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A Closer Look at Mass Incarceration

Examining a criminal justice system that has incarcerated a greater percentage of its citizens – especially Blacks and Latinos – than any other country in the world.

From the PROVIDENCE JOURNAL: "High incarceration rates prompt RWU forum speakers to call justice system 'broken" by Paul Davis, Journal Staff Writer

- Listen to WRNI (Rhode Island NPR)'s report on the symposium.
- Read the Brown Daily Herald's coverage of the symposium.
- Read RI Future's Blog on the symposium.

Bristol, R.I., Mar. 27, 2015: The American criminal justice system is broken, said speakers at a Friday forum on mass incarceration at Roger Williams University.

"There are too many people in prison and on probation," and too many of them are black and Hispanic, said former Superior Court Judge [and RWU Law Distinguished Jurist in Residence] Judith Savage.

About 350 people -- judges, lawyers, students, lawmakers and government officials among them -- attended the all-day forum, sponsored by the university's School of Law Review.

On a case-by-case basis, it often seems like justice is served, Savage said. But once you step back, a different picture appears. "Once you see the forest, there's no going back," she said. [...]