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Anderson, III [11] R. Wainwright and the Florida Department of Corrections. The Rule provides in pertinent part: During his incarceration, Bradbury has been visited by Vivian Sapp, a non-inmate, and they agreed to marry. Bradbury requested the Department of Corrections to grant permission for him to marry Sapp. Pursuant to Rule Bradbury filed this action based on 42 U. Reviewing cross-motions for partial summary judgment, the district court entered summary judgment for defendant-appellee Wainwright. In this appeal, Bradbury argues that Rule After reviewing the record, we have concluded that summary judgment was inappropriate. Bradbury claims that the Department of Corrections should not be able to prohibit the marriage in the absence of a specific grant of statutory authority enabling the Department of Corrections to promulgate such a rule. This argument is untenable, however, because the First District Court of Appeal of Florida has already held that the Department of Corrections had statutory authority to promulgate Rule Department of Corrections v. Florida Department of Corrections, So. The Roseman opinion relies on Fla. In the absence of any persuasive indication that the state supreme court would hold otherwise, intermediate state appellate court decisions, such as Roseman, must be taken to reflect a valid interpretation of state law. Hence, we will not draw any constitutionally significant distinction from the fact that Rule Bradbury, according to his attorney, is willing to forego any claim to the usual incidents of marriage -- cohabitation, sexual intercourse, procreation, and child-rearing. All Bradbury seeks is permission to marry Vivian Sapp in a simple ceremony officiated by a notary public. Thus, Bradbury relies upon "the fundamental character of the right to marry," Zablocki v. City of Akron v. Akron Center for Reproductive Health, Inc. But, of course, the right to marry is not unfettered. Marriage and domestic relations have been regarded "as a virtually exclusive province of the States. In addition to regulating the procedures, duties, and rights stemming from marriage, state regulations have absolutely prohibited certain marriages, such as result by incest, bigamy, or homosexuality. Yet, "prisoners do not forfeit all constitutional protections by reason of their conviction and confinement in prison. In short, "a prisoner loses only those rights that must be sacrificed to serve legitimate penological needs. The first is Procunier v. Martinez set out a two-part test. First, the prison regulation must further "an important or substantial governmental interest. Applying this standard in Martinez, the Supreme Court ruled that the Department of Corrections "failed to show that the broad restrictions on prisoner mail were in any way necessary to the furtherance of a governmental interest unrelated to the suppression of expression. A regulation banning expression of inflammatory, political, racial, and religious views was struck down because it was "not narrowly drawn to reach only material that might be thought to encourage violence nor [was] its application limited to incoming letters. The Court decided that "the ban on inmate solicitation and group meetings. As we view Jones, the Supreme Court did follow the Martinez two-part test. Jones added a gloss on the first part of the test: Also, Jones did not overlook the second part of the test; the Court concluded that the regulations were "drafted no more broadly than they need be to meet the perceived threat. Martinez spelled out the reasons underlying this deference: Judicial recognition of that fact reflects no more than a healthy sense of realism. Moreover, where state penal institutions are involved, federal courts have a further reason for deference to the appropriate prison authorities. In Jones, the district court had noted that, while the prison officials "sincerely believed that the very existence of the Union will increase the burdens of administration and constitute a threat to essential discipline and control," the district court was nonetheless "unable to perceive why it is necessary or essential to security and order in the prisons to forbid solicitation of membership in a union permitted by the authorities. On appeal, the Supreme Court stated: In particular the burden was not on appellants to show affirmatively that the Union would be "detrimental to proper penological objectives" or would constitute a "present danger to security and order. First, the prison regulation must further a substantial governmental interest. A regulation will be taken to further such an interest if it is

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rationally related to it. This two-part standard should be applied with a wide-ranging deference to the expert judgment of prison administrators. Rule 56 c of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedures states the summary judgment standard: In evaluating the propriety of summary judgment, "courts should view the evidence and all factual inferences therefrom in the light most favorable to the party opposing the motion. This court has repeatedly said that, even if the parties agree on the basic facts, summary judgment may be inappropriate if the parties "disagree about the factual inferences that should be drawn from these facts. Jones Development of Missouri, Inc. Put another way, "if reasonable minds might differ on the inferences arising from undisputed