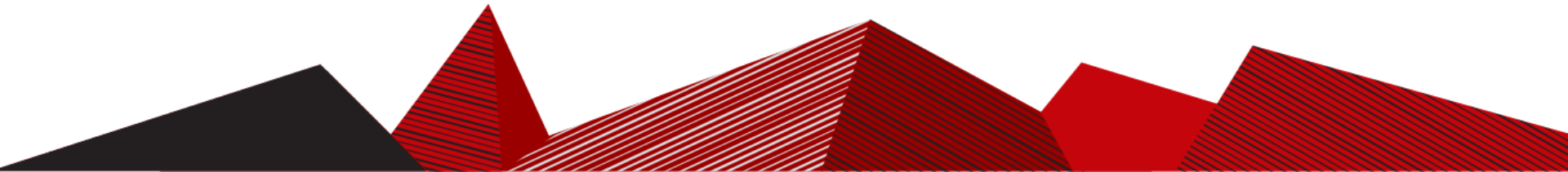




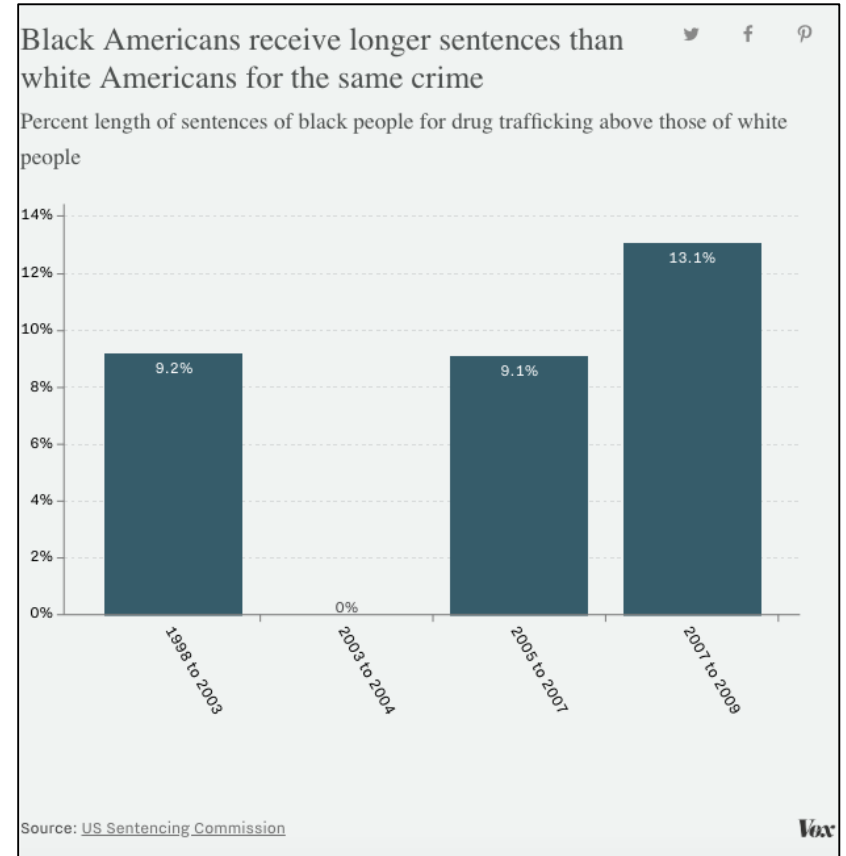
