

The Private Prison Industry

& Social Conscience

At first glance, the topic of prison reform and drug policy would seem better suited to a political science class, but a recent gritty discussion illustrates several aspects of a major social, political, and cultural issue, and the billion-dollar private prison industry that has thrived as a result. It is an industry listed on the stock exchange. An industry that is triggering a social conscience.

What other problems in society might best be solved by a social business model?

Charlie Rose – A discussion about Prison reform

Patricia Williams, law professor at Columbia University; Michelle Alexander, author of “The New Jim Crow” and Eugene Jarecki, filmmaker behind the documentary “The House I Live In”