facts, then the court should deny summary judgment. Union Mutual Life Insurance Co. Wackenhut Protective Systems, Inc. With respect to security, the Department has advanced four potential security problems. First, the Department states that security is threatened by the introduction of outside individuals into the prison. The marriage ceremony can be solemnized by a prison employee who is a notary public. The record does not indicate that the marriage would require the introduction into the prison of any other outside person. The record does not contain any evidence to support the bald assertion of a security problem in this regard. The conflict between a simple ceremony and a normal visit has not been explained and is not self-evident. The Department states that it would be required to transport inmates to outside locations to fulfill marriage requirements, presumably to obtain the marriage license. However, there is no evidence in the record to indicate the gravity of the problem. According to the Department, prisoner marriages pose two potential problems for rehabilitation. The Department claims that, if married in prison, an inmate could be frustrated with his inability to enter into a normal responsible marital relationship. According to the Department, the potential for frustration and suspicion could inhibit rehabilitation. He also points out that several states permit prisoners to marry. The second part of the test is particularly difficult to apply based on the facts adduced to this point. There is no evidence in the present record addressed to the issue of whether Rule Nor did the district court address that question. A similar question was considered in Rudolph v. The district court denied relief based on the complaint, the answer, motion papers, and an affidavit from Rudolph. The former Fifth Circuit reversed and remanded so that further evidence could be taken. Justice Jackson, writing for the majority, stated: But summary procedures, however salutary where issues are clear-cut and simple, present a treacherous record for deciding issues of far-flung import, on which this Court should draw inferences with caution from complicated courses of legislation, contracting and practice. While we might be able, on the present record, to reach a conclusion that would decide the case, it might well be found later to be lacking in the thoroughness that should precede judgment of this importance and which it is the purpose of the judicial process to provide. But complexity does not stand as the only prudential reason for insisting upon cautious use of the summary procedure. Novel application of legal principles and potential impact are also relevant considerations. Neither the Supreme Court nor any circuit court of appeals has given plenary consideration to the issue presented by Bradbury.

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Chapter 2 : Prisoners Have Right to Marry | Prison Legal News

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The Renz Correctional Institution hereinafter "Renz" contains male and female prisoners. Most of the female inmates located at Renz are medium and maximum security level offenders. Some of the male inmates need special protection from other prisoners in Missouri penal institutions. A class action has been certified to determine the constitutional status of inmate-to-inmate correspondence, visitation privileges relating to former inmates, and the right to marry. Renz has a minimum security perimeter without the added security elements, such as guard towers or walls that other maximum security units would possess. Correspondence between inmates is supposedly regulated by divisional regulation. Correspondence with immediate family members or inmates in other correctional institutions will be permitted. Correspondence between inmates in all division institutions will be permitted concerning legal matters. There have been instances where the divisional correspondence regulation has been violated. Letters have been stopped without notice or explanation to either the correspondent or the recipient; b. Mail to and from persons not incarcerated has been stopped or refused on factually incorrect grounds or without legitimate justification; c. Mail to incarcerated family members has been refused or returned without notification or explanation; d. Mail with former inmates has been refused or returned without notification or explanation. At Renz, however, the rule as practiced is that inmates may not write non-family inmates or receive mail from non-family inmates. The more restrictive practice is set forth in the Renz Inmate Orientation Booklet presented to each inmate upon arrival at Renz. The restrictive rule at Renz is commonly known throughout the Missouri Correctional System. The Renz rule against inmate-to-inmate correspondence is enforced without a determination that the security or order of Renz or the rehabilitation of the inmate would be harmed by allowing the particular correspondence to proceed and without a determination that there is no less restrictive alternative to resolve any legitimate concerns of the Department of Corrections short of prohibiting all correspondence. Inmates at most institutions in the Missouri Correctional System are permitted to correspond with inmates in most other institutions. While there is no regulation that prohibits inmates from corresponding with persons who are not incarcerated, on at least one occasion outgoing mail to a