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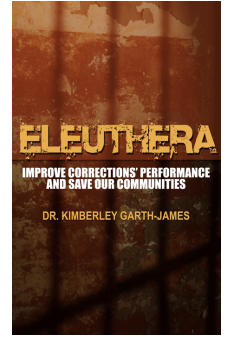
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Revitalize Our Communities

KAGL News is one way to stay in touch with our organization. We hope to share the upcoming changes to California Corrections, and release of KAGL products . The book, **ELEUTHERA**, is officially released in June, 2011, but advance copies for \$19.00 are available at our website <http://kagl.info/>. That's a 10% discount off the publisher's sales price! First, **ELEUTHERA** introduces the character Jamal to convey issues related to incarceration in prisons. Demographic variables as race and gender are associated with imprisonment. Second, the book provides documentation to make the case for how state department of corrections can improve performance and return producers rather than predators back to society.



The Book To Help Improve Corrections and Revitalize our Communities

Next, the “what works” ethos and scientific research by the Canadians—Gendreau and Andrews— and rehabilitative ideas of Cullen, are important to the hypothesized relationship between the in-prison experience and reentry success (or not). Education, vocational training and prison industry workshops are viable prison-based programs which offer African American and Latinos skills to boost self-esteem and support them as social assets at home and in the neighborhood.

Buy the book and share what you think about these ideas that are part of **ELEUTHERA**, or true freedom for the offender, victims and *our* community.

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Special points of interest:

- * You will want to check out <http://kagl.info/>
- * Watch the Turkey video

Bird watching and Turkeys

The bird watching season is here! There's excitement about the arrival of the Sandhill Cranes into Elk Grove, California.

Since January, these spectacular birds have made their presence known in the air and on ground. January has been a busy month with State Legislature and partisan

politics. As the Cranes show prowess in flight around the Elk Grove Community, we can enjoy them and forget, if only for a moment, the divisive politics of elected politicians that hide their ineptitude to tackle and win the budget crises. Unlike the public policy making process, the natural approach to creating birds is fun to watch.

Examples of life and the power of nature is found in the springtime. Take some time out from the politics of crime and justice policy and budget making to watch the birds. The Turkeys are most interesting and this Youtube Video is awesome!<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B4xlFqmUIY&feature=related>



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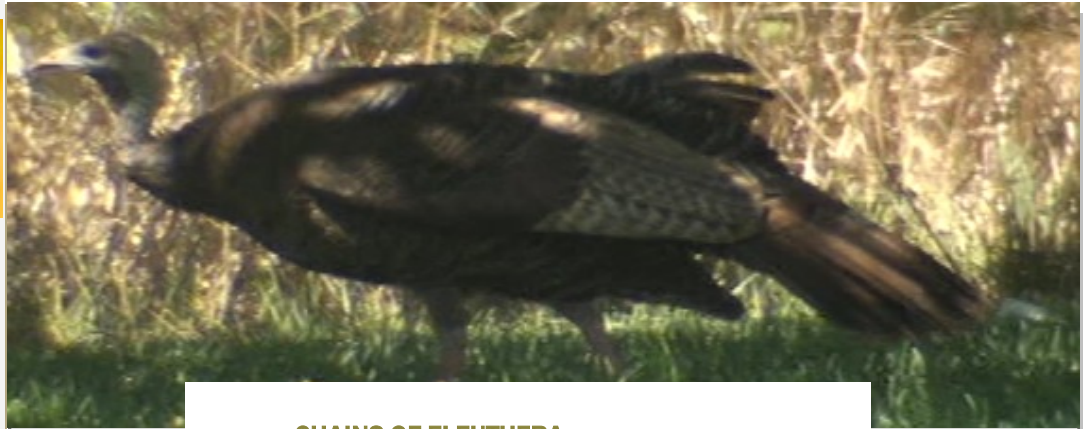
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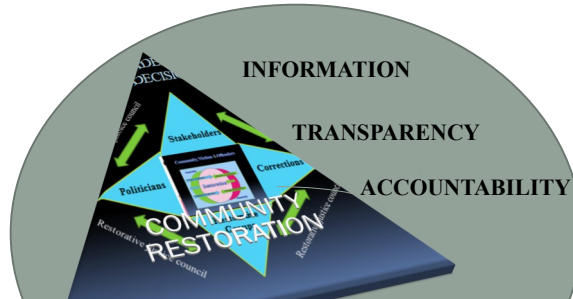
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CHAINS OF ELEUTHERA



*Good decisions come from
experience, which comes from bad
decisions.*

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California Corrections and Realignment

So, you say that correctional facilities (prisons or jails) are not necessary. Some prisons are infamous such as Alcatraz, San Quentin and Sing Sing. Los Angeles county operates the largest jail system in the nation with an average daily population of 20,000 offenders (inmates).

Question: Why does California have to realign its correctional system?

Answer: There are various responses from political leaders, researchers and stakeholder community groups. Politicians say that the high costs of "tough on crime" policies is unsustainable in the present era of financial scarcity. Stakeholders want more "wrap around" services to be provided by community nonprofits rather than state prison programs.

How do we know the failures of prisons

is ALL the fault of incarceration? A stable prison population of 11000-40,000 inmates from 1900-1960s, then eight-fold increase in 1970-2000s, calls into question the sentencing scheme. When states like California adopted determinate sentencing laws, the prison populations increased dramatically! The ability to release the "non violent, low risk" offenders was substituted for poor management of criminals with low literacy, no job skills and substance abuse problems.

There are success stories. But, when do you hear about them? Typically, other than Mike Vick, the offenders released back into the community and become social assets, live unassuming lives. In a few months, California will sign into law AB 109, and return to local communities offenders that, say some empirical researchers, will fail their families and our community! Follow KAGL's comments .

MAKING THE CASE FOR
CORRECTIONS EDUCATION:
A REVIEW OF POLICY
RESEARCH

