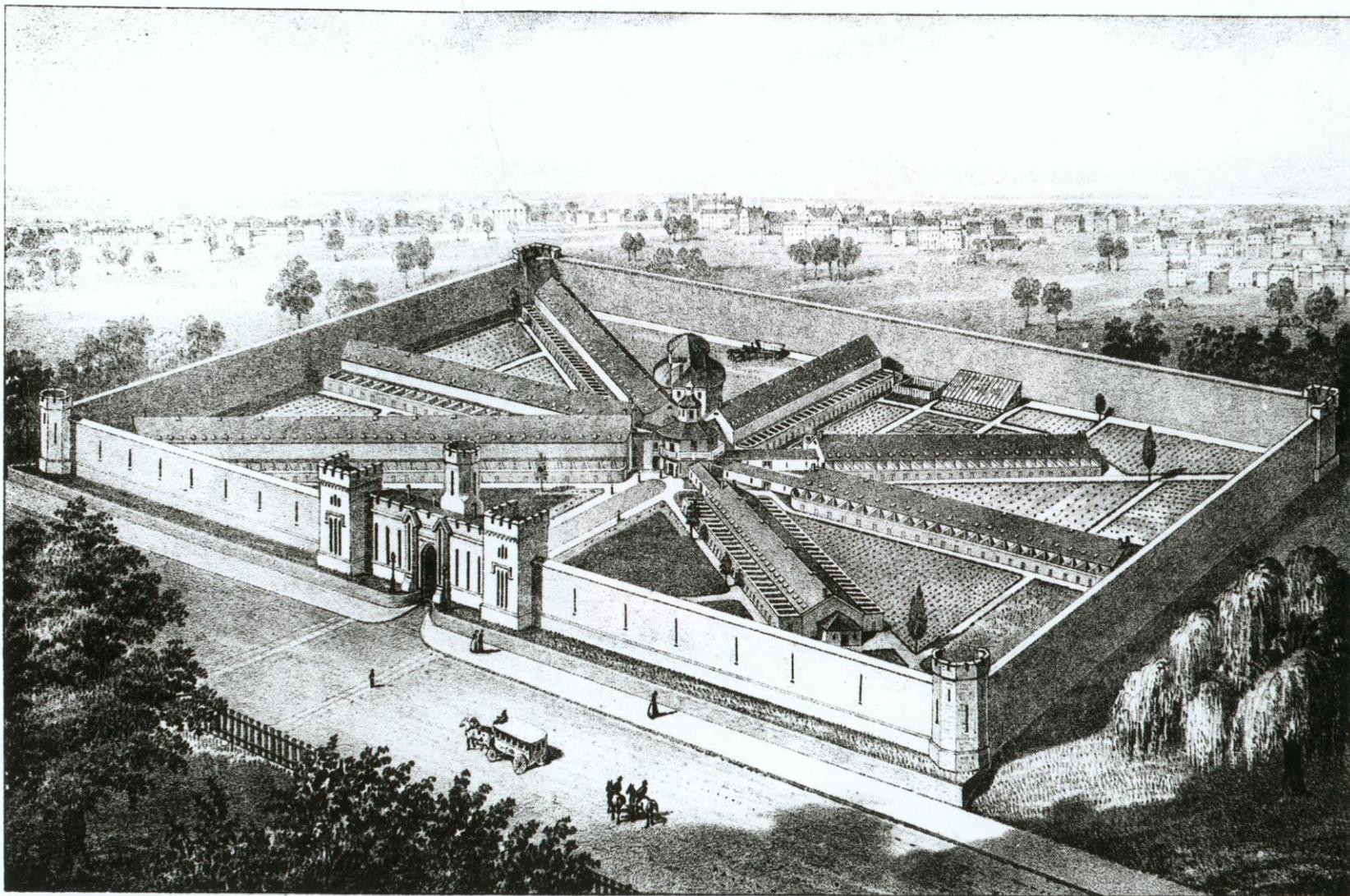
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President and CEO



THE STATE PENITENTIARY,
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA.



Original drawn by a convict N^o 2854

Entered according to Act of Congress in the year 1836 by Richard Vaux in the Clerk's Office of the District Court of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

P.S. Duval & Co's steam lith. press Phil^a

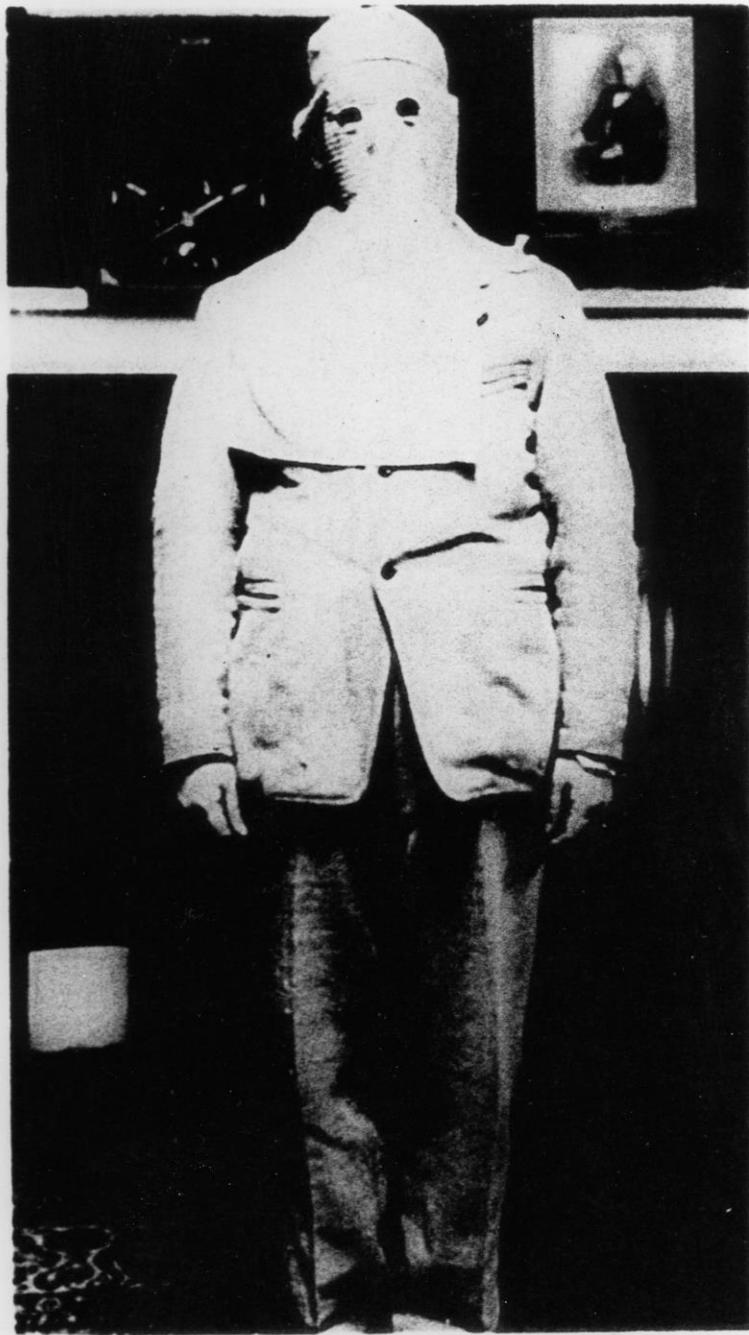
This Institution known as "Cherry Hill State Prison" at Philadelphia, is the Model Prison of "The Pennsylvania System of Prison Discipline" or "Separate System" as it is called to distinguish it from "The Congregate". Each Convict occupies a single Cell or Workshop, and is thus separated from all other convicts. The Building was begun



Engraved by C. Burton, N.Y.

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Tanner, Barnum & Co.

PENITENTIARY, PHILADELPHIA.





I believe in God, my Father,
And in Jesus Christ, my Saviour.
And in the Holy Spirit
who comforts me, and leads me
into all truth.

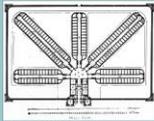
Impact Across the Globe

Eastern State Penitentiary is the most influential prison ever built.
 There are about three hundred prisons throughout the world based on Eastern's "hub and spoke" (or "radial") floor plan.

While most American prisons built in the 1800s were modeled after the New York System, most prisons built in Europe, European colonies, and Asia were based on Eastern State Penitentiary.

They are still occasionally built.

* Prison based on Eastern State Penitentiary's "hub and spoke" floor plan.



United States
 Eastern State Penitentiary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1823-1836



United States
 Michigan State Penitentiary, Lansing, Michigan, 1855-1858



United States
 Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio, 1826-1828



United States
 New York State Penitentiary, Auburn, New York, 1816-1826



Brazil
 Casa de Detenção de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil, 1862-1864



Canada
 London Prison, London, Ontario, Canada, 1868



United Kingdom
 Brixton Prison, London, United Kingdom, 1842-1844



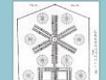
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 Pentonville Prison, London, United Kingdom, 1840-1842



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 Wakefield Prison, Wakefield, United Kingdom, 1840-1842



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Japan
 Tokyo Prison, Tokyo, Japan, 1873-1875



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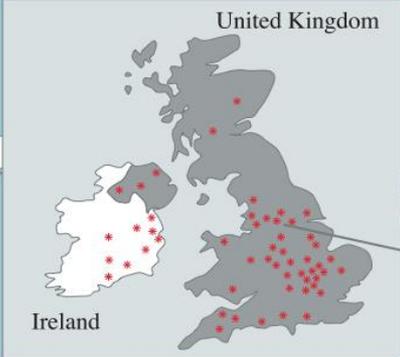
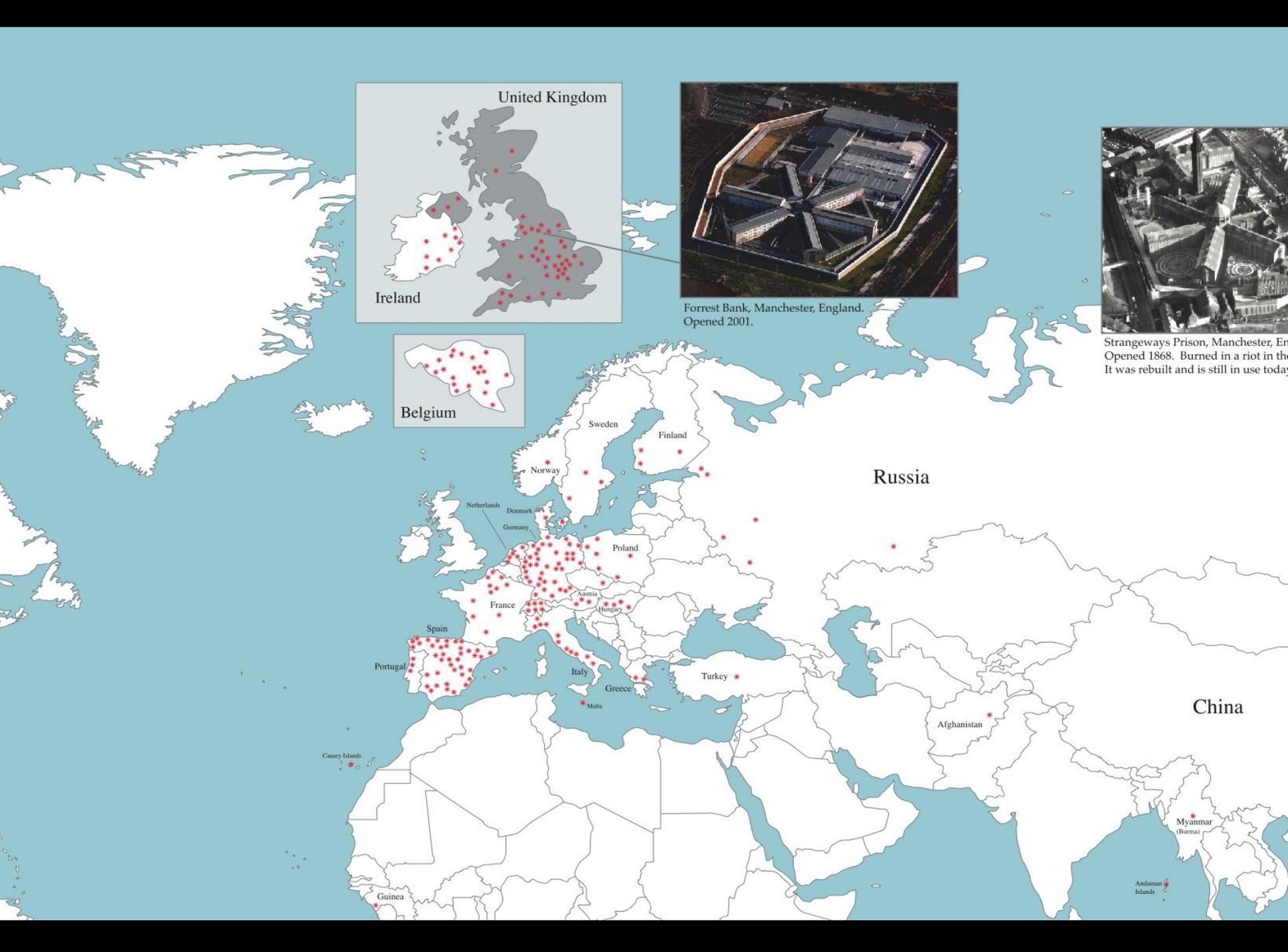


China
 Beijing Prison, Beijing, China, 1864-1866



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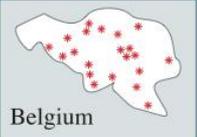
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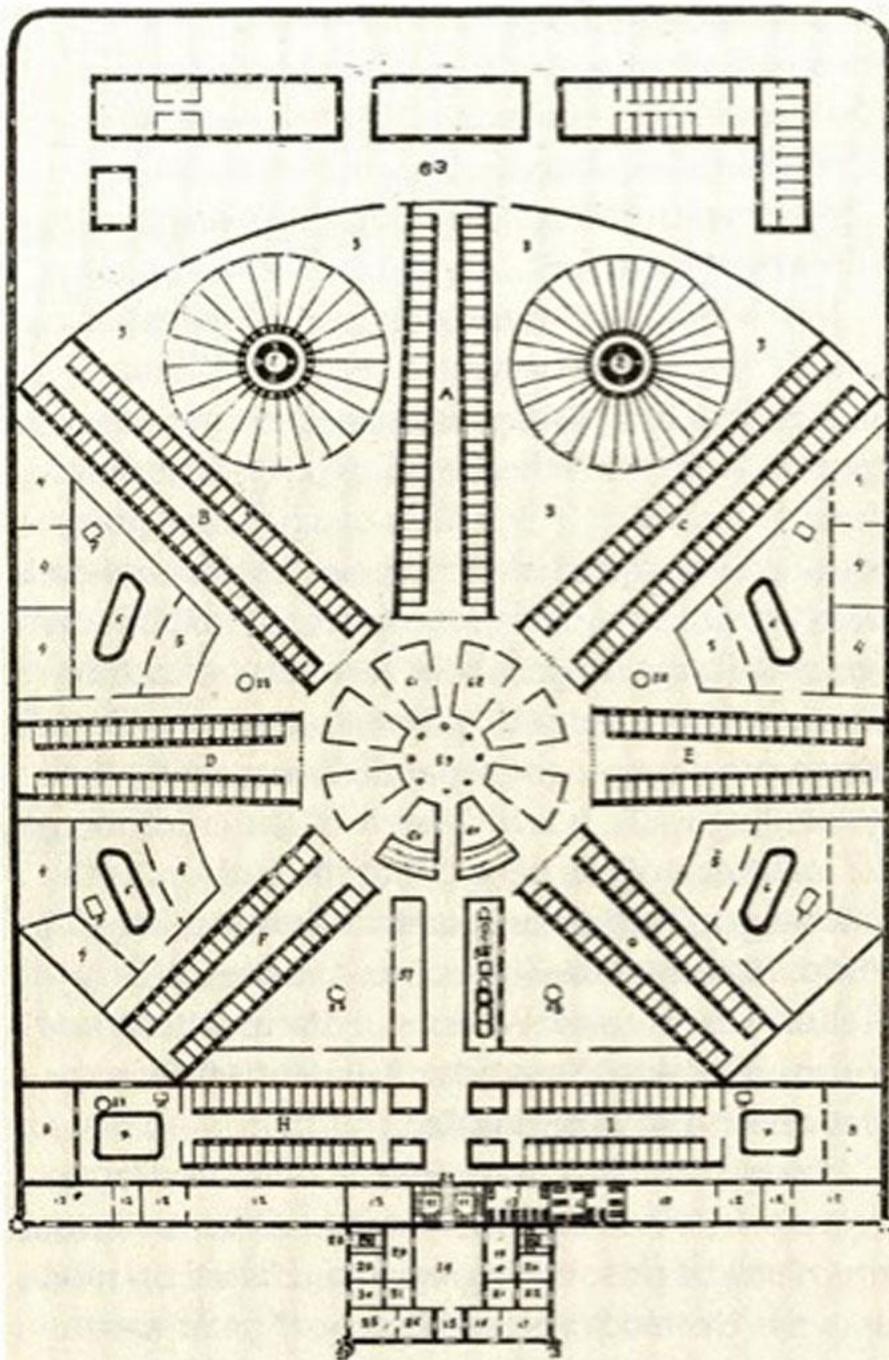


Forrest Bank, Manchester, England.
Opened 2001.

