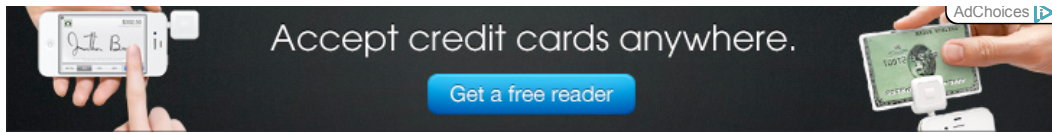


# INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TIMES

Like 82k Follow

LOGIN | REGISTER

POLITICS | ECONOMY | MARKETS / FINANCE | COMPANIES | TECH / SCI | MEDIA & CULTURE | SPORTS | OPINION | TV



## US Juvenile Justice System Inhumane, Breeds More Crime: Report

TEXT SIZE: A A A

MORE+

BY [ASHLEY PORTERO](#) (/REPORTERS/ASHLEY-PORTERO) | SEPTEMBER 20 2012 3:32 PM

once they are released from state custody.

And in fact, most youth offenders aren't even arrested for violent crimes. In 2009, the most recent year for which statistics are available, juvenile arrests for violent offenses fell to the lowest level since at least 1980. The [U.S. Department of Justice](#) (<http://www.ojdtp.gov/pubs/236477.pdf>) reports most of the arrests stemmed from property crimes such as burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson. Black youths, according to the source, "were overrepresented" in juvenile arrests that year.



(Photo: Flickr/ Creative Commons) A view inside San Quentin state prison in California, where long-term solitary confinement of prisoners is widespread.

### \$88K Well Spent?

It costs \$88,000 a year to keep one minor in state custody – more than twice the cost of one year of tuition at Harvard. In 2007, states spent about \$5.7 billion on juvenile incarceration; that money was almost entirely used toward correctional confinement, with little-to-no funding for counseling or educational and vocational training.

Like 82k

### RELATED



<http://www.ibtimes.com/mexican-prison-break-near-us-border-790058>

**[Mexican Prison Break Near US Border](#)** (/mexican-prison-break-near-us-border-790058)



<http://www.ibtimes.com/california-prison-riot-leaves-13-injured-including-one-shot-793560>

**[California Prison Riot Leaves 13..](#)**

That doesn't typically enhance public safety. The states most successful at lowering their juvenile confinement rates between 1997 and 2007 simultaneously saw the greatest decline in juvenile violent crimes and arrests than states with higher incarceration rates, the Annie. E Casey Foundation reports.

States should look to Connecticut's Case Review Team as a prime example of how to transform the juvenile sentencing process for the better, according to Justice for Families. Connecticut – which the Justice Department reports has experienced one of the sharpest drops in both youth confinement and crime in recent years – sets up conferences that include family members, probation staff, school personnel and social workers to explore alternatives to institutional confinement. In the first two years of employing that system, 72 percent of the participating youth reportedly avoided out-of-home placement. A substantial number of them did not have any further encounters with the justice system.

In addition to reforming the sentencing process, experts say investing directly in communities – by supporting basic social services such as education, affordable housing and drug rehabilitation -- is typically associated with increased public safety.



[\(/california-prison-riot-leaves-13-injured-including-one-shot-793560\)](#)

“We want kids to be accountable for their actions. But the question is, how do we hold them accountable while also allowing them to succeed and become productive members of society? We don’t want them all to end up like Corey, my son,” Bauer said.

**MORE IN POLITICS (POLITICS)**



[\(/cnn-state-department-spat-over-slain-ambassador-chris-stevens-journal-794865\)](#)

**CNN State Department In A Spat Over Slain Ambassador Chris Stevens’...** [\(/cnn-state-department-spat-over-slain-ambassador-chris-stevens-journal-794865\)](#)

[\(/us-government-ads-disavowing-anti-islam-video-aired-pakistani-tv-794120\)](#)

**US Government Ads Disavowing Anti-Islam Video Aired On Pakistani TV** [\(/us-government-ads-disavowing-anti-islam-video-aired-pakistani-tv-794120\)](#)  
**Swiss Voters Say Well-Smoke If We Want** [\(/swiss-voters-say-well-smoke-if-we-want-795317\)](#)



[\(/who-are-bad-guys-mexican-navy-busts-crooked-cops-drug-cartels-payroll-795277\)](#)

**Busts**

Stores across U.S. selling out of this new weight-loss wonder pill.

Oakland - New rule allows California drivers to get insurance for as low as \$9/week!

Celebrity doctor reveals the #1 pill to lose weight fast....

(California): Obey this 1 weird "loophole" to get car insurance as low as \$7

Advertisement

0 comments

0 Stars



Leave a message...

Discussion

Community



No one has commented yet.

ALSO ON INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TIMES

What's this? X

**'Wall Of Debt' Threatens To Imprison California**

1 • 52 comments • 3 days ago



**GSpotter1** — This is exactly what happens when too many become completely reliant on the Government. The Systems...

**Kristen Stewart And Robert Pattinson Getting Married? Pattinson Reportedly**

1 • 2 comments • 7 hours ago



**Guest43** — No, I don't think they will get married. She is obviously not ready to settle down yet and he shoul...

**Carceri Vietnam Tre Anti-Government Bloggers tra cui celebre dissidente Dieu**

0 • 1 comment • 13 hours ago



**Mike Tr.** — We should speak up to save them by writing letters or email to our government. No one should be puni...

**Android Jelly Bean Release Date For Galaxy S3 Arrives In Poland, More**

0 • 1 comment • 8 hours ago



**dru6763** — los6 only has to go on a few devices and they didn't get that right so I don't mind waiting for an u...