

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

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This is an ambitious and thoughtful article. The passion for and knowledge of the subject matter clearly shine through.

However, the article, in its ambition, lacks a clear, focused thesis. It is not evident to me what the article's central premise is. It jumps from topic to topic without clear linkages and transitions. It at times talks about public perceptions, then makes several (important and justified) points throughout about the unfairness and lack of gender-sensitive awareness of incarcerated men, discusses the vulnerabilities of incarcerated men, including neurodivergent men, and finally touches on the importance of rehabilitation of incarcerated men. The piece needs serious editing and rethinking in order for its central premise to be evident and easy to follow. Currently, it is a bit muddled. The attempt to be all things to all people diminishes the article's strengths and takes away from the authors' intelligent arguments. Some of the writing (particularly the grammar and sentence structure) is clunky and awkward, which does not allow the best parts of the article to be communicated as well as they could be. I think this article really has potential - but needs some serious editing and refocusing.