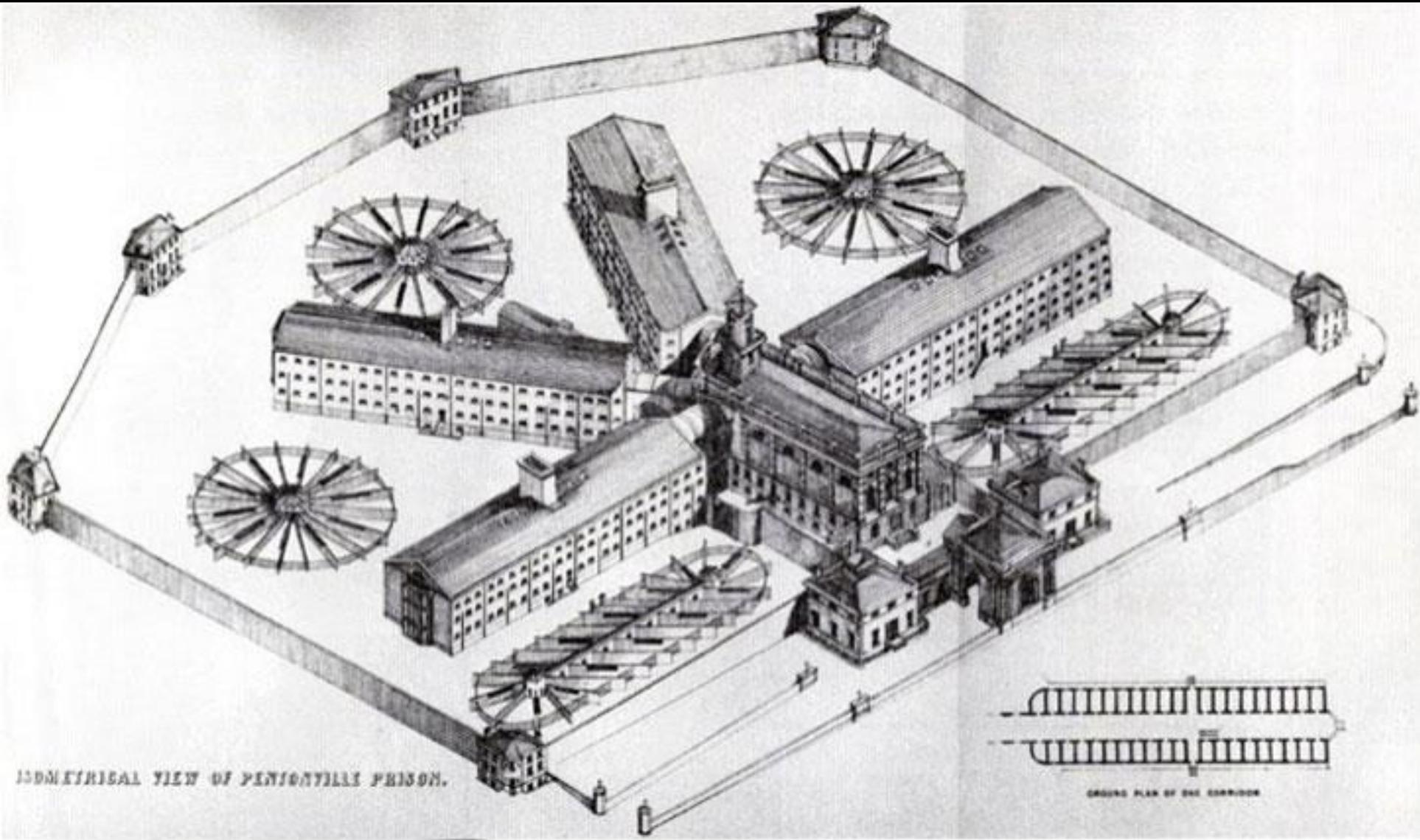


Strangeways Prison, Manchester, England.
Opened 1868. Burned in a riot in the 1930s.
It was rebuilt and is still in use today.

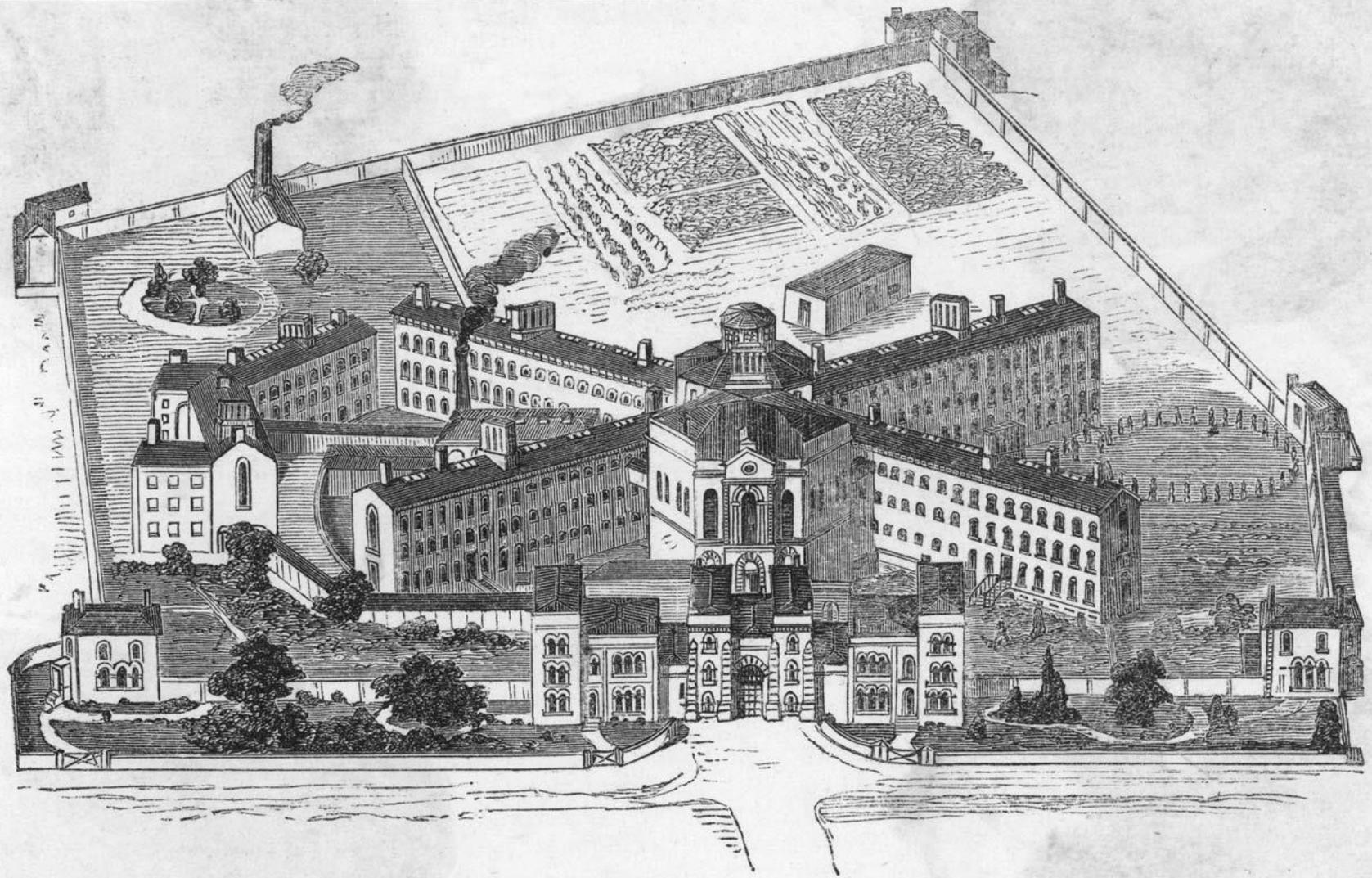




National Penitentiary,
Mexico City, Mexico



Pentonville, London England



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE SURREY HOUSE OF CORRECTION AT WANDSWORTH.

Wandsworth Prison, London, England

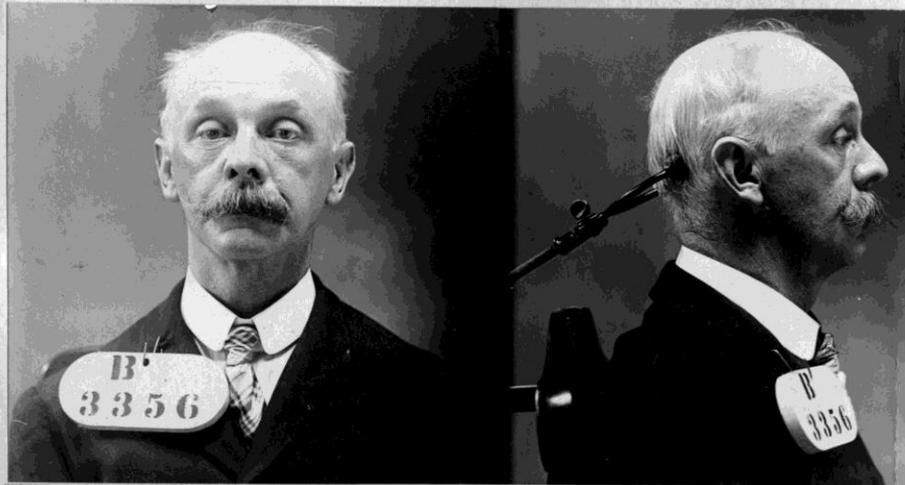
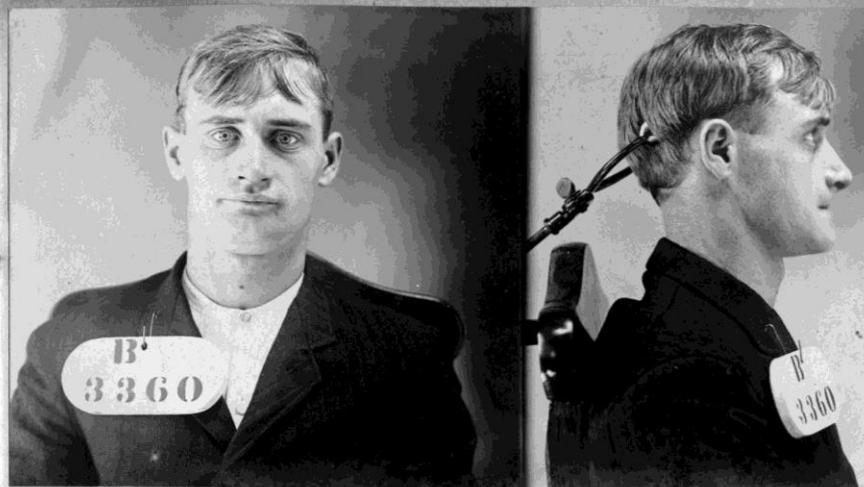


