

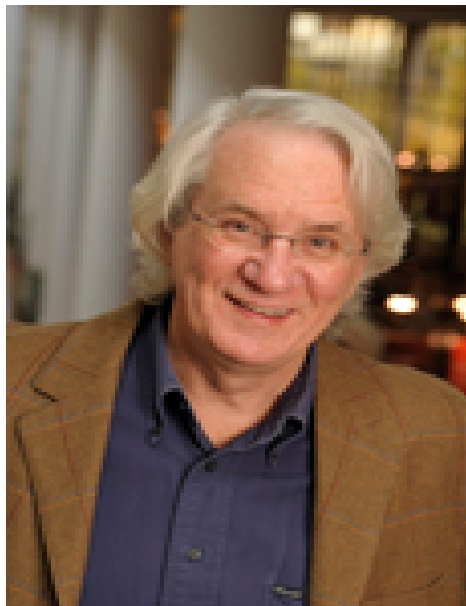
# “Causes and Cures of Racial Disparities in Sentencing and Imprisonment”

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**Abstract:** Black offenders are sentenced somewhat more harshly than whites and punished much more severely. These patterns are deeply unjust for the people they directly affect and pose a major obstacle to realization of the national goals of social, political, and economic equality. Solutions are easy to formulate, explain, and justify but have seldom been adopted or enacted. Policy makers so far have done no more than nibble at the edges of mass imprisonment. That's more than has so far proven politically possible in relation to racial injustice in the criminal justice system.

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