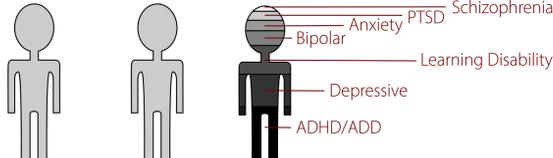


How Does Solitary Confinement Effect Youth In Adult Facilities?

Strips Them of Their Humanity:

Nearly **one third** of those held in solitary confinement have one or more **pre-existing conditions**¹



Regression Rather Than Reformation?

"Those who stood the ordeal better (solitary confinement) were **not generally reformed**, and in most cases **did not recover sufficient mental activity to be of any subsequent service to the community**"

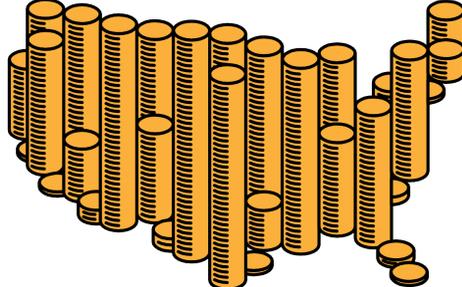
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1890²



Cost VS Benefit:

Supermax prisons relying more heavily on the use of solitary confinement³ are typically **2-3 times more expensive**⁴ to build and maintain than traditional prisons

The cost to keeping an individual in solitary confinement is roughly **42% higher**⁵ than being in the general population



What Long Term Issues Occur When Waiving Youth Into Adult Prisons?

Set Up To Fail:

Juveniles received **less rehabilitative, mental health, and educational services** in adult facilities than they would in juvenile centers⁶, leading to a **lack of preparation** for adulthood and **increased struggle** in terms of adapting to society



More Susceptible to Violence:

Youth waived to the adult system are more vulnerable to abuse, bullying, and victimization than those in a juvenile facility. Youth waived to an adult system are

5 times

more likely to be sexually assaulted

2 times

more likely to be beaten by staff

50%

more likely to be attacked with a weapon⁷

Developmental Roadblocks:

Solitary confinement can have lasting effects on the function of a youth's brain, moreso due to the youth still being in crucial stages of development⁸



Case Study

Self-reported information and data received from the New Jersey Department of Corrections (2007-2015) contained a sample of 92 juveniles waived into the adult system. These resources led to the formation of the following statistics⁹

A Mix Of Offenses

37% were waived for a nonviolent offense

40% were waived for a violent offense

23% were waived for a mix

Most Youth Spend Time In Solitary Confinement

58% of the youth respondents reported spending time in solitary confinement

24%

Reported 1-30 days

11%

Reported 31-60 days

8%

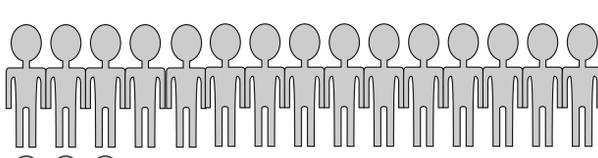
Reported 61-90 days

38%

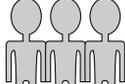
Reported over 3 months

Racial Disparities

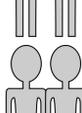
73% African American



16% Latino



11% Caucasian



Creating A Bigger Problem

Waived juveniles who participated in this study and spent time in solitary confinement were

69% more likely

to have a greater number of

mental illness diagnoses

Abuse

33% reported physical abuse

1.2% reported sexual abuse

NJCP Analysis:

NJCP found 95 waived youth respondents to survey questions whom had been in solitary confinement. Looking at the respondents and the time reported highlights the varying degree to which races are subjected to solitary confinement

73% of African Americans had been in **solitary confinement** for an average of **96 days**

18% of Hispanics had been in **solitary confinement** for an average of **24 days**

9% of Caucasians had been in **solitary confinement** for an average of **62 days**

Why Are Incarcerated Youth Being Placed Into Solitary Confinement?

First Steps

New Jersey, in 2015, passed the Comprehensive Juvenile Justice Reform Bill which **drastically reduced the use of solitary confinement in juvenile facilities**, however, the bill **does not apply to youth waived into adult incarceration facilities**¹¹



Lack Of Progress

Governor Christie, in 2016, **vetoed a bill** that would have significantly **reformed the way solitary confinement could be used** in adult facilities and thus hampered the way solitary confinement was used on youth who had been waived into adult detention centers

Call It What It Is

Governor Christie's reasoning for the veto was that solitary confinement does not exist in New Jersey. This is due to it being referred to with other names, such as "Administrative Segregation", and still being used for punitive purposes¹²



A Brighter Future?

Nancy Pinkin and 19 co-sponsors, in January 2018, reintroduced the bill in the hopes that true reform in how solitary confinement is used can be brought to the state of New Jersey

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