Forest Bank Prison, 2000

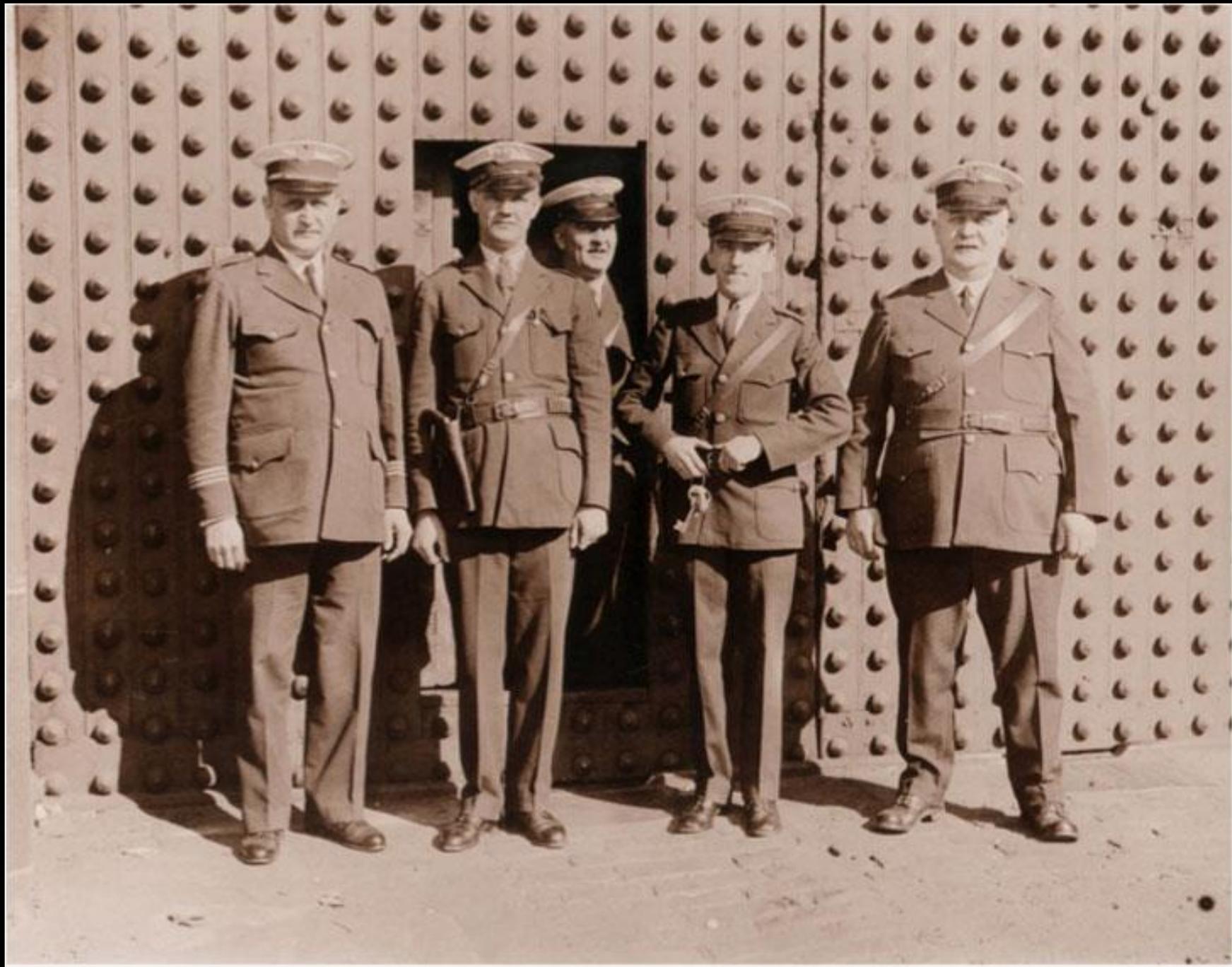


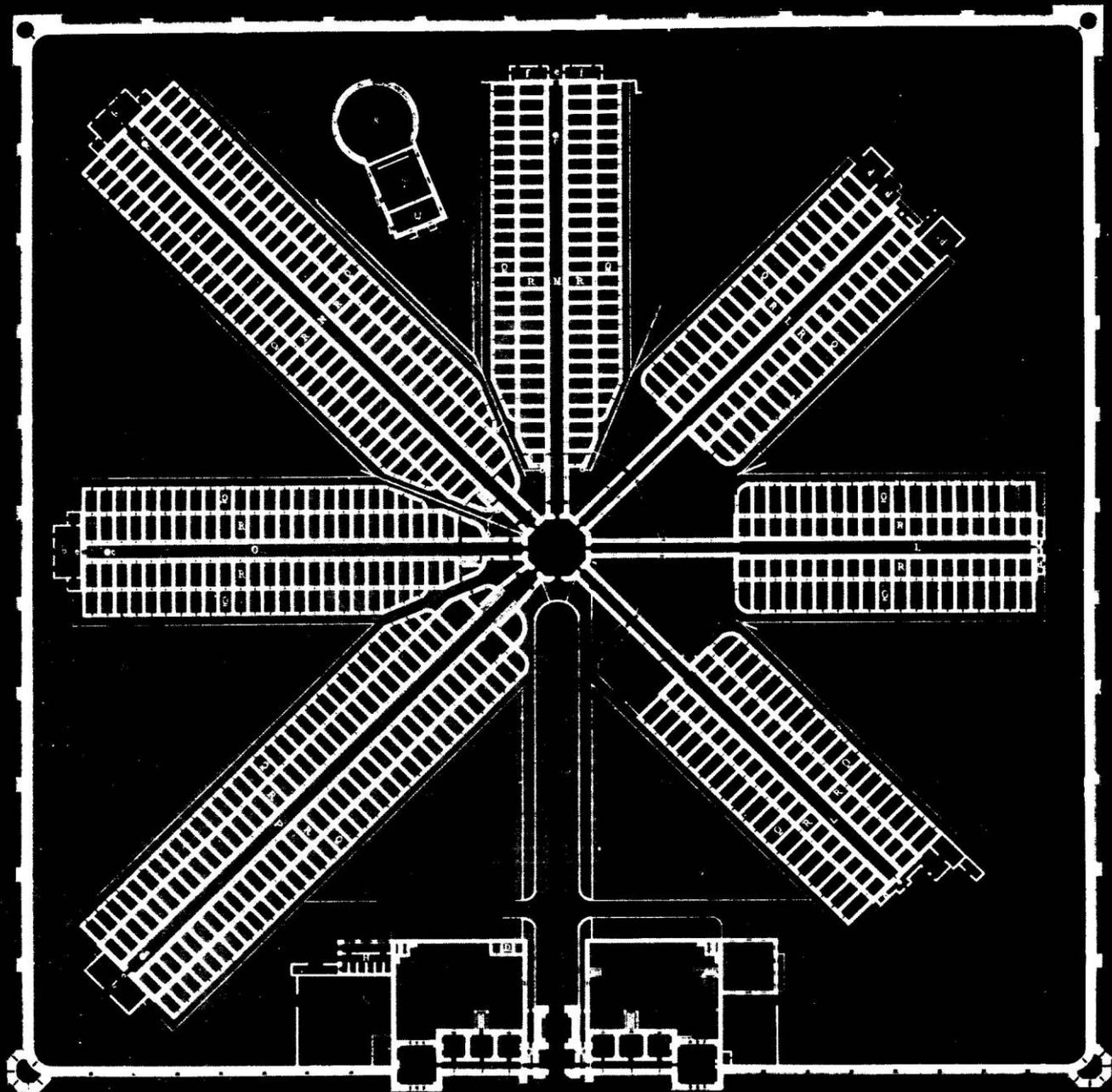
Simm City Video Game Prison













1985





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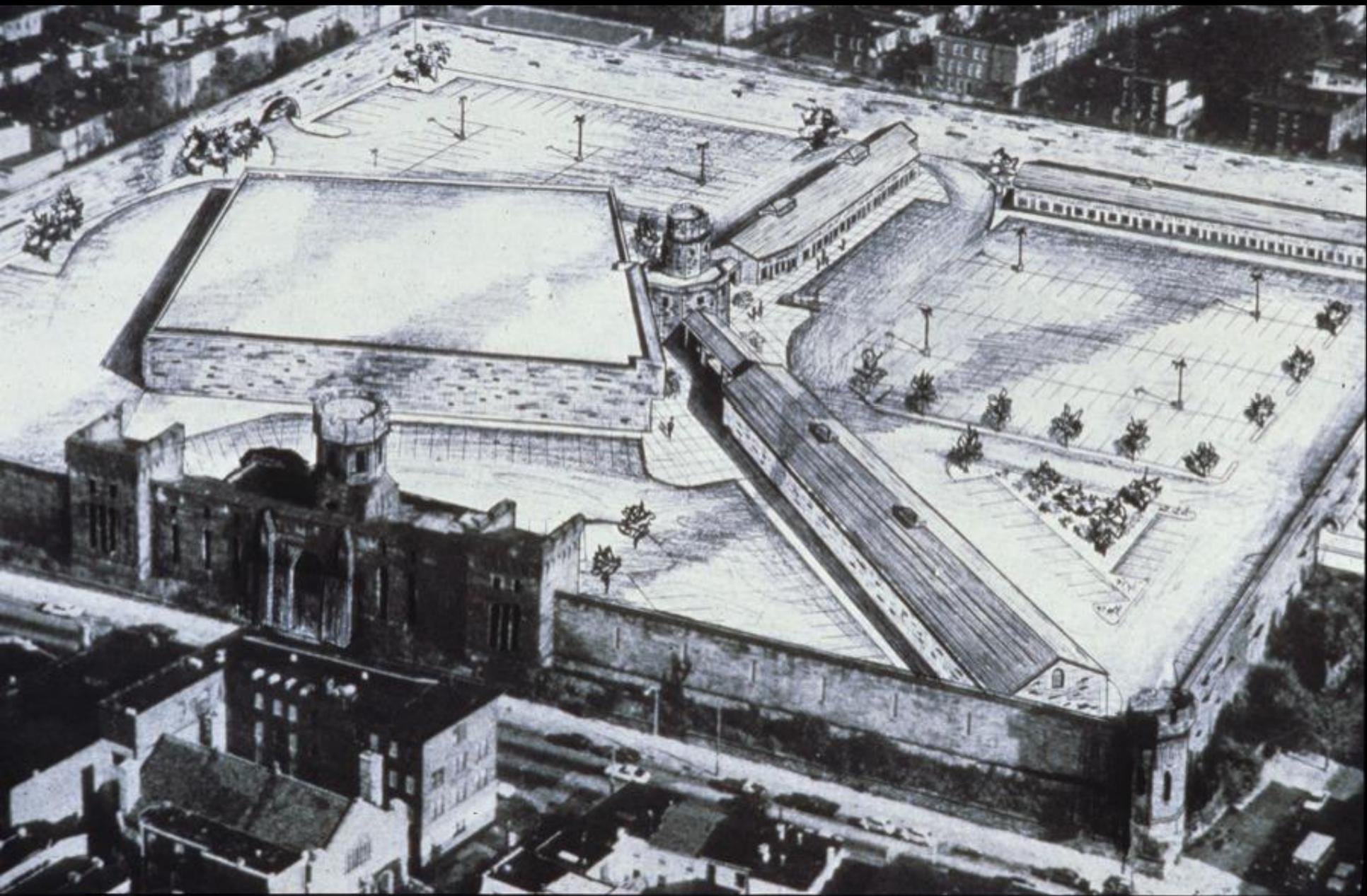


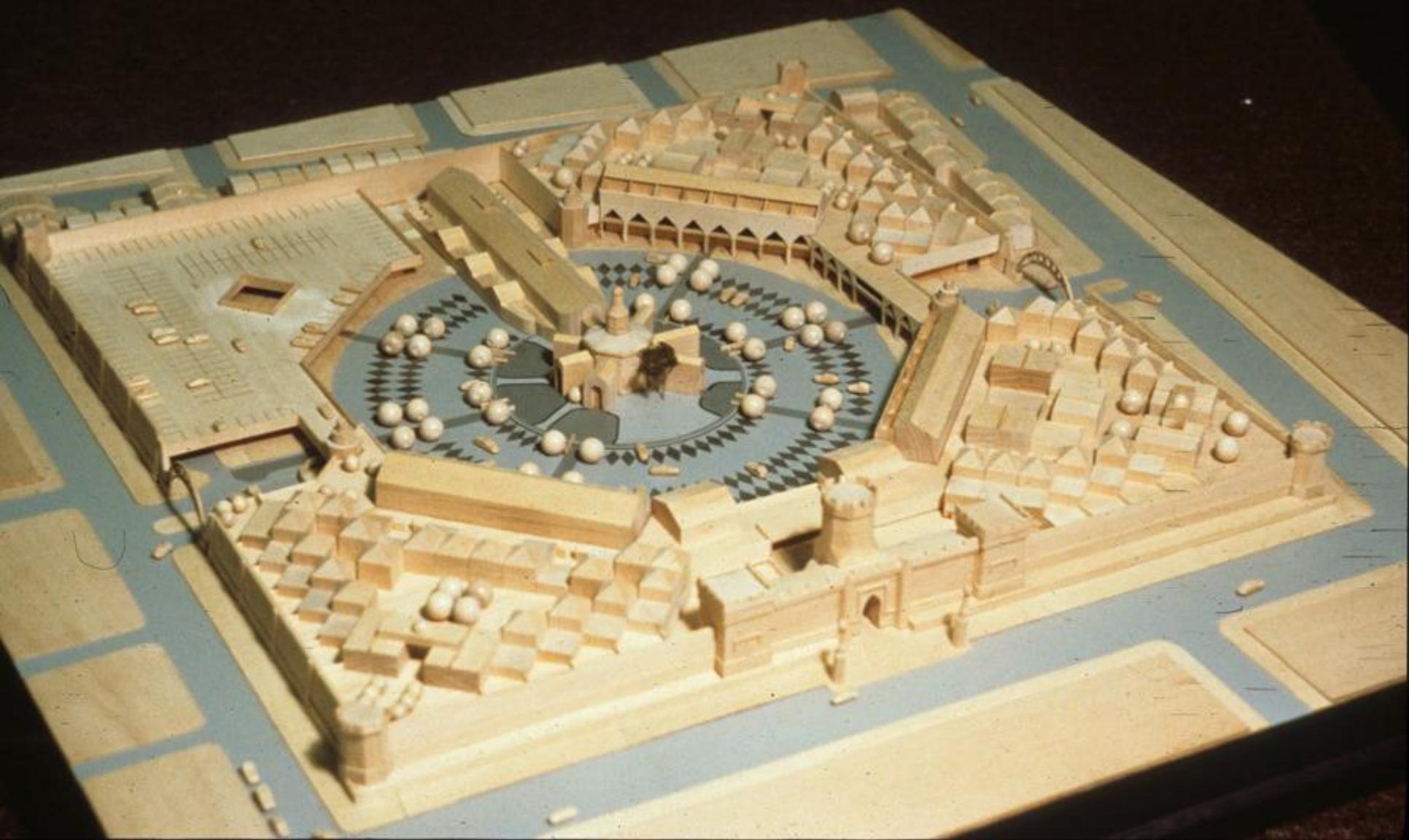


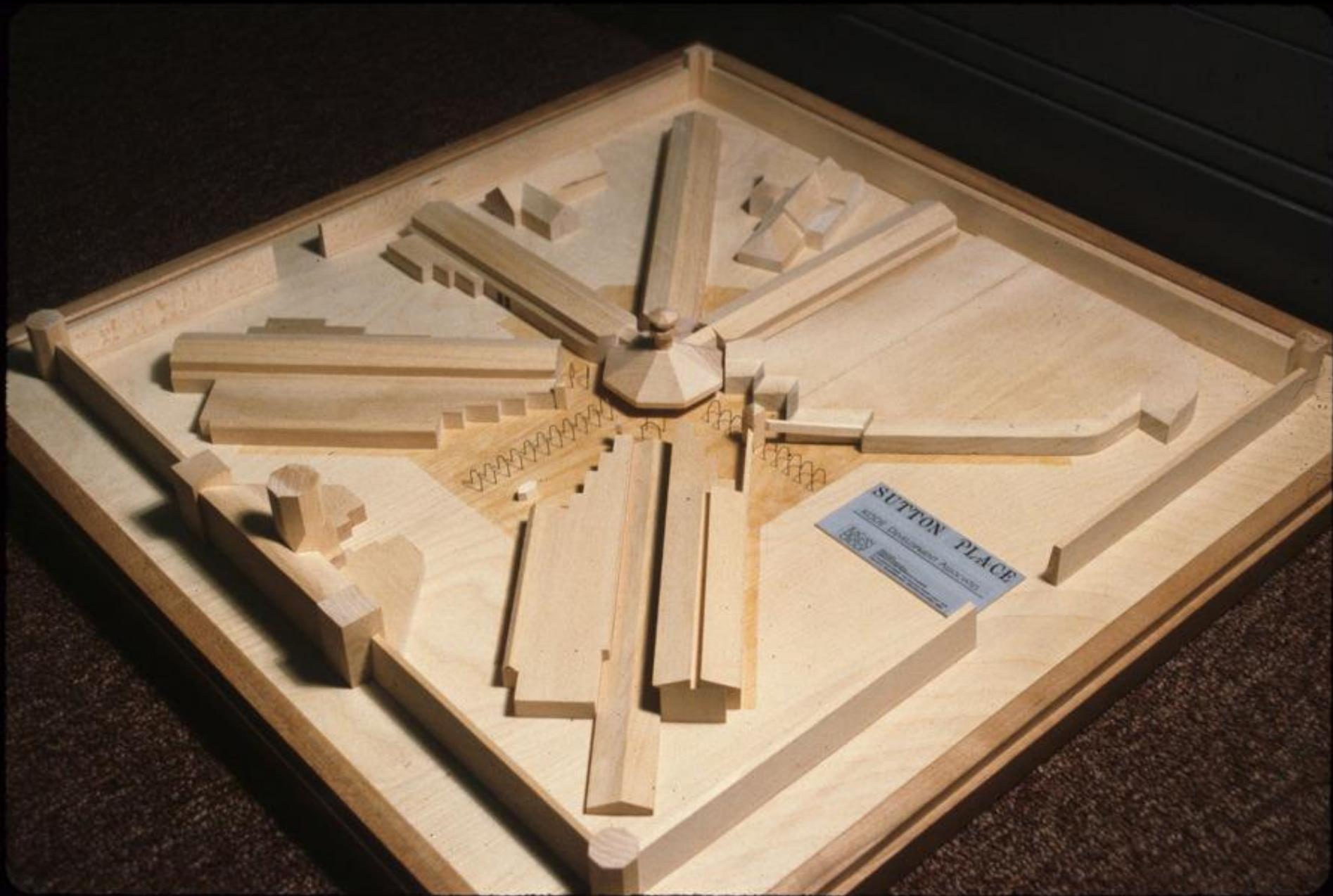
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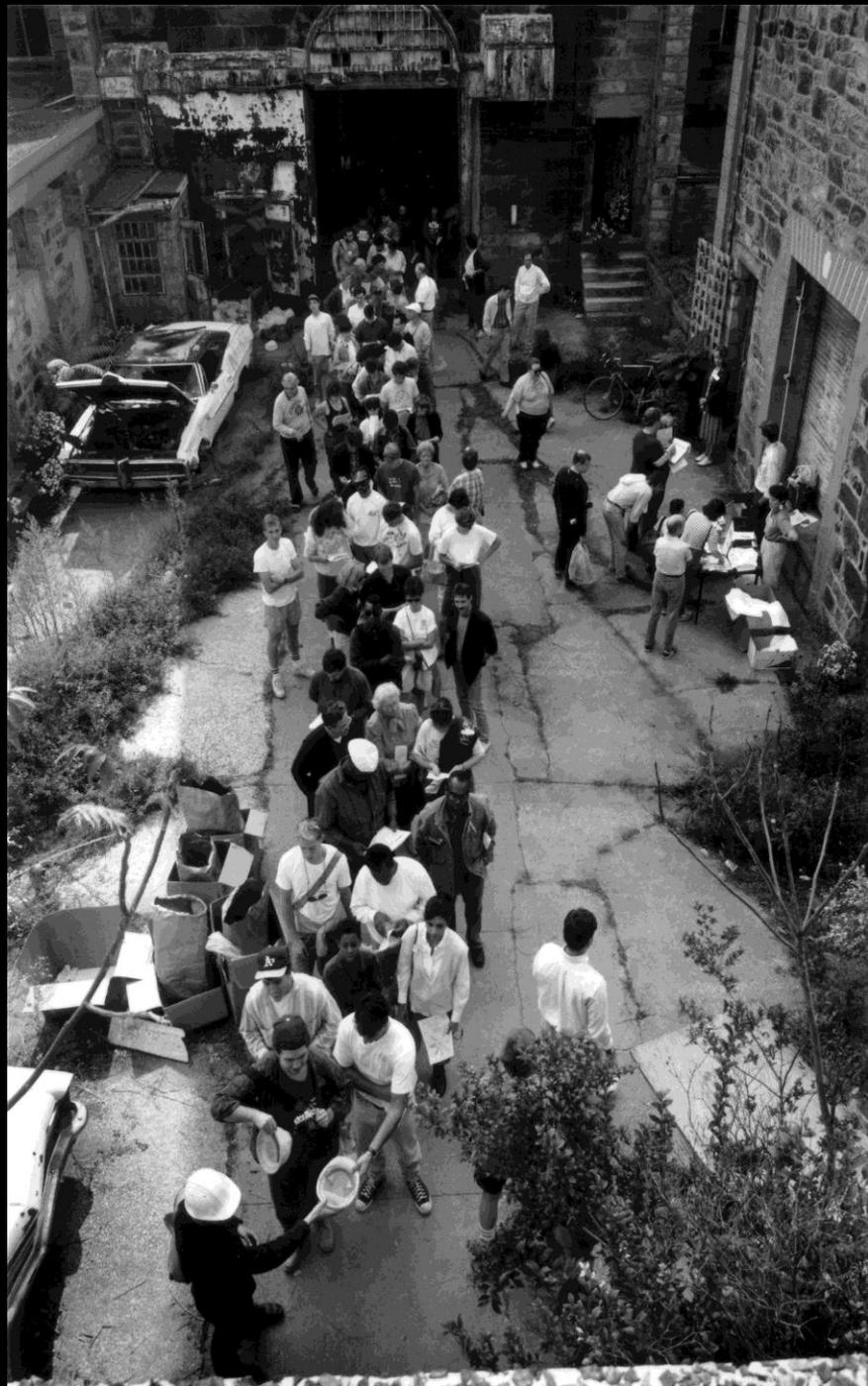
Reuse Plans