non-incarcerated person was returned to the inmate and delivery refused because of derogatory remarks made about prison staff members. Under an unwritten rule at Renz, prior approval is required before an inmate may write to another inmate regarding legal matters. This listing is available to all correctional officials and accompanies the inmate on transfers from institution to institution. Prior to December of , the Division of Corrections operated under an inmate marriage rule, designated Inmates at Renz were, however, frequently denied permission to be married. On December 1, , after this litigation was filed, the Division of Corrections promulgated a new regulation which placed a burden upon the inmate to provide the institution with a compelling reason to permit an inmate marriage while the inmate is incarcerated. At Renz female inmates have been refused permission to marry on several occasions on the unexplained ground that the proposed marriage was not in their "best interest," in the opinion of the superintendent. Restrictions are exercised most strictly at Renz and Chillicothe. The restrictions applicable to female inmates are apparently generally motivated by "protective" attitudes. The marriage of a number of inmates has been delayed or forbidden because of the pendency of this lawsuit. The current inmate marriage rule places an unreasonable burden upon the inmate to prove that there are "compelling" reasons for the marriage. The term "compelling" is not defined. Defendants, however, suggest that a reason for marriage normally would not be considered compelling unless the relationship had resulted in a pregnancy or an illegitimate child prior to the request. Inmates have been informed that Renz does not permit marriages. Inmates also travel for court appearances. Defendants have been able to successfully handle the security problems. Renz has a regulation prohibiting visitation by former inmates for a period of six months. Each proposed visitor shall be considered

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individually by the casework staff and superintendent after six 6 months on release status. Individuals on parole status and conditional release desiring to visit residents of the institution must have written approval by the parole officer prior to final decision on [sic] the casework staff and the superintendent. Visitation of prisoners by former inmates is permitted after they have been in a non-prison setting for six months. While the six month period admittedly is arbitrary, in the sense that five or seven months would serve the same interest, it is based partly on the security interest of the institution and partly on the belief that it is in the best rehabilitative interest of the inmate to sever ties with the prison environment for a period of time. All visitors must be approved by a review of a written application. Unapproved visitors are not permitted entrance to Renz except under exceptional circumstances. Visitations by former inmates for the purpose of attending religious meeting or self-help meetings such as Alcoholics Anonymous have been denied because of the absolute, non-discretionary application of the six month non-visitation rule. The "team concept" has not been described to inmates; the inmates have not been informed of their right to participate in decision-making other than as applicants. Inmates have been occasionally threatened with the loss of writing privileges and visitation privileges with family members for attempting to exercise their correspondence and marriage rights. Inmates have occasionally been harassed and threatened if they pursue grievances in an attempt to exercise their correspondence and marriage rights. Inmates have occasionally been threatened with the loss of custody of their children if they pursue their marriage rights. Several of the plaintiffs and their witnesses are reasonably concerned that their testimony has made them the subject of retaliation or harassment by employees of the Department of Corrections. Len Safley met P. Watson a female inmate at Renz where they became friends. Safley and Watson were familiar with an unwritten policy followed by Renz whereby if any male and female inmate developed a close relationship or a physical relationship one of the two inmates would be transferred "rolled" to another institution. The same was true after he was transferred to the Kansas City Honor Center. In order to correspond with Watson, Safley opened a post office box and used a pseudonym, "Jack King. All of the letters were returned, apparently for the reason that they contained greetings from Safley. Watson did not receive notification that letters to her from Safley, his mother, or his friends were being returned. Safley received weekend passes at the Kansas City Honor Center. Renz denied Safley permission to visit Watson. After this litigation was filed, on the occasion of a hearing for a preliminary injunction, Safley obtained a marriage license and, being accompanied by an officiating minister, was permitted by the court to marry, thereby mooting the issue presented for hearing. The court took into account the fact that the individuals were temporarily in federal custody, the hearing was sought in good faith, and the marriage was in compliance with Missouri law. If the court had recognized a substantial state interest in preventing the marriage, permission would, of course, have been denied. No such interest was, or has been, presented. Marriage and the