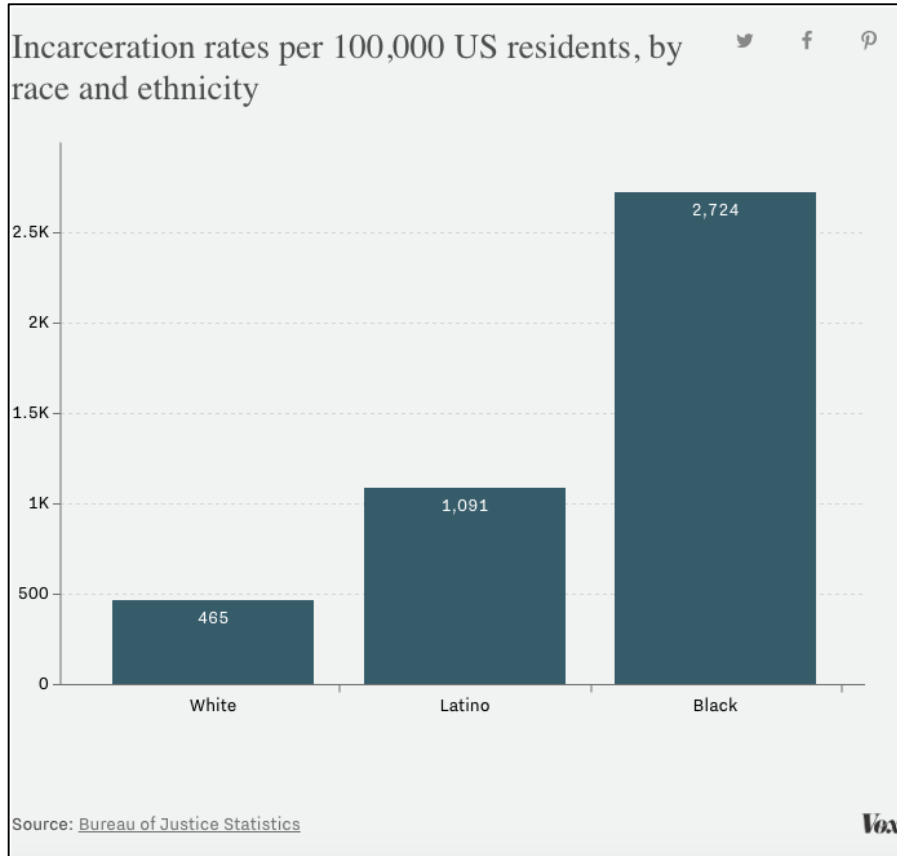
The Criminal Justice System in the U.S. and African Americans