SUTTON PLACE
ARCHITECTURAL MODEL







Capital Investments

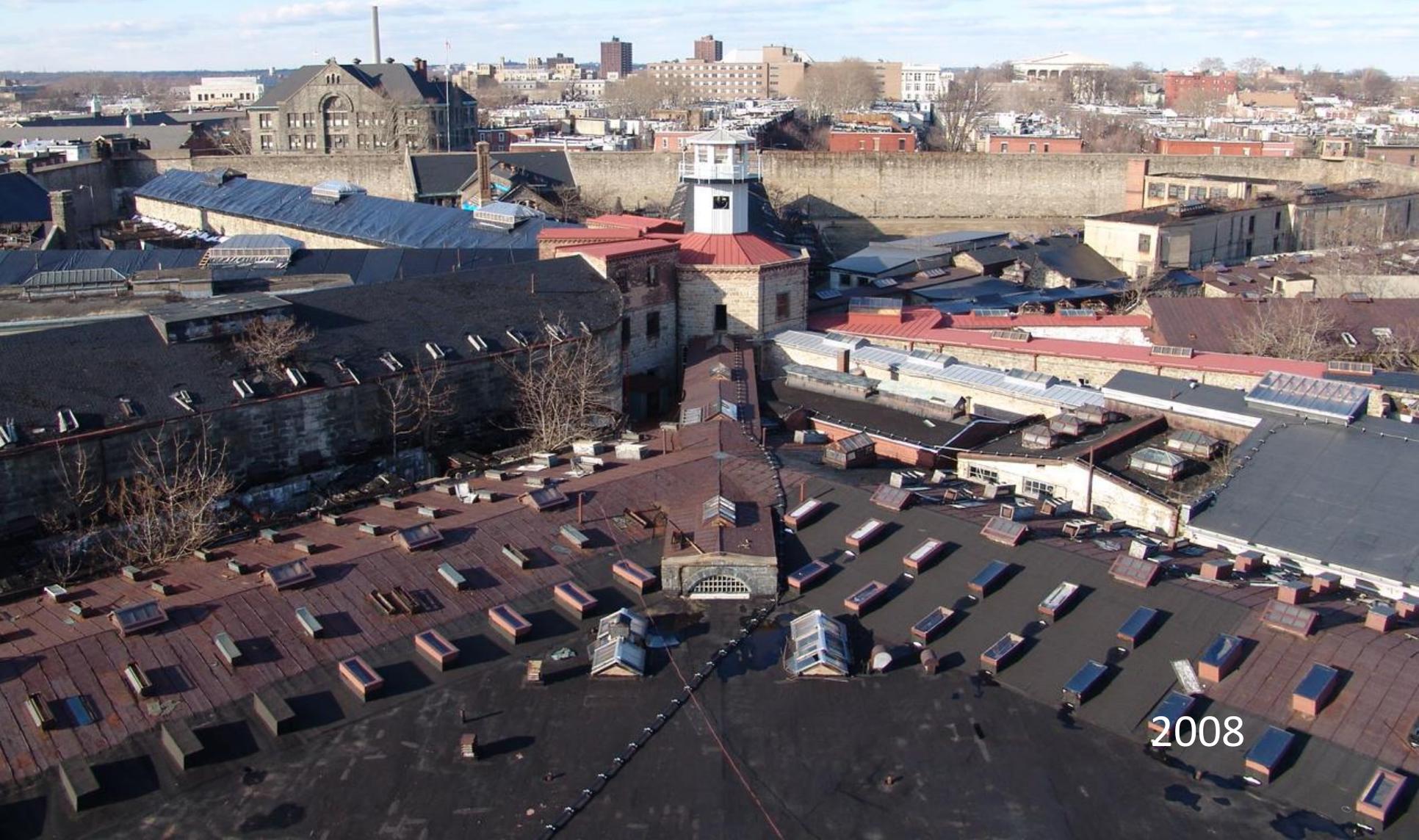


2008

Admin Building Roof

(Photo Location!)

\$275,000 City



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Cellblocks 5 & 6

(temporary roofing)

\$80,000 Keystone

\$60,000 TBTW

\$40,000 City

Rotunda and Links Project

\$500,000 Save America's Treasurers

\$355,000 City

\$ 90,000 Keystone

\$ 55,000 ESP

Cellblock 1 and Link

\$445,000 – City

\$250,000 – HPP

\$200,000 -- Keystone



2008

Storehouse and Industrial Buildings

(temporary roofing)

\$160,000 Individual Donations

Synagogue Restoration

\$235,000 Individual Donations

\$200,000 TBTW

Cellblock 7 Skylight Project

\$500,000 City - Culture Corridor

Cellblocks 3,4,7,8,9,12

\$2,000,000 - RACP |

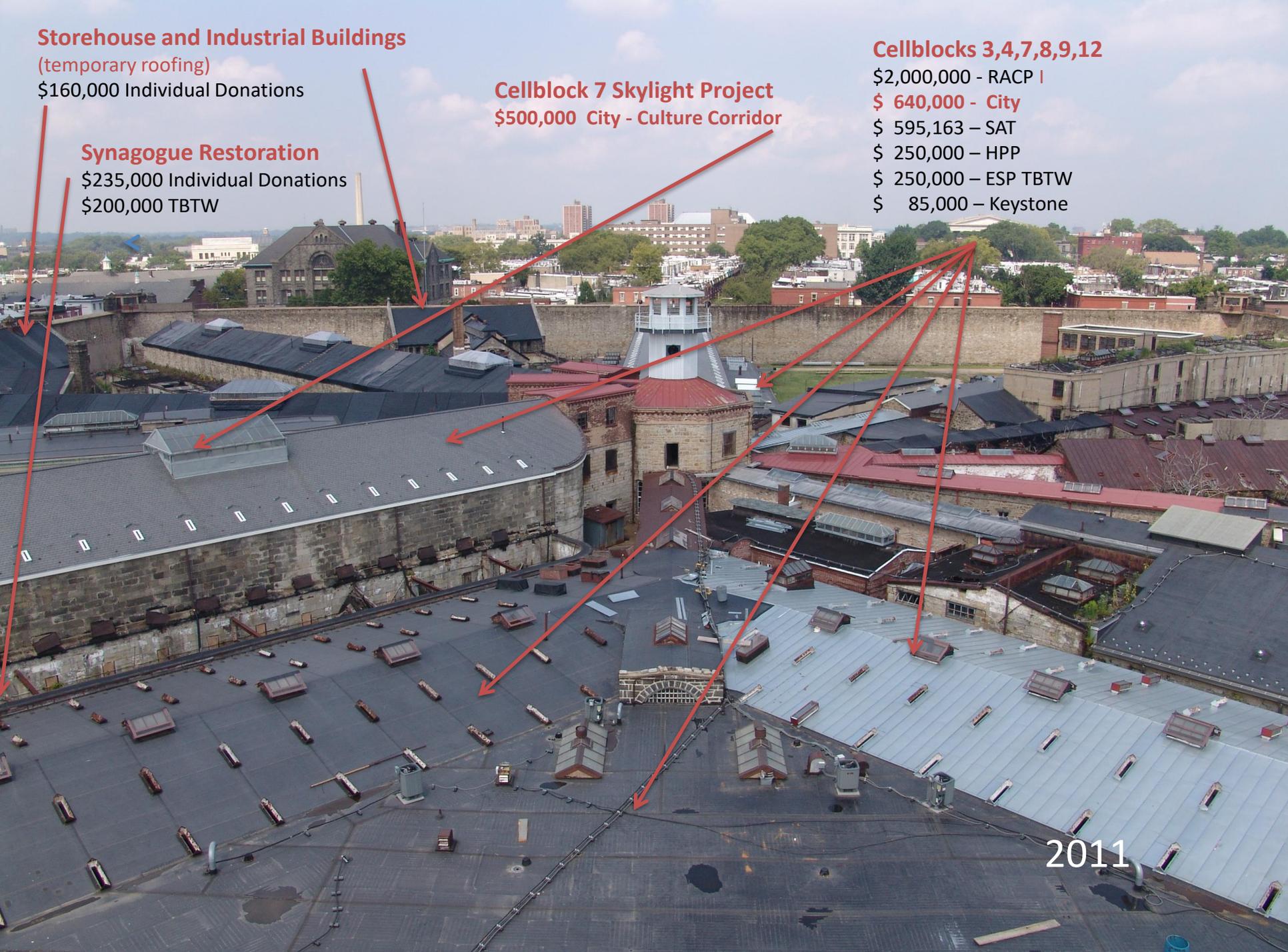
\$ 640,000 - City

\$ 595,163 - SAT

\$ 250,000 - HPP

\$ 250,000 - ESP TBTW

\$ 85,000 - Keystone



2011

Catholic Chaplain's Office

\$401,000- Individual Donations
\$281,500P – TBTW
\$175,000 - HPP
\$ 25,000 - Keystone

Cellblocks 2, 10, & 11

\$1,000,000 RACP II
\$1,000,000 ESP TBTW

Rehabilitation of the Bertillon for Staff Offices

\$950,000 TBTW



2015

\$16 mil. Capital to Date
\$2.25 from City



Ongoing Maintenance for Code Compliance and Safety --
~ \$100,000 annually for

Perimeter Wall Masonry
Interior Stabilization





Hidden Doors Reveal the Past

These doors and their hidden compartments were used to store valuables and documents. The hidden compartments were used to store valuables and documents. The hidden compartments were used to store valuables and documents.

Synagogue Audio Tour

This audio tour provides an overview of the synagogue's history and architecture. It includes information about the building's construction and the community that used it.



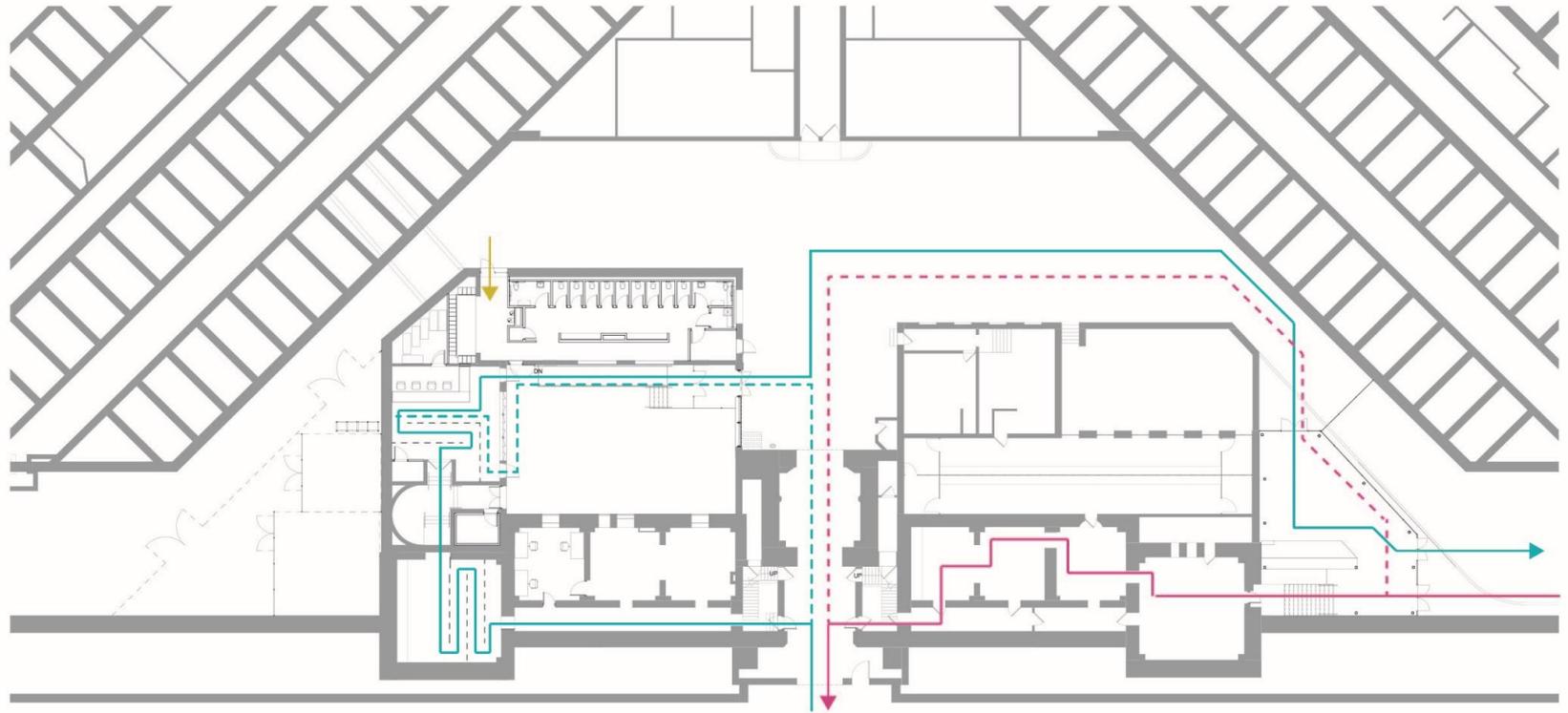
Penitent Prayer

Communion of Saints

Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan

It is said that John the Baptist, who baptized Jesus in the River Jordan, was the first to baptize. He was the first to baptize Jesus in the River Jordan. He was the first to baptize Jesus in the River Jordan.









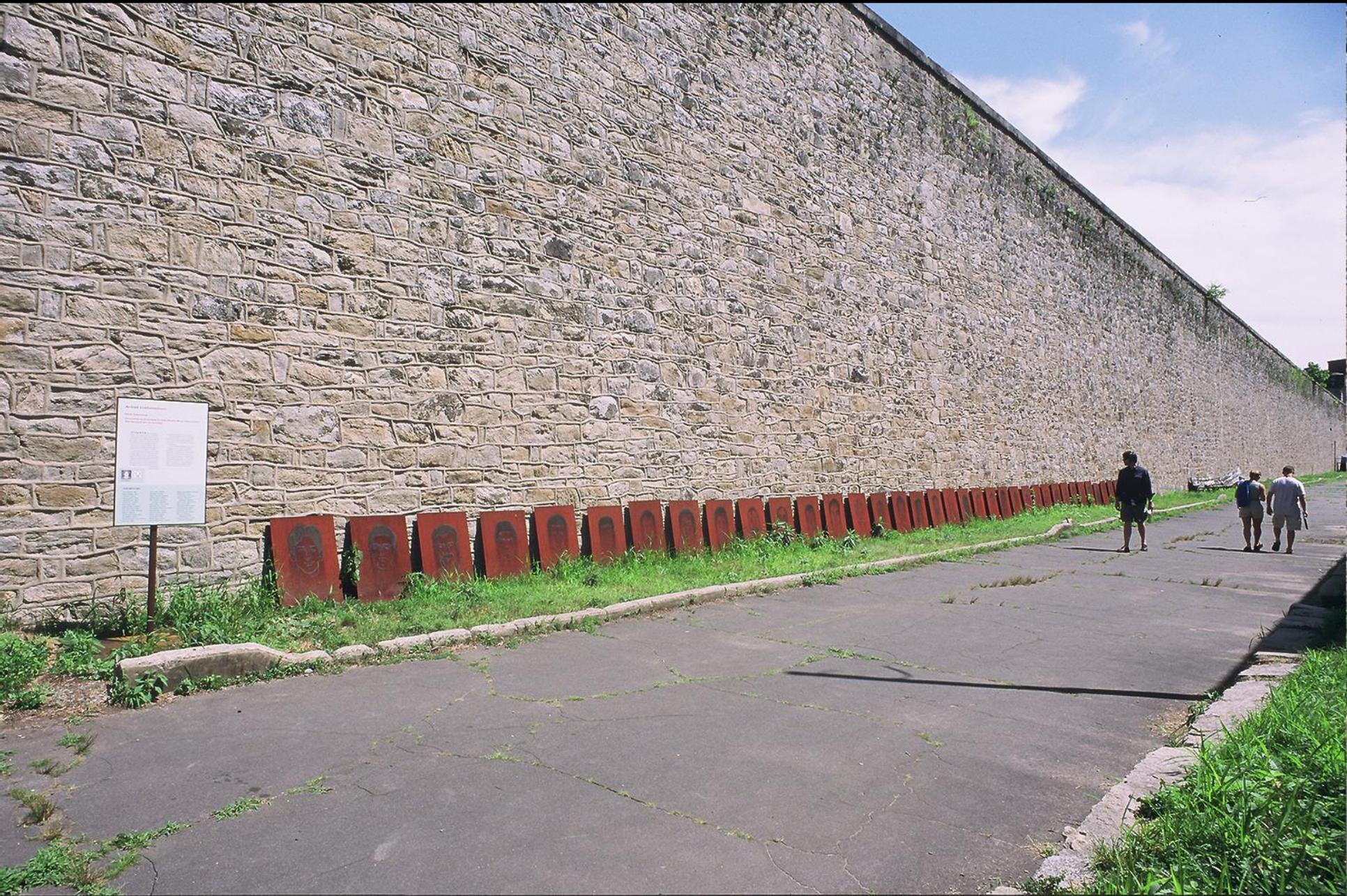
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Senior Vice President
and Director of Interpretation













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What's In The Cell

The objects in the cell are recent
detainees at Camp 5, Iraq. They
accommodate Muslim inmates
reading of the Holy Quran.

- 1. plastic container for drinks
- 2. white plastic three-gallon
- 1. pair of "big boy" shoes
- 1. orange tarp
- 1. foam mattress
- 1. sheet
- 2. blankets
- 1. washcloth
- 1. hat of soap
- 1. tube of toothpaste
- 1. toothbrush (toothpaste)
- 1. bottle of Lively Soap
- 2. towels (one for hair)
- 1. prayer cap
- 1. copy of the Holy Q
- a surgical mask for
- away from each

The attached case
Khalid in Mecca
the first cell









**Why aren't we better at
addressing contemporary issues?**



Long-Range Interpretive Plan, Winter 2010



Spring 2012 Visitor Survey:
Do We Sound Like We Have an Agenda?

