

- **The United States incarcerates more of its citizens than any other country in the world. 2.3 million Americans are presently behind bars.**
- **Since 1970 the number of people incarcerated in the US has grown by 700%.**
- **Even though we are 5% of the world's population, we have 25% of the prisoners in the world.**
- **Most of those incarcerated are there for minor drug offenses including possession of small amounts of marijuana.**
- **9.2% of African-American adults were in prison in 2008. One in six Latino men will spend part of their life behind bars.**