

Prison Industrial Complex

The symbiotic relationship between public and private interests that employ imprisonment, policing, surveillance, sentencing, and the cultural elements associated with them as a way to maintain social, economic, and political inequities, while claiming to provide safety.

Prison industrial complex (PIC) abolition

The political praxis that seeks to eliminate the use of surveillance, policing, sentencing, and imprisonment and to build healthy, stable, self-determined societies that do not rely on coercion and vengeance to address harm.