Prisons Today



2012

10.4 million per year

Number of People in Pennsylvania Prisons

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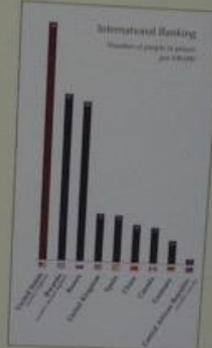
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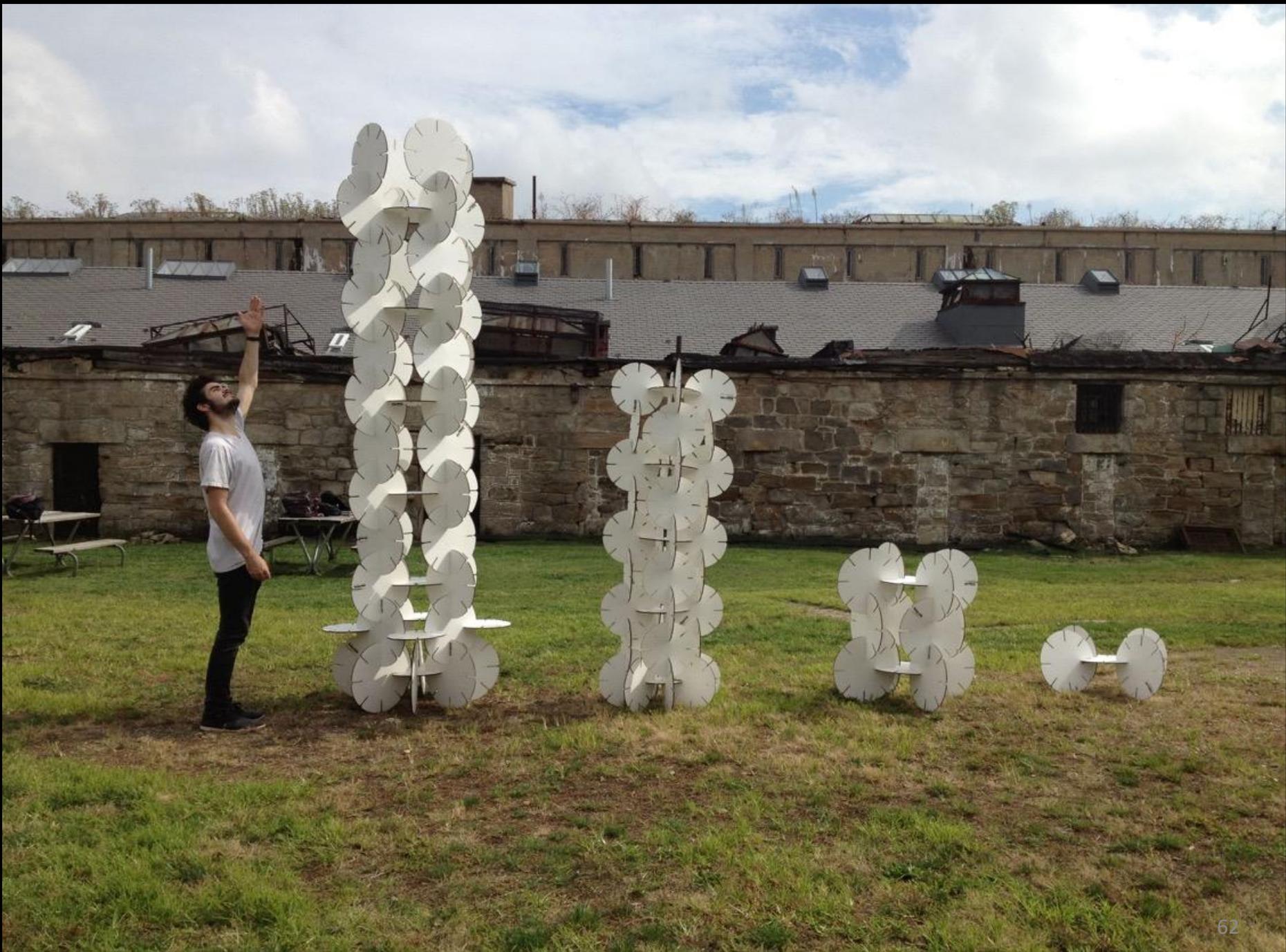
How does the United States compare?

The United States has the highest rate of incarceration in the world.

For more information, visit www.pennsylvania.gov

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730 United States
(World's Highest)

610 Cuba
Rwanda 527
Georgia 514
Russia 505

438 Belarus

El Salvador 424

Azerbaijan 427

Paraguay 392

328 Thailand
420 Iran

Ukraine 288

U.S. Rate of Incarceration

The United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world, with 730 people per 100,000 in 2010. This is a significant increase from 1980, when the rate was 100 people per 100,000. The rapid increase is due to a combination of factors, including the War on Drugs, the rise of the three-strikes law, and the expansion of the prison industrial complex.

← 1980-1990 growth in number of U.S. prisons
→

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Comparison with other countries

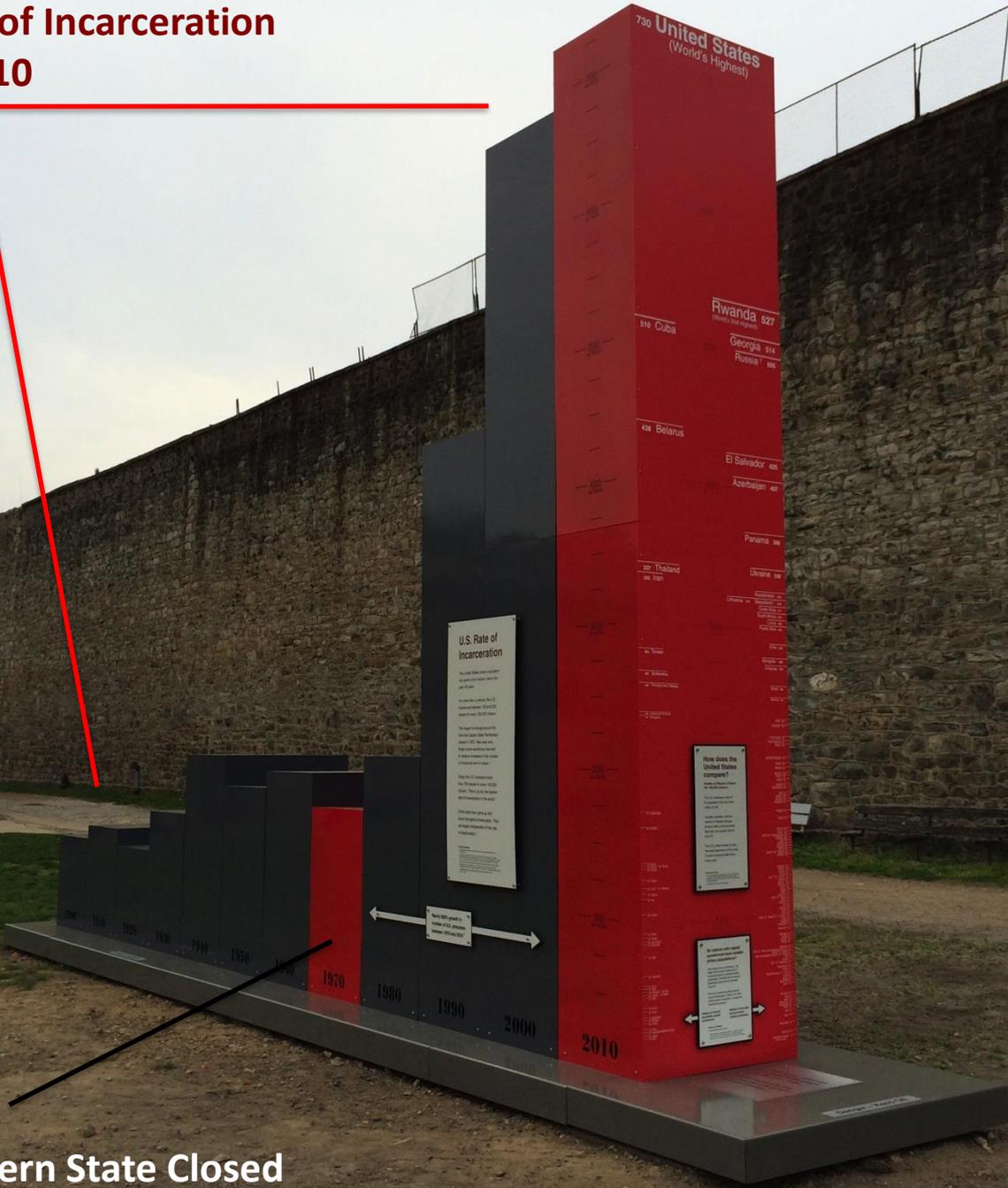
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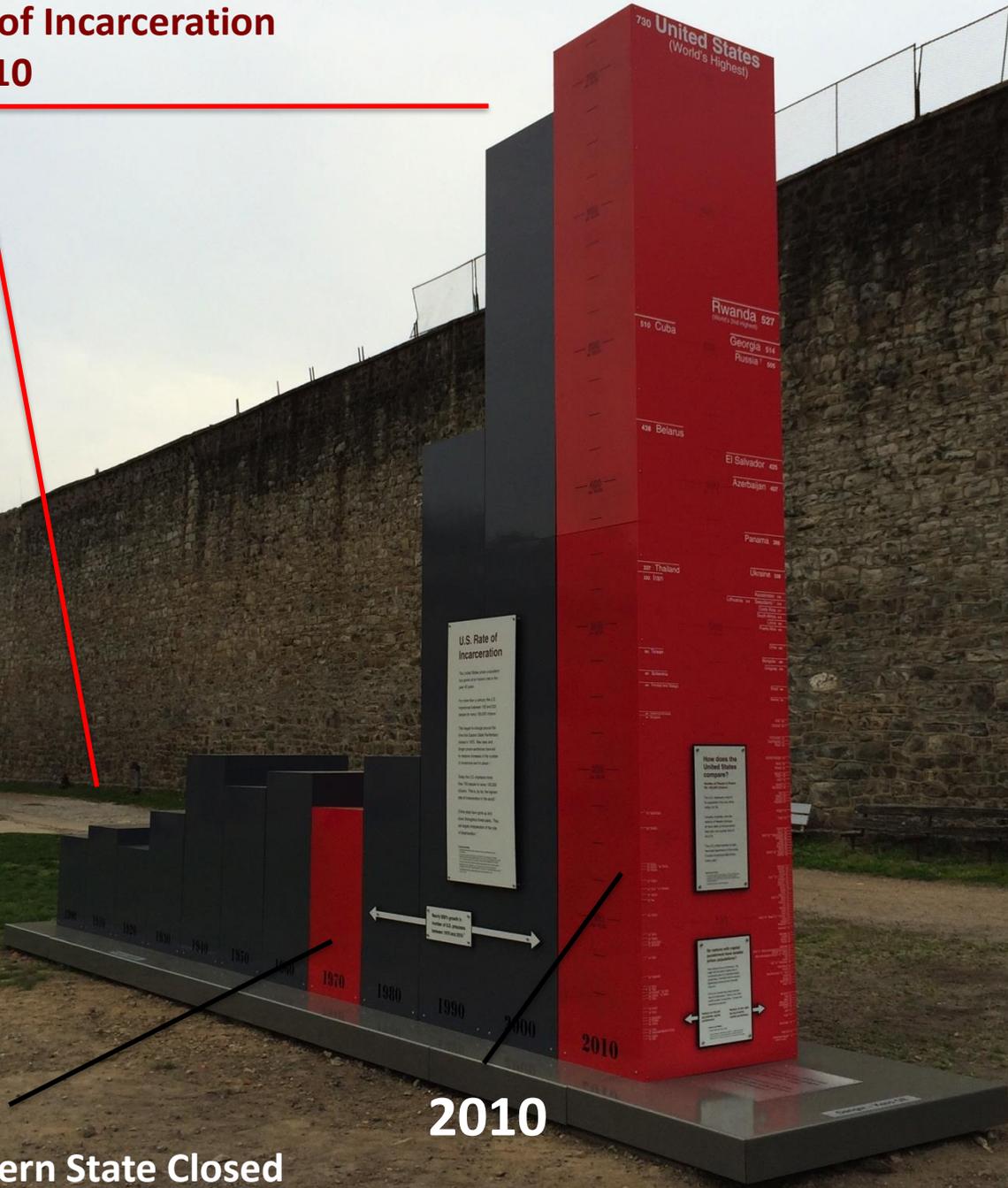


U.S. Rate of Incarceration 1900 - 2010



1970
Year Eastern State Closed

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All the Nations of the World
By Rate of Incarceration



730 **United States**
(World's Highest)

510 **Cuba**

Rwanda 527
(World's 2nd Highest)

Georgia 514
Russia 505

438 **Belarus**

El Salvador 425
Azerbaijan 407

387 **Thailand**
Iran

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Rwanda 1970
Georgia 1910
Russia 1910

El Salvador 1980
Azerbaijan 1990

Panama 1990

Ukraine 1990

Race
with Black & Prison System

...the United States has a long history of racial discrimination and the Black & Prison System is a key part of this history. ...

How does the Black & Prison System work?

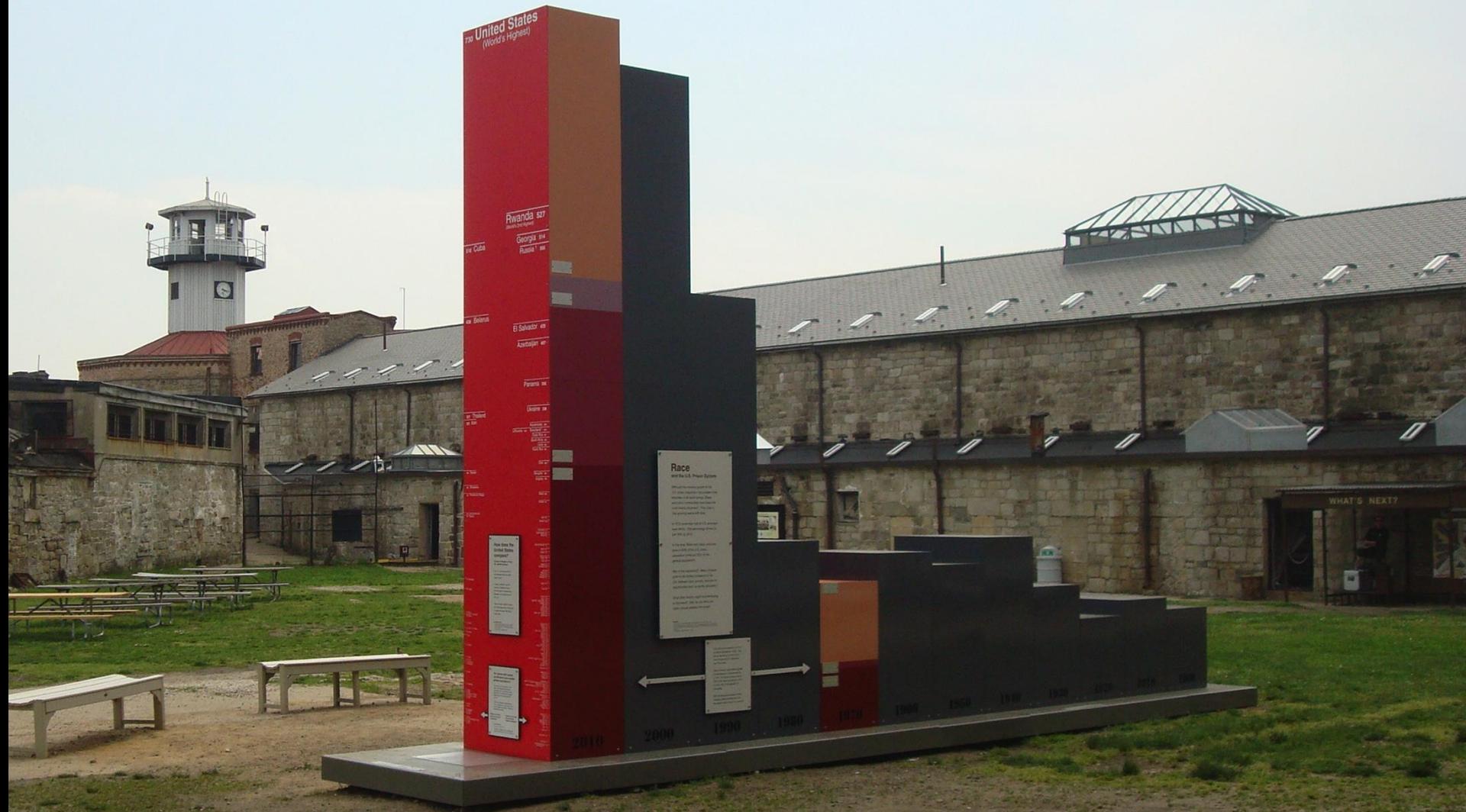
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2010 2000 1990 1980 1970 1960 1950 1940 1930 1920 1910 1900

Racial Makeup of US. Prison Population



Racial Makeup of US. Prison Population

1970



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2010

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highest rates of incarceration
China and Cambodia
abolished the practice.

**Nations on the left
do practice capital
punishment.**

Sources and Notes
* Death Penalty Information Center
* The Guardian
* The New York Times
* The Washington Post

Nations on the right
do not practice capital
punishment.

This space reserved
to expand the graph
in the year 2020.

How would you like
to see the U.S. prison
system change?



Groundbreaking New Exhibit

PRISONS TODAY

QUESTIONS IN THE

AGE OF MASS INCARCERATION

Thinking About Audience



Young

17 and younger	3.0%
18-25	16.0%
26-35	28.0%
36-45	26.0%
46-55	14.0%
56+	13.0%

Mostly Tourists

Live in the region 19%

Visiting Philly 81%

Mostly White

0.5%	Native American / American Indian
3%	Other
3.5%	Black/ African American
6%	Asian
7%	Hispanic / Latino
80 %	White / Caucasian

About 65% of visitors say not personally connected to criminal justice system.

