

Questions

Anonymous Prisoner 3

I believe that meaningful change must come to the Correctional Services of Canada (CSC) and the Canadian justice system. Both are running on empty and someone needs to fill up the gas tank. It is the duty and obligation of every single Canadian to feel outraged and demand change. We must look to alternatives that do work (see Morris, 2000). Here are the questions that people should be asking their government:

- Why do you disguise the death penalty with your new abhorrent sentences? Sentencing someone to Life-75 is a new more cruel form of death penalty (Hartman, 2013).
- Why do you not get on board countries like Portugal, and stop giving out any form of life sentence (*Constitution of the Portuguese Republic* art. 30, § 1)?
- Why do you not properly feed your prisoners (Harris, 2017)?
- Why do you not pay your prisoners proper salaries (Shook, 2018)?
- Why do you hire so many guards who just sit around all day and play on their computers? Did their union promise you votes?
- Why do you allow guards to have the internet and not prisoners?
- Why do you allow the guards to rob so much money from taxpayers? Do not tell me you think it is normal that all guards are paid overtime, double overtime, and so on. Perhaps you should force them to work eight hours shifts, five days a week, instead of working three days at 16 hours, then demanding overtime. This is a scam and all this money should be going to help prisoners get better wages, food, and training so they can properly rehabilitate and reintegrate into society.

These are the questions that every citizen should be asking their government. If we allow such excesses to knowingly occur, then what does the government do in secret? Write to the government and ask them.

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