

## WOMEN IMPRISONED AROUND THE GLOBE

The smaller numbers of women compared to the numbers of men incarcerated remain remarkable in their global consistency:

Australia	1981 - 304:8959	= 3.3% women
Canada	1986 - 279:12175	= 2.2% women
Canada	1991 - 313:14353	= 2.1% women
Cuba	1989 - 850:30000	= 2.8% women
England & Wales	1981 - 1407:41904	= 3.2% women
United States	1990 - 43845:739101	= 5.6% women

### US Racial Composition 1923-Female/ State

Custodial Prisons

White 35.5%

Black 64.5%

Reformatory Prisons

White 88.1%

Black 11.9%

"Men have consistently been found to commit suicide 2.5-4X as often as women in the general population"(Liebling 1992:35). Suicides of the imprisoned: 1902-1911- England & Wales Total 95 - 9 women: 86 men = 9.5% women (Liebling 1992:18).