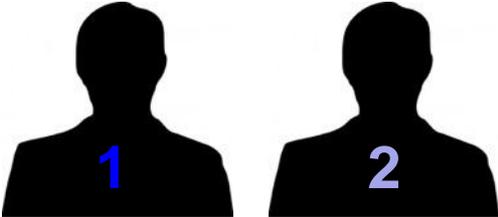


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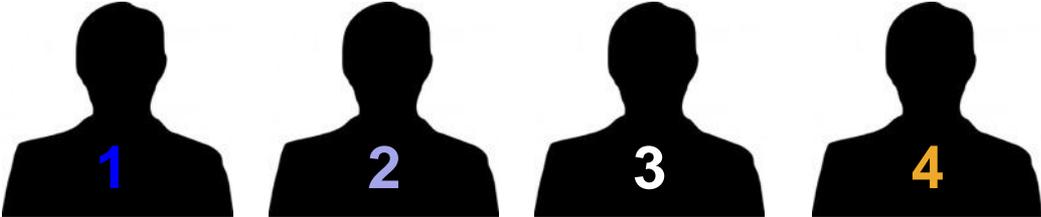
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Totally Indifferent



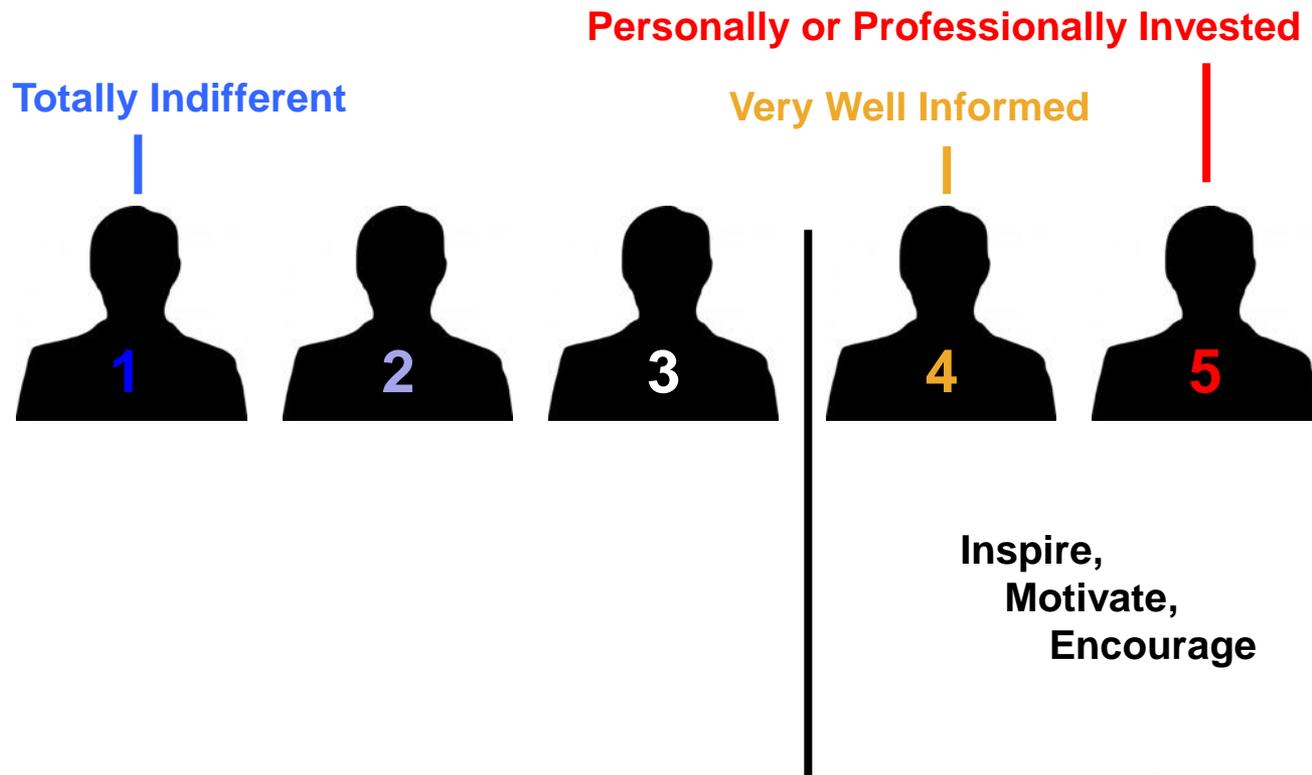
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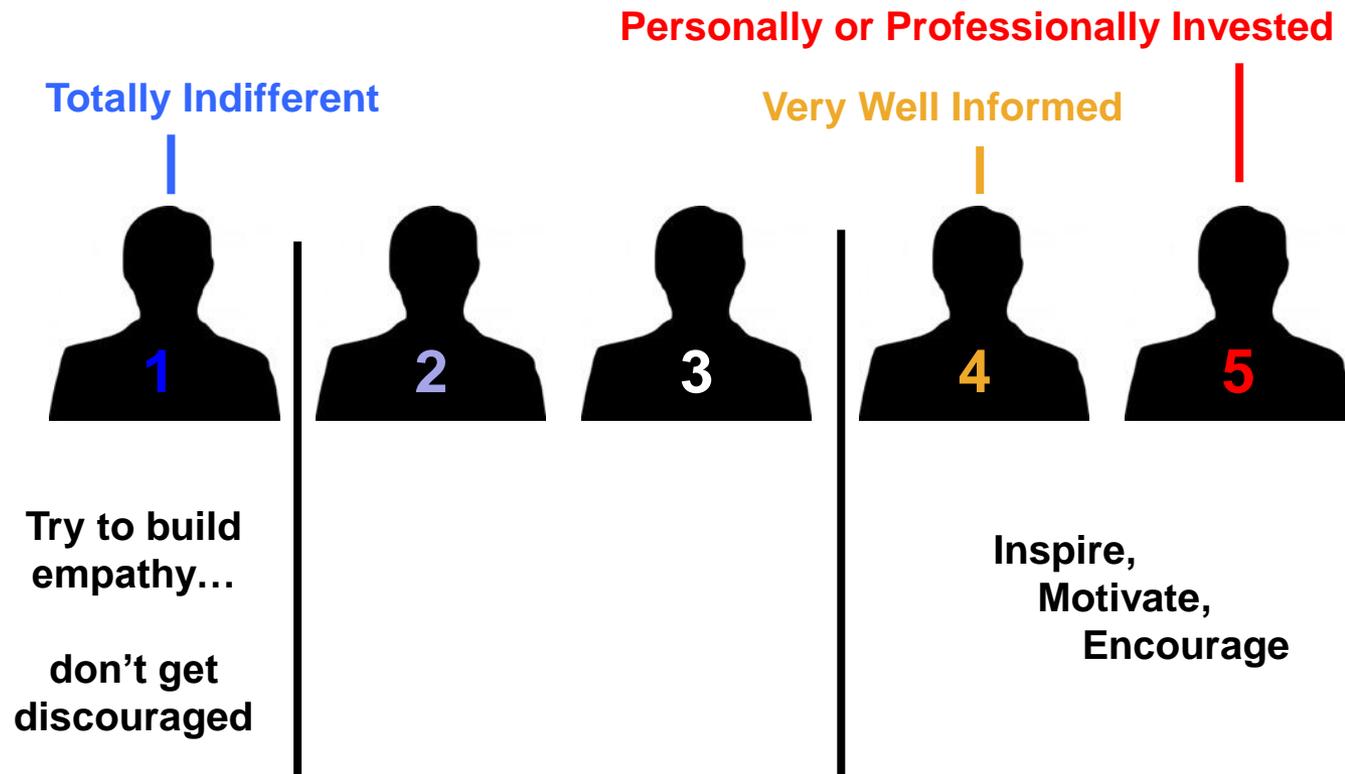
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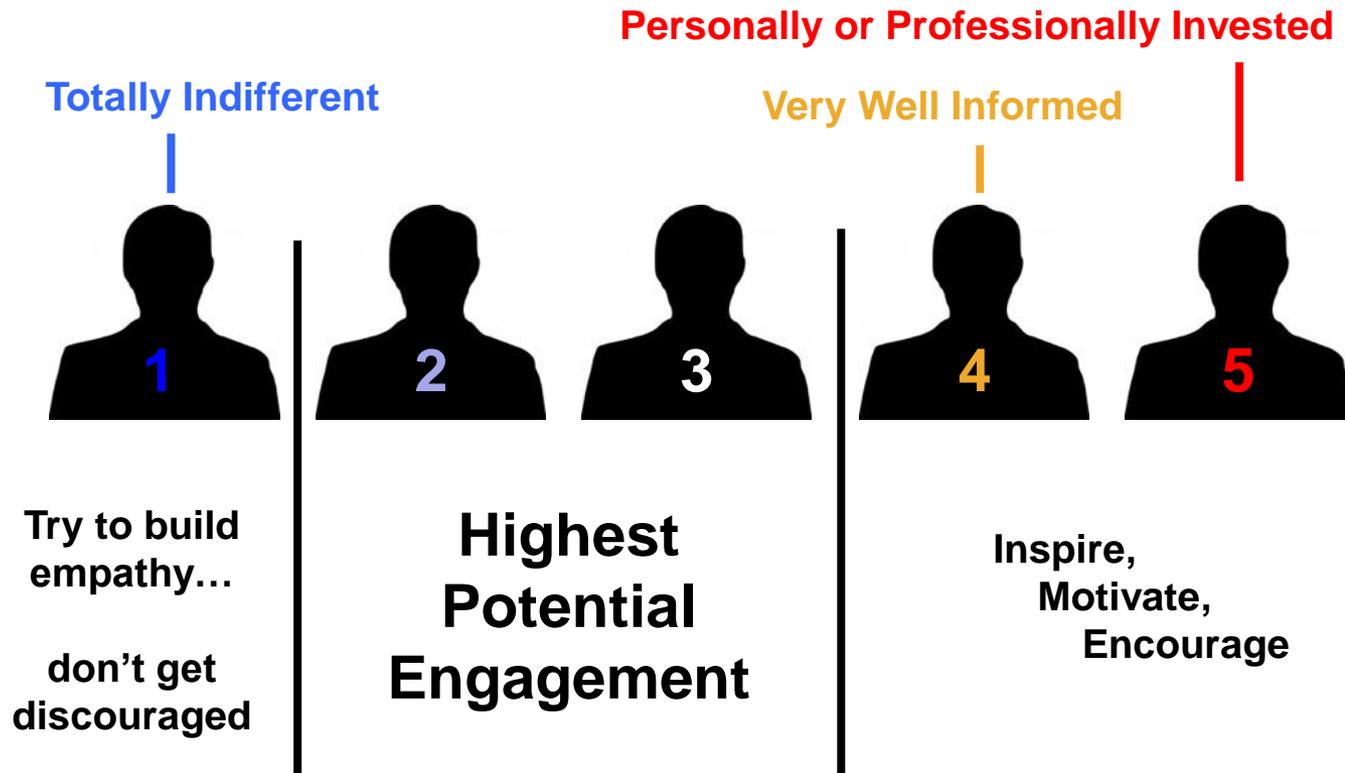
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I HAVE BROKEN
THE LAW

I HAVE NEVER
BROKEN THE LAW





YES

NO

Have you ever broken the law?

Consider

Drug Use?
Drunk Driving?

Insurance Fraud?
Assault?

Shoplifting?
Underage Drinking?

You're very unusual.

About 70% of American adults have committed a crime that could lead to prison. Most of us will never experience arrest, trial, or prison. Why is that?

What Are Prisons For?

Infographic with icons and text explaining the reasons for imprisonment, including categories like 'Violence', 'Property Crimes', and 'Public Order Offenses'.

Infographic titled 'Security Requirements' with a map of the United States and various icons representing different security measures.

Interactive digital display on a red stand, likely a touch-screen interface for the poll or other exhibit information.

A wall of white lockers or storage compartments, each with a small label, representing a prison cell block.



Which criminal justice system are you a part of?

Get Involved... with these activities by prison

POSITIVE CHANGE

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Check your privilege.

Find a partner.
Check how your privilege has affected your relationship to the criminal justice system, and guess how it has affected your partner.
Discuss. What other factors are at play?
Take your sheet with you.

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Check your privilege.

NAME: _____

Partner Name: _____

1. How has your privilege affected your relationship to the criminal justice system?

2. How has your partner's privilege affected their relationship to the criminal justice system?

3. What other factors are at play?



Early Experiences Matter

Many people overcome obstacles. Some people stumble in spite of advantages.

The overall pattern, however, is clear. Huge numbers of the men and women in U.S. prisons grew up in poverty, attended failing schools, and were exposed to trauma as children. More than half are Black or Latino.

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START

STOP

Power off/lock



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Secondary! High School

How much insight do you have into the lives of people who are different from you? Do you know how to help them? Do you know how to help them help others?

It's not just about the numbers. It's about the people who are different from you. Do you know how to help them? Do you know how to help them help others?

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Childhood Role Models

What role models do you have? Do you know how to help them? Do you know how to help them help others?

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Life Violence & Trauma

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1. Find a partner (optional).
Choose the options that best describe how you grew up.
Share with your partner if you choose.

ASK YOUR PARTNER:
Do you think these factors have affected your relation to the criminal justice system?
Patterns of advantage and disadvantage tend to be consistent within families and social groups. Why do our answers look so similar (or so different)?

Photo by Melissa Jaarsma

PRISONS TODAY

QUESTIONS IN THE AGE OF MASS INCARCERATION



Mass Incarceration Isn't Working

The era of mass incarceration has brought profound financial and human costs.

In the years since Eastern State Penitentiary closed in 1970, the U.S. has increased the number of people in prison by 600%.

A sprawling network of public and private prisons now holds 2.2 million people, costing taxpayers \$80 billion every year.*

The impact on public safety has been modest at best. Crime rates have gone up and down in those years. They are largely independent of the number of people in prison.† Violent crime rates are now similar to those in 1970, when these historic changes began.‡

How did we get here? And where do we go now?

Why are there so many Americans in prison?

Changes to laws and policies drove most of the growth in the U.S. prison population.

New drug laws and increased drug enforcement

The number of people incarcerated for drug offenses has increased 10-fold since 1980.

In 1980, 61,000 people were in prison for drug crimes. By 2014, there were nearly half a million.

Greater use of prison for all offenses

Prisons are now used for offenses that were once handled in court. More than 100,000 people are now in prison for offenses that were once handled in court.

Longer prison sentences

Prison sentences are now longer. In 1980, the average sentence was 18 months. By 2014, it was 41 months.

Additional 2.2 million were sentenced in between, since 1970.†

* Bureau of Economic Analysis, "Prison Construction and the U.S. Economy," 2014. † Bureau of the Census, "Prisoners in the United States," 2014. ‡ Bureau of the Census, "Prisoners in the United States," 1970-2014.

PRISONS TODAY

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Mass Incarceration
Just How Big?

There are over 2.3 million people in U.S. prisons and jails. That's more than the number of U.S. police officers, firefighters, and nurses combined. In 2012, there were nearly 700,000 people in state prisons alone.

Prisons in public policy have become a fact of life. Crime rates have gone down, but the number of people in prison has gone up. How can that be?

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Why are there so many Americans in prison?