decision to enter into a marital relationship involve fundamental human rights. Nevertheless, "the right to marry is not unfettered. Chief Judge Sharp in Lockert adequately responds to the thrust of the Wool decision in his comments about the significance of marriage, even apart from the consortium aspects. Such standards may, however, be "helpful and relevant with respect to some questions. It will be assumed that a responsible committee formulating standards would be sensitive to security interests, prisoner needs and legal issues. The problem with placing total reliance on the views of prison administrators would be their natural inclination to form opinions based on convenience, conceivable though remote security interests, financial considerations and the like. While giving due deference to such testimony, the court has an inescapable duty of striking a constitutional balance. Even inmates have the right to make their own mistakes. The court recognizes the legitimate governmental interest in the order and security of penal institutions which "justifies the imposition of certain restraints on inmate correspondence. Such restraints must meet two criteria before the censorship will be upheld: First, the regulation or practice in question must further an important or substantial governmental interest unrelated to the suppression of expression. Prison officials may not censor inmate correspondence simply to eliminate unflattering or unwelcome opinions or factually inaccurate statements. Rather, they must show that a regulation authorizing mail censorship furthers one or more of the substantial

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governmental interests of security, order, and rehabilitation. Thus a restriction on inmate correspondence that furthers an important or substantial interest of penal administration will nevertheless be invalid if its sweep is unnecessarily broad. In the leading decision regarding the correspondence rights of prisoners the Supreme Court pointedly refrained from ruling on inmate-to-inmate correspondence. A slightly earlier Fifth Circuit decision sustained a federal policy prohibiting such correspondence except for "members of the immediate family" and "special exceptions" sanctioned by a caseworker. It has been stated that the cases have "uniformly upheld the right of prison officials to restrict inmate to inmate correspondence. There is, however, no recent appellate ruling to that effect. An Eighth Circuit decision declines to rule that there is an "unqualified right" to forbid inmate-to-inmate correspondence. Only a prohibition against "secret" correspondence was sustained in *Watts*, particularly because of the danger such secret and unregulated correspondence would pose to prisoners who have been protectively isolated in another prison. A Fifth Circuit decision subsequent to *Martinez* requires careful examination of First Amendment rights of prisoners to communicate between a segregation unit and the less secure areas of a prison. A bare assertion of security interests is "not enough. See also *Stevens v. Defendants* may attempt to distinguish *Rudolph* because it refers to certain highly protected subjects of communication "literature about politics and religion" and because the communication was within a single institution rather than between institutions. Neither of these distinctions seems controlling. A segregated unit would be entitled to the highest degree of permissible security. In accordance with *Rudolph*, and contrary to *Heft*, the court believes that the only valid constitutional rule would permit most inmate-to-inmate communication, with appropriate regulations as to openness under the *Watts* rule and surveillance. Double surveillance reading at both institutions would generally seem sufficient. The court notes that defendants have allowed inmates the unrestricted use of long distance telephones, apparently without surveillance. While such communication is somewhat burdensome to the authorities, no pattern of security problems was developed by the witness or by other testimony. Forbidding all correspondence would reduce administrative burdens, but a First Amendment violation would result. Even if some restriction on inmate-to-inmate correspondence can be justified, the regulations and practices at bar must fall. Correspondence is a sufficiently protected right that it cannot be cut off simply because the recipient is in another prison, and the inmates cannot demonstrate special cause for the correspondence. Communication, like marriage, is one of the basic human rights and should be preserved subject to whatever restrictions or surveillance is appropriate to avoid the planning of escapes, threats to inmates, criminal activity or other potential harm that may be reasonably articulated by the authorities. The regulations and practices fail to provide for the minimum constitutional procedural safeguards against arbitrary and capricious censorship. Defendants have failed to demonstrate that the needs of *Renz* are sufficiently different to justify greater censorship than is applied by other well-run institutions. The court will uphold the six month visitation rule, as a matter of legitimate discretion. The rule prohibiting former inmates from visiting a prison until after they have been in a non-prison setting for six months appears to be rationally related to a proper rehabilitative interest. It does not impinge on any rights sufficiently to be ruled invalid.

