

Review of: "Re-examining Prisoner Treatment, Rehabilitation, and Systemic Reform: Opinion Piece"

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This is a well-written and cogently argued piece focused on an important but neglected aspect of sentencing within the criminal justice system. I recommend publication and have some observations for the authors to consider. I will leave it to their judgement as to whether they might enhance the article.

The abstract could be more specific about the aims of the article.

In the focus on the disproportionate impact of sentencing on men in the opening section of the paper, should there be an acknowledgement that this aspect of sentencing has been a contested one in the past by reference to the double jeopardy thesis (Worrell's *Offending Women* 1990; Heidenson's *Women Crime and Society* 1989; Petrillo *Black women in the CJS Probation Journal*, 64, 3, 2017)?

At times, there is a danger that (by implication) the neurodiversity problems of women and women's experiences of abuse are minimised. This just needs a clarifying comment.

In some sections, research findings are generalised to 'people,' and I assumed this includes men and women. Is there a need for clarification?

I am not sure the reference to conditions in Sudan adds anything to the paper.

Finally, in the section on rehabilitation, there could be reference to published work on the issue; for instance, Maguire and Raynor's *Preparing Prisoners for Release in Rehabilitative Work* in the CJS Ugwu-dike et al. 2020 and LeBel's *Strength-Based Re-entry and Resettlement* in the same book. (In that book, there is also an interesting chapter on the health needs of people leaving prison and one on Rights that discusses the notion of prisoners as citizens.

A timely piece that I found informative and enjoyable.

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