System Description

- In a country where crime is actually declining, incarceration rates are still steadily increasing
 - “No other country in the world incarcerates such an astonishing percentage of its racial or ethnic minorities [as the U.S].” (*New Jim Crow*, Alexander, 2010)
 - Spending on prisons and jails has increased at triple the rate of spending on Pre-K-12 public education in the last thirty years (Anderson 2018)
 - There is a 100-1 ratio in minimum sentencing for crack cocaine vs. powder cocaine (Anderson 2018)



Boundary



Elements

Mass Incarceration

- Law Enforcement
- Politics/legislation
 - Media
 - Racism

Bias

Affected
African-
American
Communities

- Poor health outcomes
- Poor job outlook
- Readjustment
- Poverty Cycle
- Lack of proper education
- Destabilized households

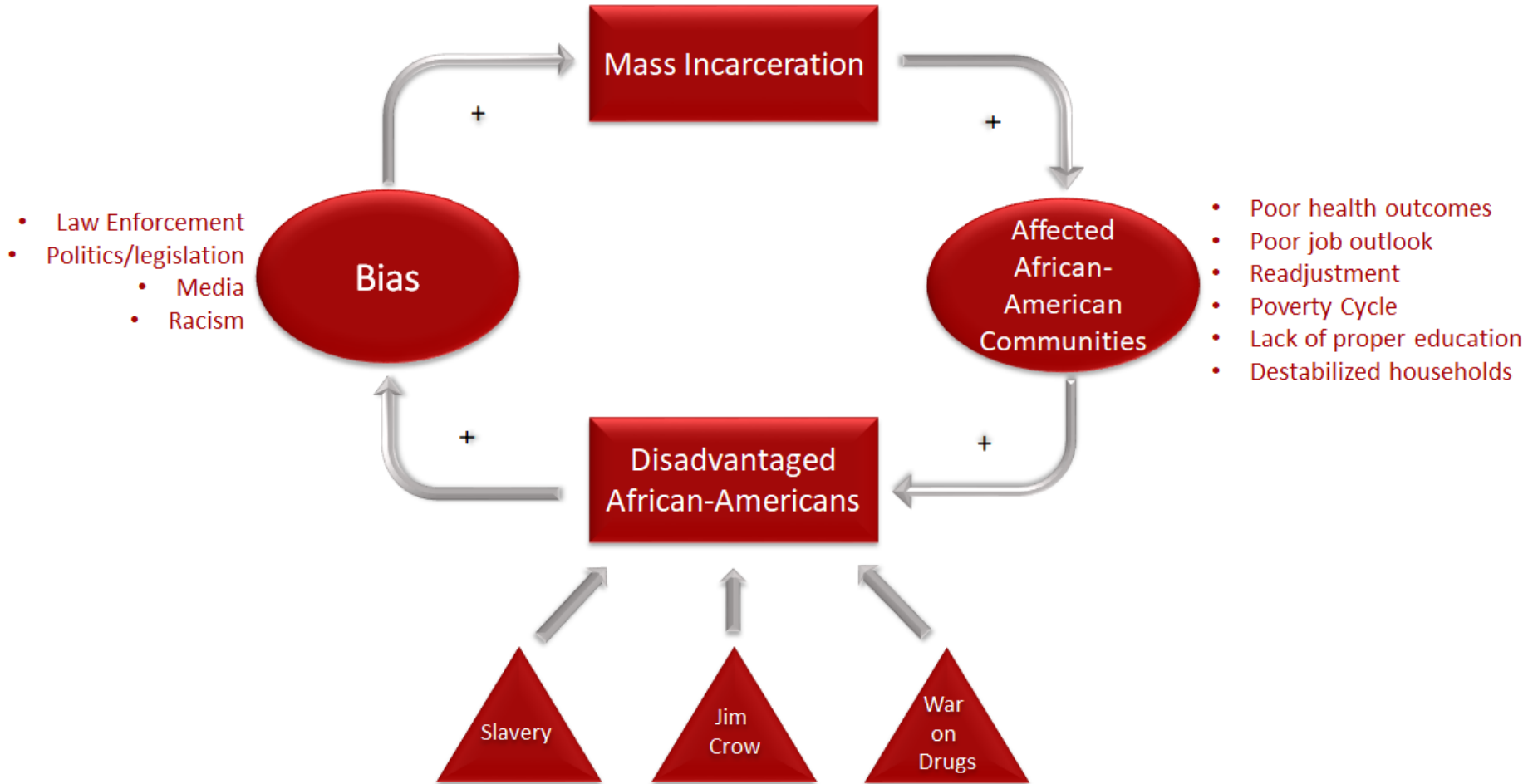
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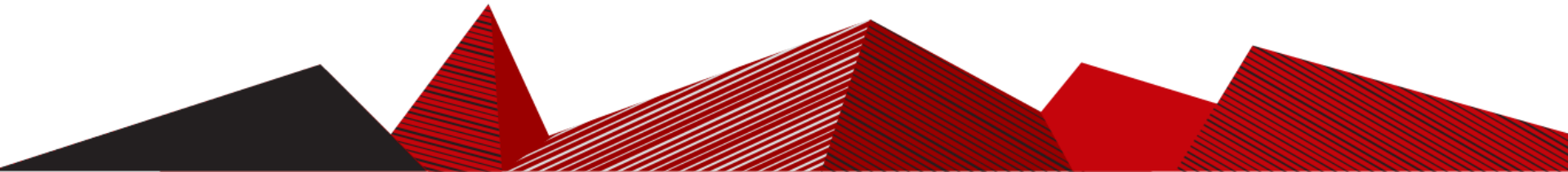
War
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Drugs

Relationships



Benefits and Limitations

- Benefits: raising awareness
 - Ending racial discrimination in the U.S. starts with education
- Limitations:
 - We're looking at it from an "outsider's perspective"
- Alternative views
 - Consider perspective (political views, upbringing, etc.)



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