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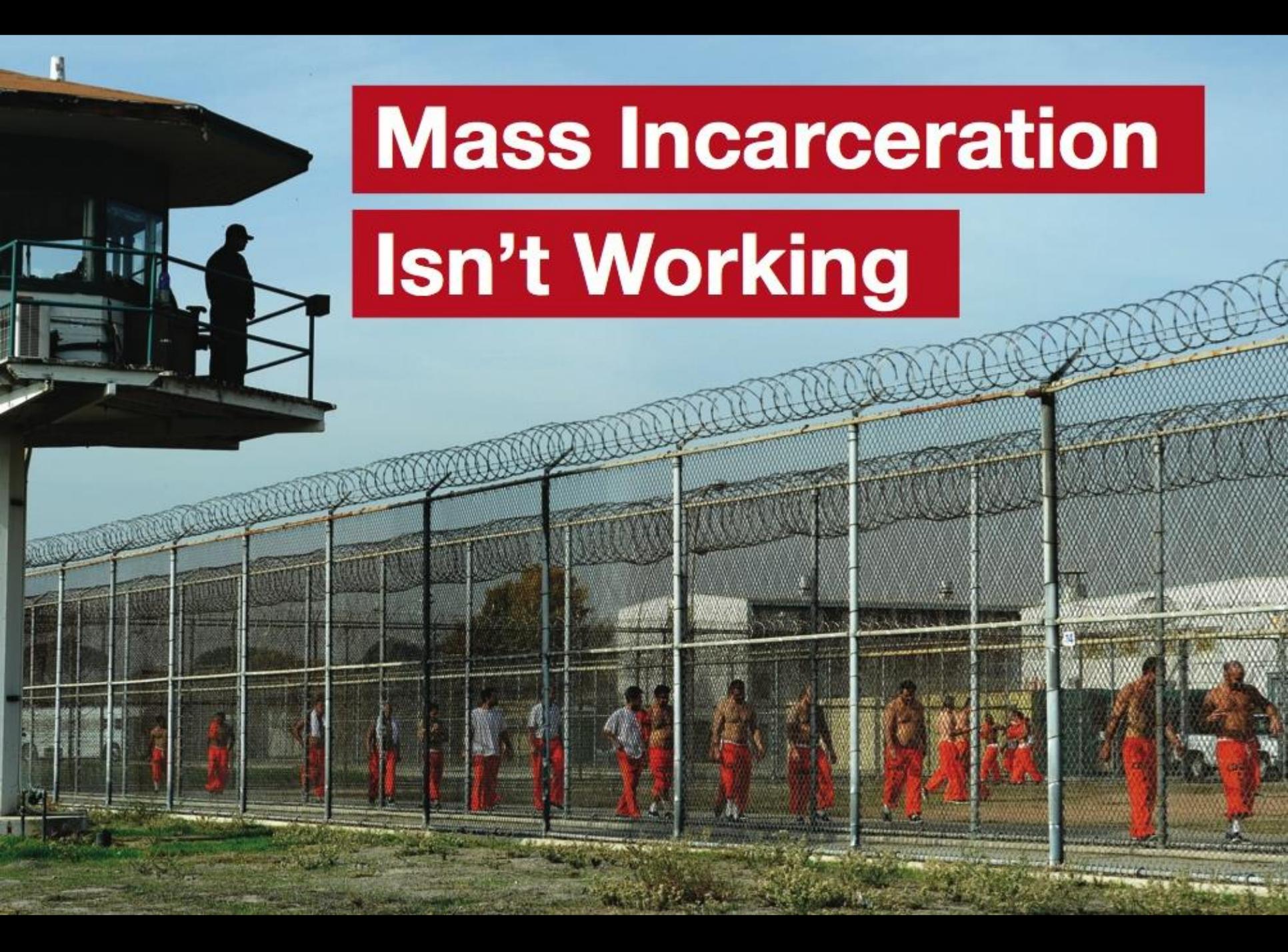
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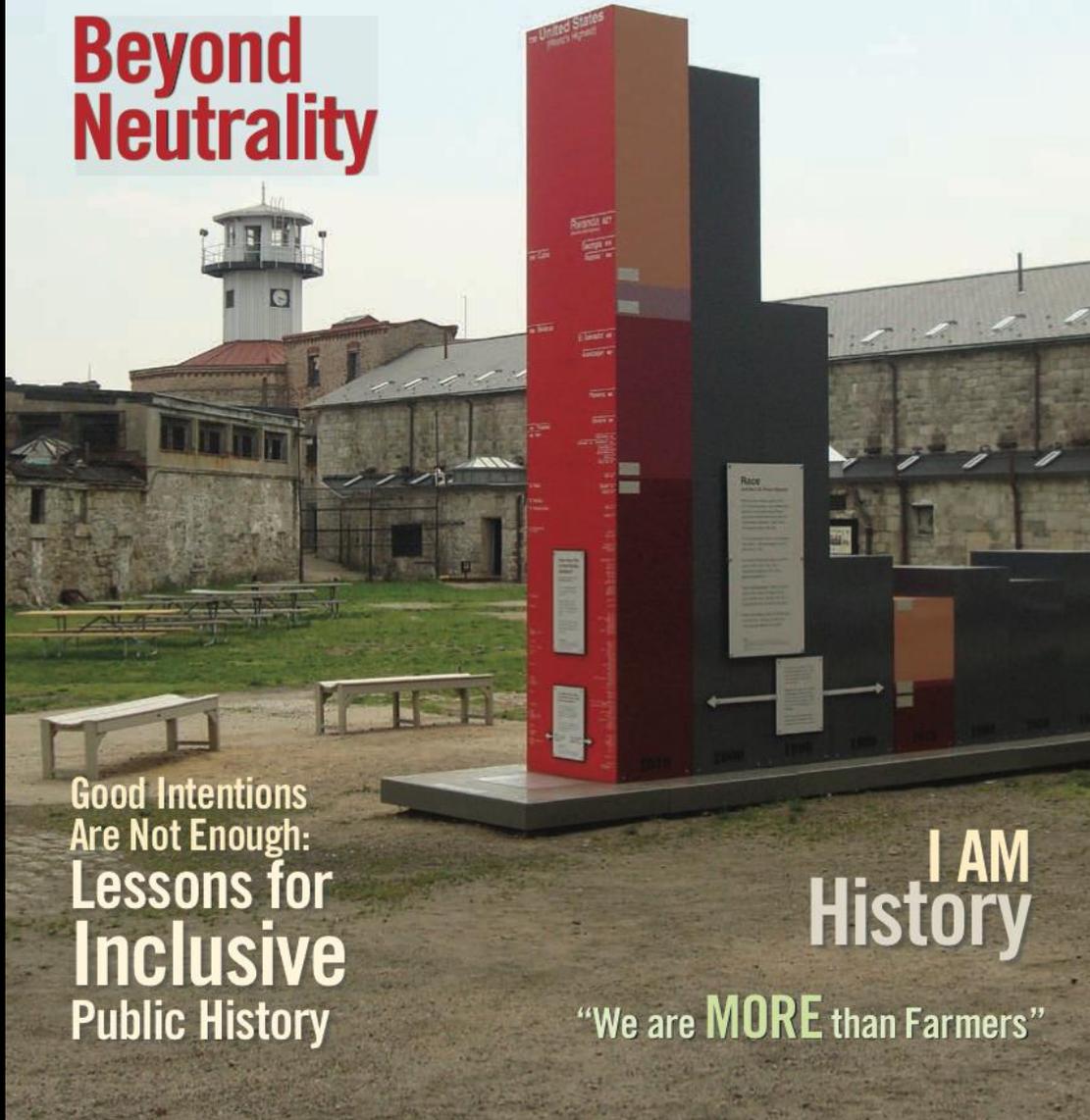
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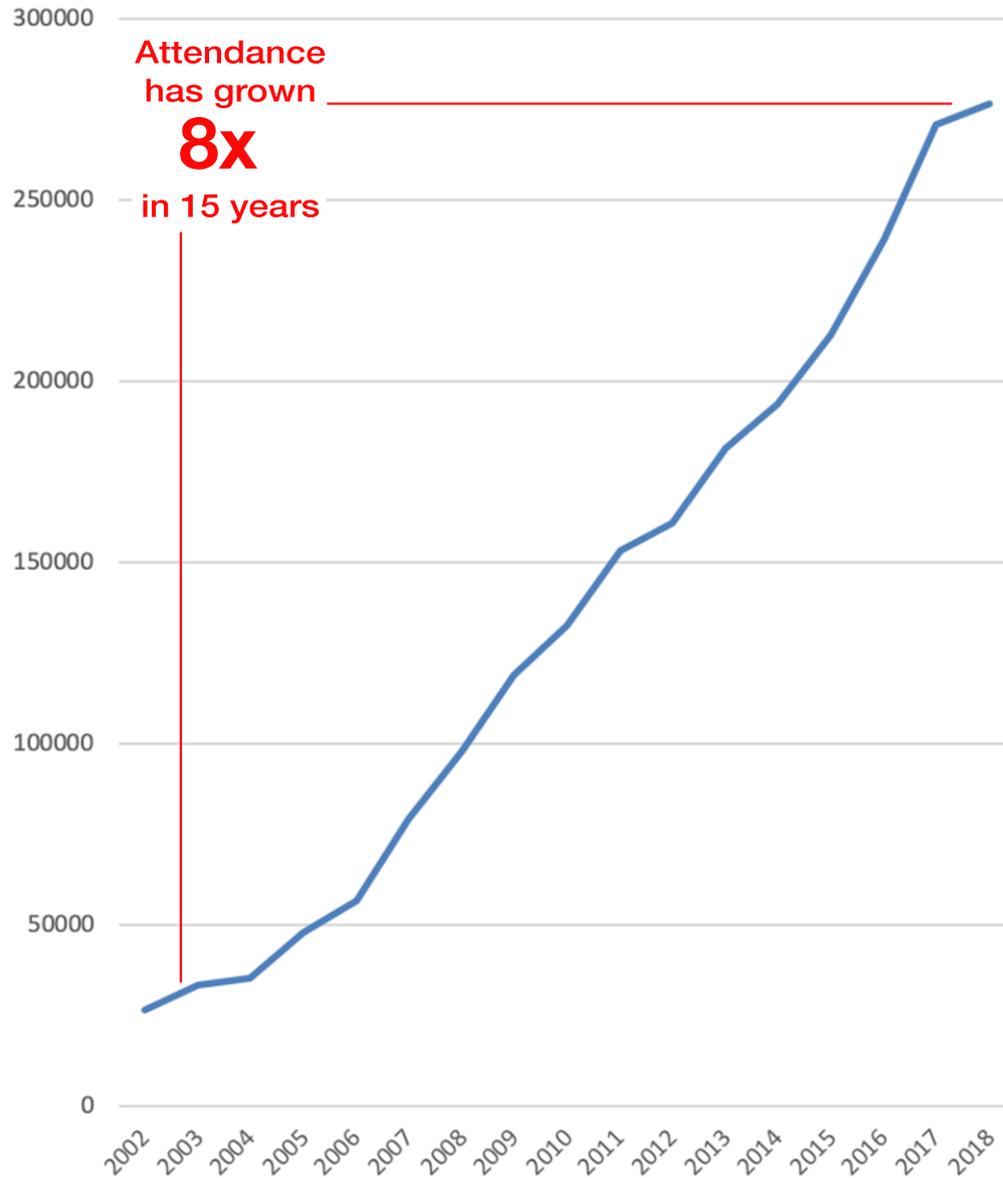


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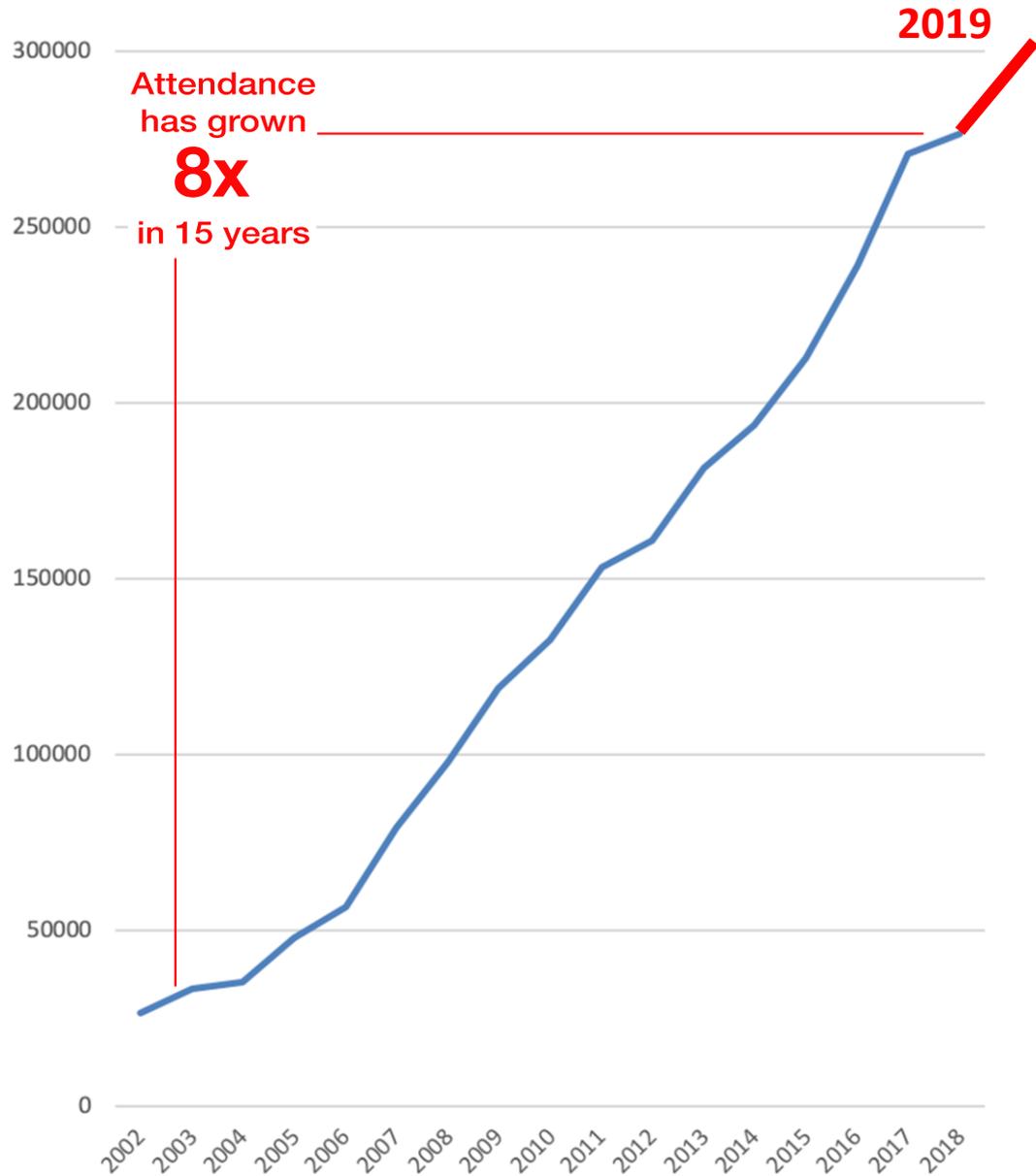
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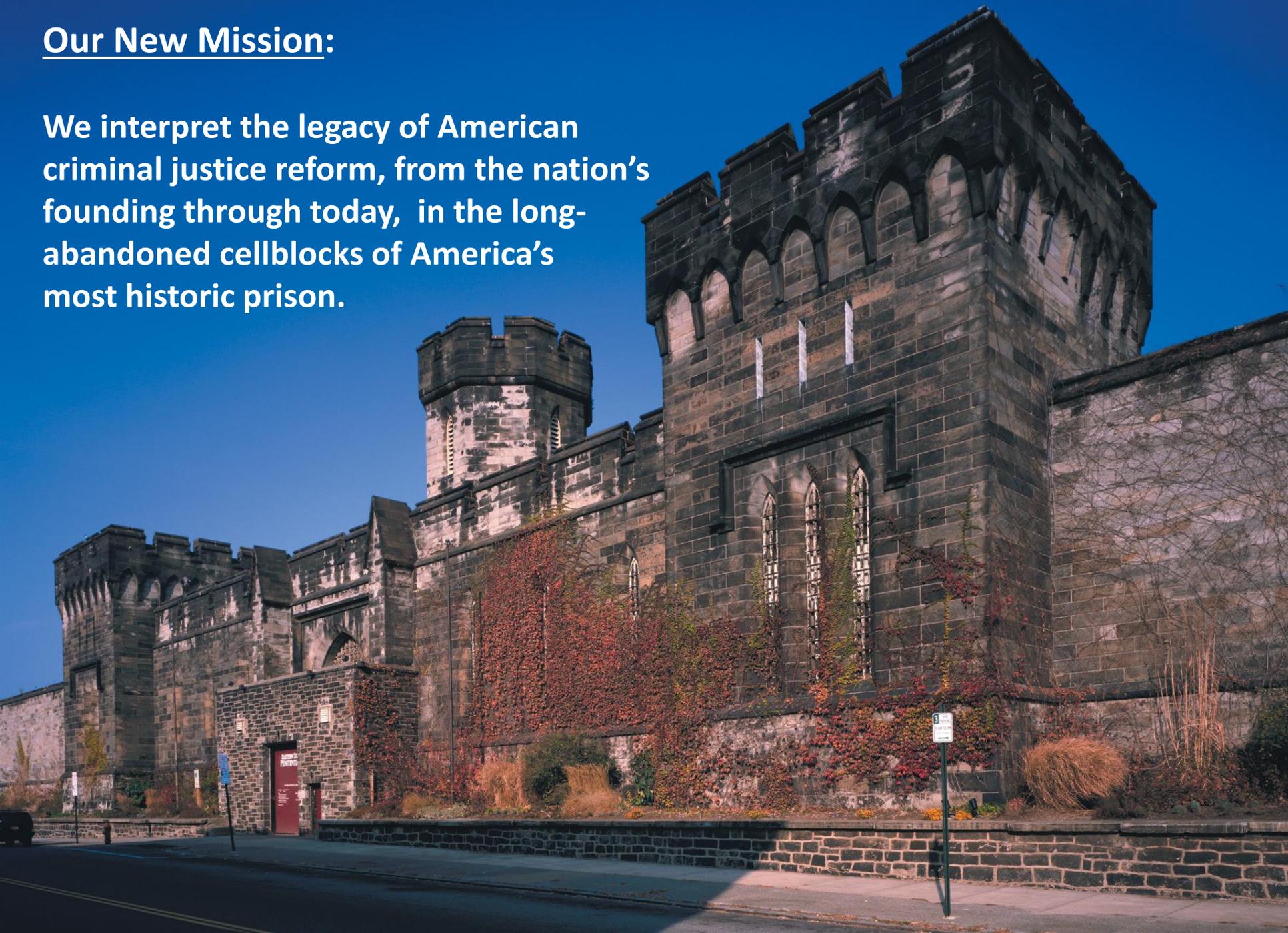