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Chapter 3 : Constitutional Rights | The Georgia Department of Corrections

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The influence of sport participation on quality of life perceptions among inmates in Nigerian prisons. Journal of Sport for Development. Download article as PDF Abstract The purpose of this study was to investigate the effects of participation in football activities on quality of life perception among randomized inmates of Nigerian prisons, in Ile-Ife and Ilesa in Osun State, Nigeria. The study participants were inmates of Ilesa and Ile-Ife Prisons in Osun State, Nigeria who are within the ages of 21 to 35 years old. The subjects were administered with pre-test instruments through the football participation assessment and Quality of Life QOL test after which only subjects in experimental groups participated in football sessions for a period of eight weeks. Subsequently, all respondents were administered with post-test instruments football proficiency self-assessment, game experience and QOL tests. Results show that inmates who participated in football activities have higher general quality of life perception than those who did not. However, social wellbeing is improved for both active and passive spectators participants. Sport skills acquisition and participation positively affect physical health, psychological and social wellbeing of inmates. Introduction There is widespread consensus about the positive relationship between sport participation and health. Research evidences illustrate that physical activity and sports positively affect psychological and mental health conditions such as anxiety, depression, mood and emotion, self-esteem and psychological dysfunction. For these reasons, sport and physical activity participation has been recommended as a way to enhance overall quality of life in various populations. There are, however, research that suggests that stress and coping strategies, social support and general emotional experiences may lead to positive psychological outcomes associated with confinement. Individuals who played football were also observed to develop high levels of social interaction and overall flow during the period of active participation, which underlines that they felt motivated, happy and involved to the point where they forgot time and fatigue. These conceptual frameworks explained indirect interaction effects of each of the components of quality of life such as social, psychological and physical wellbeing on each other. Purpose of Study It has been shown through various studies that participation in physical activities and sports can improve social, physical, mental and psychological health of convalescent patients, adolescents, youth and aged persons. Many studies have also shown that sport activities can improve the self-reported QOL perception of the general population. Little of the research focuses on prison inmates despite the fact that inmates suffer more from poor physical health and low quality of life. The few studies of the effects of physical activities on QOL of prison inmates were done in developed countries where the prison services observe at least the minimum standard for promoting inmate welfare. Resource-poor prisons in developing countries such as those in Nigeria differ markedly from prisons in developed countries. Therefore, the purpose of this study was to investigate the effect of sport i. Hypothesis Football participation will not have significant effects on the quality of life physical health, psychological and social well-being perception by inmates of Nigeria Prisons. Methods Participants The study took place through an experimental design. The researcher engaged four research assistants including two prison officers who assisted the researcher during the administration of the study instruments and sports participation. Willingness to participate WTP in the study is The participants were informed about the purpose and methods of the study. They were also informed that their participation in the study is voluntary. This information was considered necessary to enable the respondents to make informed decision to accept or reject their participation in the study. Thereafter, they were asked to complete and sign an informed consent form containing the purpose, descriptions and possible discomforts or risks of the study along with the right of respondents to withdraw their continued participation at any time if they so desired. Open and random selection of respondents for the study was done in the prison playing grounds. Those selected among the inmates who volunteered for the study were those between the age range of 20 and 35 years old because young adulthood typically covers the

