

Penitentiaries



Prisons today are hellholes, particularly in the United States and the developing world. Tragically, this is as it must be. There is no possibility of prison reform because the rights of the accused exceed those of their victims. Those who steal or murder are entitled to quality healthcare, but their victims are not. Those who maim and extort are entitled to three meals a day, but their victims are not.

There are programs to find jobs for ex-offenders, while their victims might have no employment opportunities. To balance these rights so that prison does not seem a reasonable alternative to life on the street, they are designed to invoke terror.

Only when these rights and services are offered to the population at large, as in some Western democracies with better prisons, can prisoners be treated with dignity. Prisoners must receive no new rights on entering the penitentiary and lose only one right: liberty.

The [Earth Dividend](#) provides every person with nutritious food, warm and safe shelter, medical care, and unlimited free education. This is a requirement for prison reform. Prisoners will have fewer rights than ordinary people in such a political economy.

Penitentiaries will likely be small, often family or voluntary collective-run businesses. They will be designed for rehabilitation and education. Each of these penitentiaries will specialize in a specific problem, such as drugs, alcohol, gambling, and domestic abuse.

The VSGs grade facilities on their recidivism rate with grades used by trial judges. Penitentiaries receive a [no-recidivism annuity](#) as long as former inmates do not return to crime or unmanageable addiction. Penitentiaries receive the following monthly per-inmate distributions:

<i>Food Distribution</i>	\$244
<i>Housing Distribution</i>	\$404
<i>Incarceration Distribution</i> (Non-universal Disbursement)	\$300
<i>Security Distribution</i> (from Government Distribution)	\$300

<i>Social Workers and Teachers</i>	Paid by their respective distributions.
<i>Healthcare Workers</i>	Paid by the affiliated HMO .

The most profitable distribution does not occur while the inmate is incarcerated. It is the \$25/month no-recidivism annuity. The monthly income continues if the inmate is alive, not checked into an isolation center, or incarcerated elsewhere for another offense.

All recidivism appears on the [VOS](#) and will negatively influence judges' decision to choose a penitentiary. Judges will not send the convicted to the same penitentiary again, so the no-recidivism annuity is forever lost.

When the accused is convicted of a crime and sentenced to a penitentiary, they are given anywhere from two to six weeks to get their affairs in order. They can move their possessions to storage or make other arrangements with their landlord or mortgage holder.

Isolation Centers

There are two types of centers: drug addiction and abuse and child predation. Centers are isolated from population centers.

Drug addicts have a strong incentive to enter an addiction isolation center voluntarily. They will be supplied with unlimited free opiates, benzodiazepines, amphetamines, tobacco, alcohol, coffee, and marijuana. Residents have a tiny private room with a bed and bath and a supervised 24-hour buffet at the communal dining hall. There can be a library, gymnasium, television, and game rooms. The medical distribution funds an infirmary and rehabilitation center.

People with an addiction who commit crimes to feed their addiction can be sentenced to an isolation center. They have the same accommodations as voluntary residents. If rehabilitated, they will be transferred to a penitentiary closer to home.

Residents of child predation isolation centers will usually be sentenced. There are also reasons for voluntary entrance to a child predation isolation center, including no self-control or self-trust around children, mutual support of others with the same issue, and an extensive library of faux child pornography (computer-generated graphics).