attacks, the Biehls had been asked to speak at a synagogue in their community. According to Peter Biehl, "We tried to ... say, to ask: 'Why do these terrible things happen?' instead of simply reacting." Excerpted from Are Prisons Obsolete? by
interview, Linda Biehl, when asked how she now feels about the men who killed her daughter, said, "I have a lot of love ... for them in memory of her husband so that Nofemela and Peni can build their own homes. A few days after the September 11
apologized to the Biehls and were released in July 1998. Two of them—Easy Nofemela and Ntobeko Peni—later met with the ... see them. According to Nofemela, he wanted to say more about his own sorrow for killing their daughter than what had been
the backdrop of these more broadly conceived abolitionist alternatives that it makes sense to take up the question of ... through various strategies, the kinds of behaviors that will bring people into contact with the police and justice
the crimes they may have indeed committed, but largely because their communities have been criminalized. Thus, programs ... have been criminalized—such as drug use and sex work—but also criminalized populations and communities. It is against
of crime. We would recognize that "punishment" does not follow from "crime" in the neat and logical sequence offered by ... through imprisonment (and sometimes death)—is linked to the agendas of politicians, the profit drive of
abusive spouse should not be convicted of murder. This defense has been abundantly criticized, both by detractors and ... and dangers of intimate violence against women and the latter challenge the idea that the legitimacy of this defense
women's syndrome—is that violence against women is a pervasive and complicated social problem that cannot be solved by
against the prison industrial complex and are challenging the expansiveness of race and mass incarceration. Women from countries in the southern region are imprisoned because they have committed some sort of sexual violence against another, or because they are pregnant "criminals," or because they are caught between a rock and a hard place in their pregnancies. They are sometimes also subjected to mistreatment in prison, and even in the labor market. As a result, the institutional and social divisions that exist in the prison system are reflected in the lives of women and girls who are imprisoned.
resides in the assertion that those who kill their batterers are not responsible for their actions. The point feminist ... and prisons in just one or two sentences, because the legacies of the prison industrial complex are embedded in all of us. The seismic shift of our society to the prison industrial complex has also affected our legal definitions of crimes and our moral understandings of who is guilty or who is not. As a result, the kinds of behavior that are punished have changed. For example, the idea that murder is a personal matter has been replaced by the idea that murder is a social problem. This change has led to the growth of the prison industrial complex and the criminalization of certain behaviors.
the book's 115 pages, Davis asks her reader to entirely reframe their understanding of the prison industrial complex, and
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