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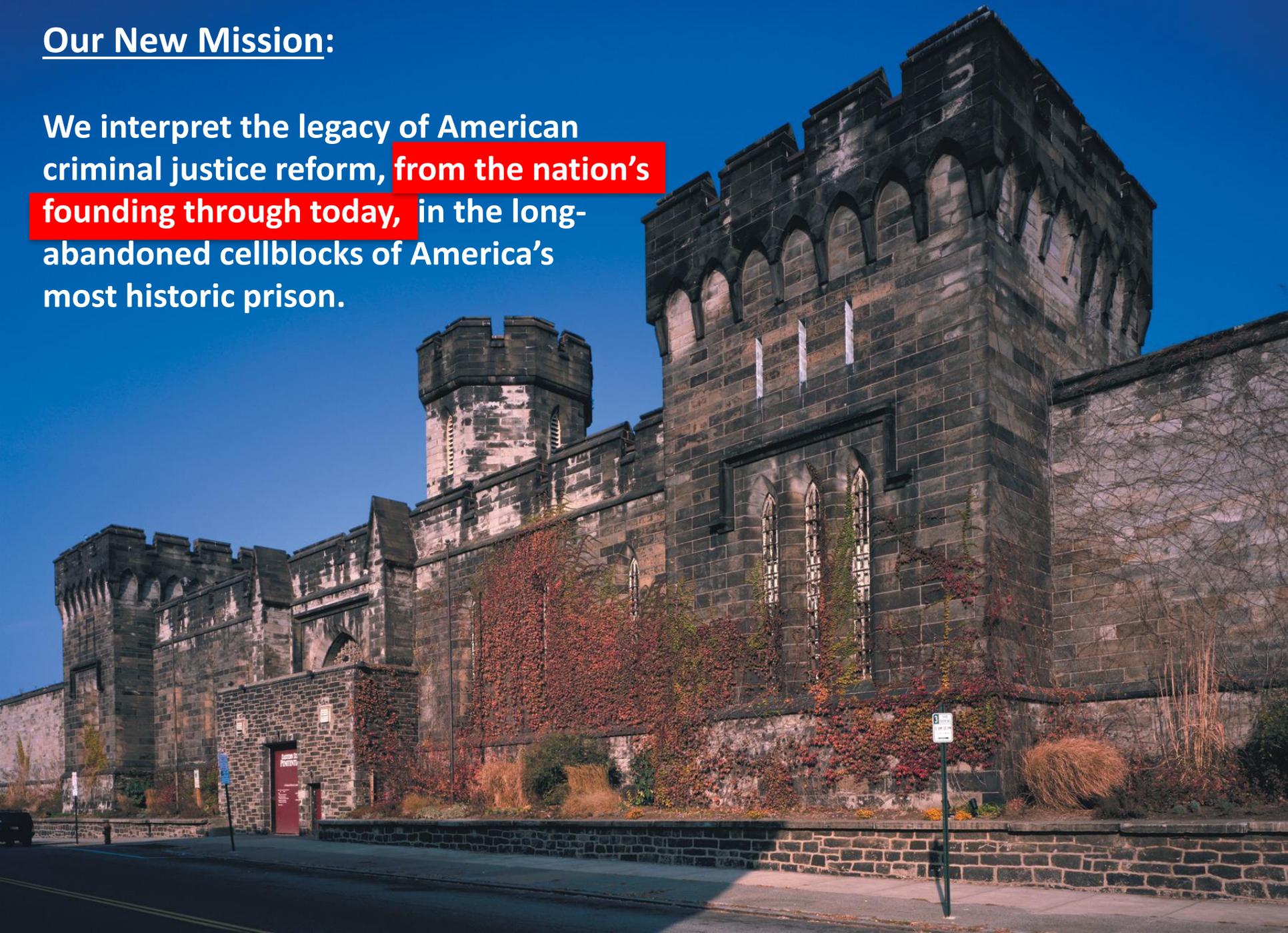
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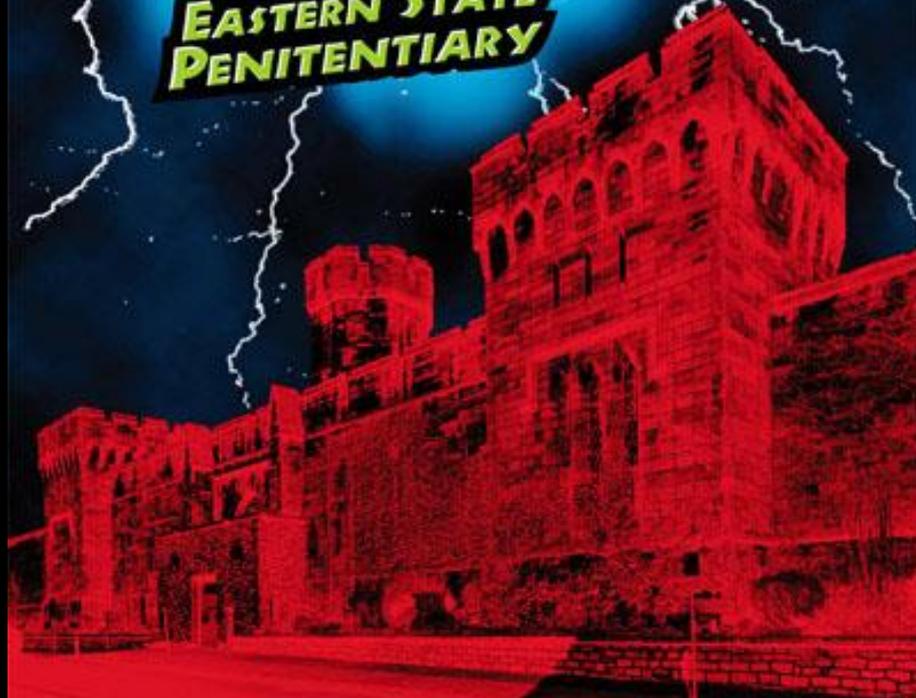


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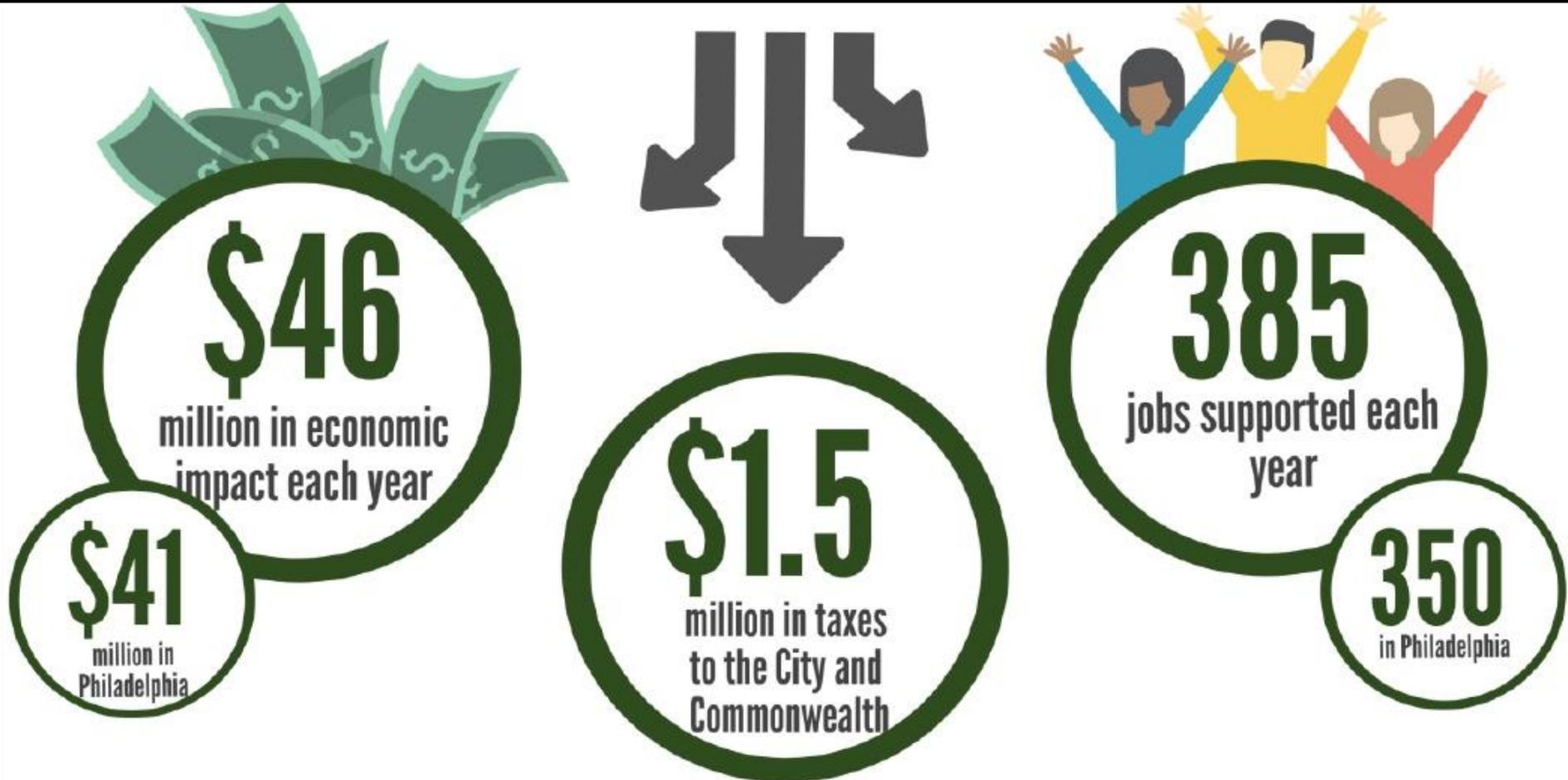
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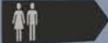








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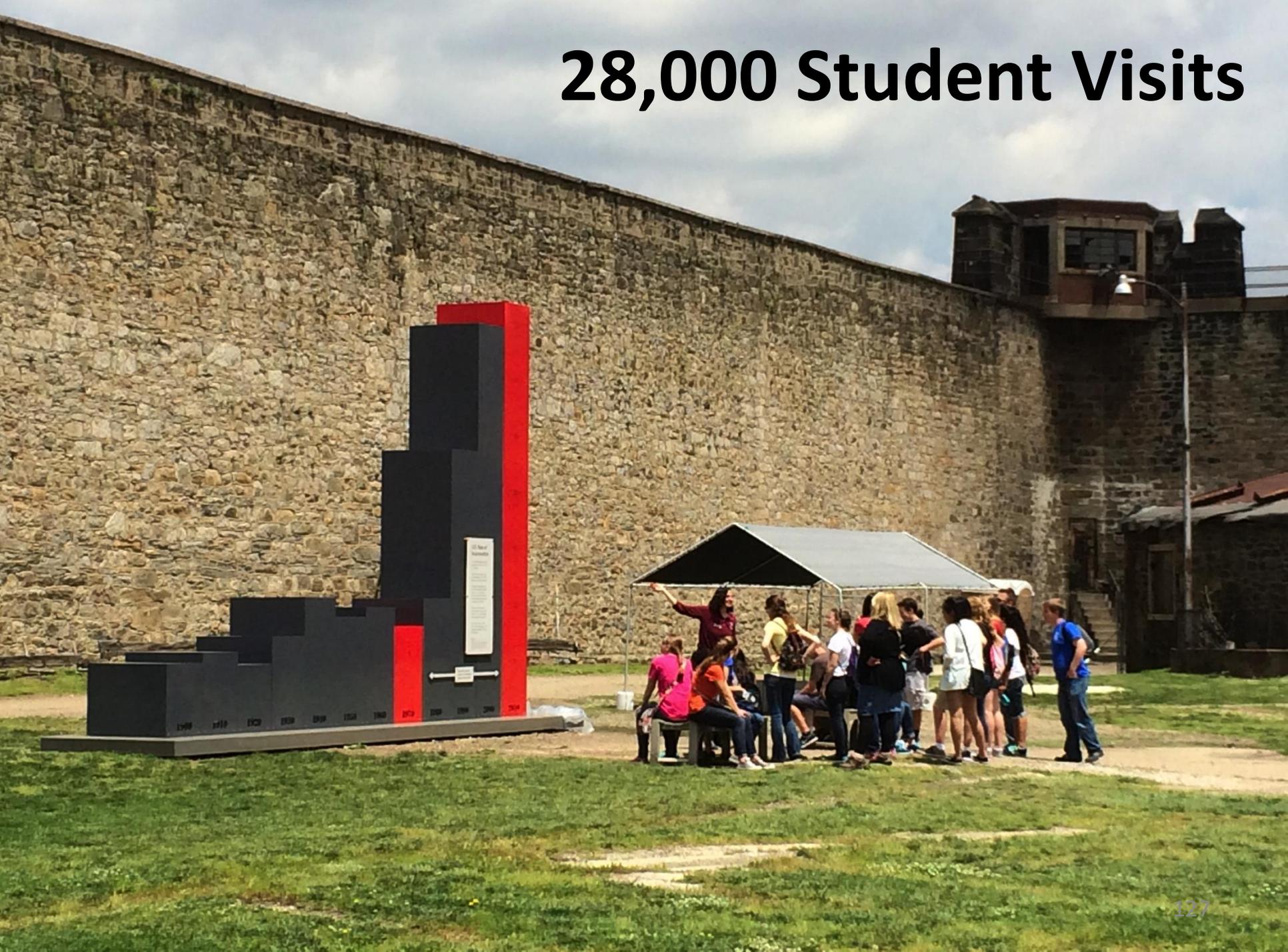


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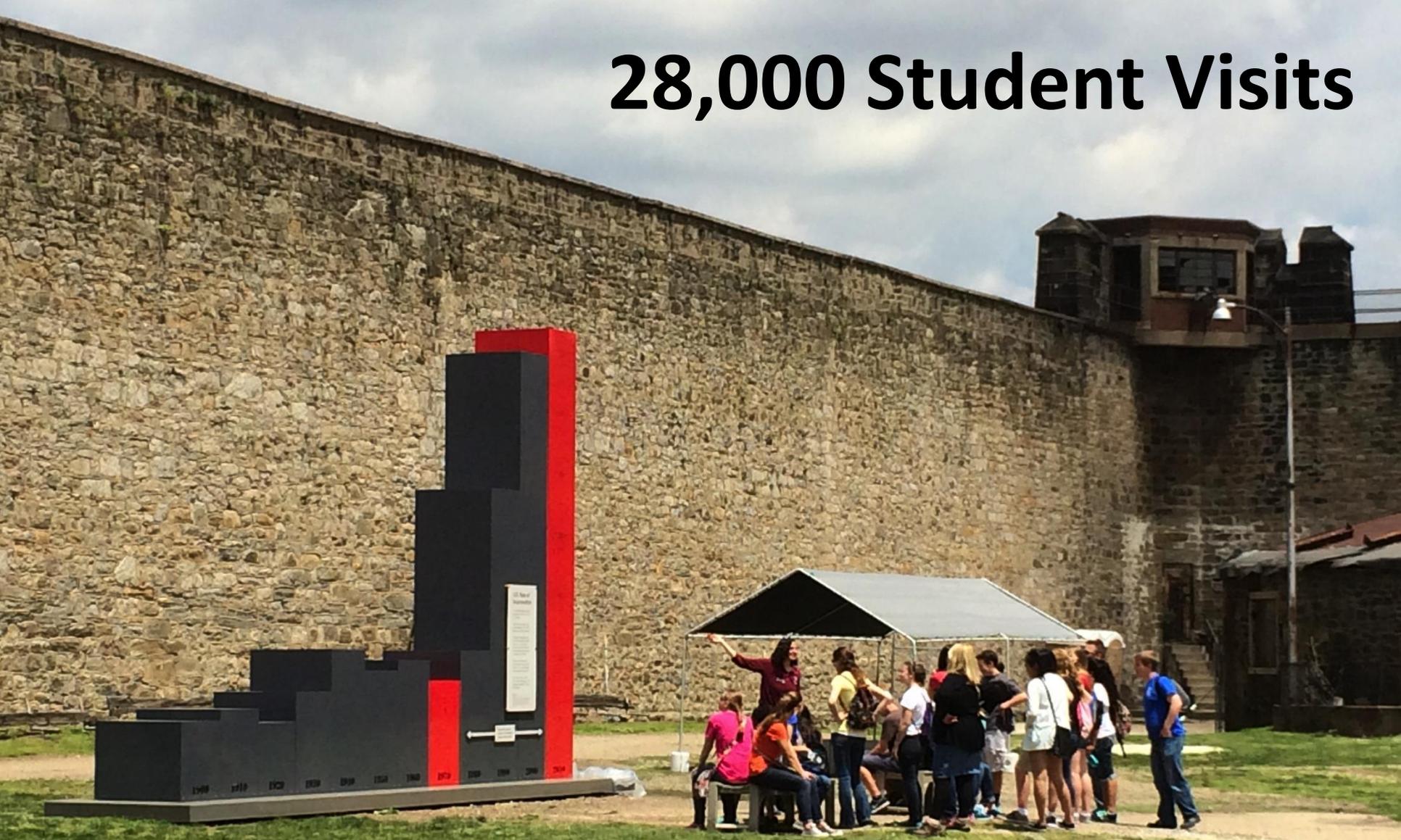




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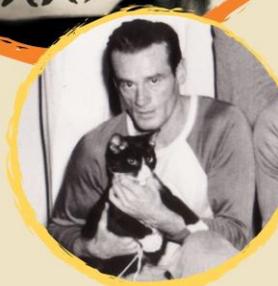
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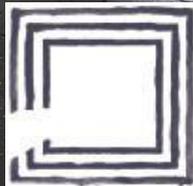
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