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period from years of age, when both biological function and physical performance reach their peak. Their scores were recorded as pre-test scores accordingly. Subsequently, only the respondents in experimental groups were further randomized into 10 teams of nine players. Each team ensured the active participation of all of the members of the experimental group during football participation sessions, which were held weekly for a period of eight weeks. Mental skill training was integrated into the football practice and participation sessions as individual subjects and teams were made to set goals for sport achievement. The steps followed during the goal setting include the following: Participants or teams also outlined strategy for achieving and evaluating progress every week and few minutes before football sessions. The study adopted double round robin or league method for football tournament among the experimental subjects to provide subjects with ample opportunities for active participation during football participation session and not for the purpose of separate data analysis. The scores were recorded as post-test scores accordingly. Study Instrument For the purpose of this study, a self-reported football participation assessment questionnaire was developed for respondents to separately rank their proficiency passing, shooting, dribbling, tackling and previous game experience leisure or past-time, non-formal competitions, formal competitions between 1 and 5. The WHOQOL-Bref contains 26 items, 24 of them make up the 4 domains of physical health 7 items , psychological health 6 items , social relationships 3 items , and environment 8 items ; the other remaining 2 items measure overall wellbeing. Mean scores were analysed with descriptive and inferential statistics to determine whether differences observed in QOL measurements between the control and experimental groups are significant and can be attributed to football participation. The result was tested with regression analysis. Results Socio-demographic characteristics were similar across the study groups at baseline Table 1. While the mean age for the experimental group was Furthermore, findings revealed some slight significant differences between the arms in baseline sport participation scores. Findings in baseline characteristics raise concerns about differential consent across the groups in terms of perceived quality of life. These are presented in Table 2 and Table 3. At the end of the sport period, a proportion in the experimental group reported a higher QoL than in the control arm Table 2. Likewise, imputing missing values had effect on the results. For instance, the unadjusted results changed to an odds ratio of 0. Again, imputing missing outcome data had an appreciable effect on these results. Consenting participants in the experimental group were assigned to one of the football teams average of 15 per team. From the instrumental variables regression analyses, the QoL was increased in absolute terms by 2. Introducing interaction terms between the control group and age factors, psychological and social wellbeing provided evidence of differential effects of the sport participation on QoL p values of 0. There was evidence of a beneficial effect of the sport participation in terms of reducing inmate psychological anxiety and enhancing social wellbeing at the end of their soccer participation sessions. The confidence intervals rule out any important deleterious effects of the sport participation but the precision attained leaves equivocal results as to whether there is an important benefit from the sport participation. A reduction of fifteen percentage points in the proportion with good physical health and psychological and social wellbeing at end of the training in favour of the experimental group is close to the target difference of twenty, and the upper confidence limit for this difference reaches 30 percentage points. If there were to be a reduction in risk of two percentage points per session training attended, then it can be concluded that there is the potential for substantial benefits to prison inmates from sport participation. Discussion The study revealed that participation in sport football will develop quality of life physical, social and psychological wellbeing perceptions of inmates of Nigerian prisons. These results agree with previous findings that participation in sports inside prison are beneficial to inmate well-being in a number of ways such as reduced stress and frustration, alleviated boredom, increased self-esteem and a healthy routine, and development of social interaction and consequently friendships. Primarily, sport participation has positive effects on the general well-being of the prison population. Secondly, providing inmates meaningful sports activities can help to reduce anti-social behaviours, offer a sense of belonging, provide opportunities to learn, reduce distances and increasing cohesion. In conclusion, results of the study identified that improved quality of life is significantly associated

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to football skill acquisition and participation in the game by inmates of Ilesa and Ile-Ife prisons in Osun State, Nigeria. Recommendations Since research shows that prison inmates possess emotional, psychological and physical health challenges due largely to their confinement, their involvement in sport activities is therefore considered crucial for their social rehabilitation. Sport helps develop inmate quality of life, which includes physical fitness, self-esteem and healthy personality especially in resource-poor settings like those found in Nigerian prisons. Sports in prison should provide inmates with years of opportunity for a regular and dedicated regimen of participation alongside recreational tournaments, which can adequately prepare them for post-release empowerment through sports. There should be the regular organization of sport participation involving prison and the outside community in order to encourage more participation of inmates in community social contacts both inside and outside the prison, which is necessary to facilitate post-release community re-entry and social integration. American Journal of Lifestyle Medicine. World Health Organisation Geneva, Wito Document Production Services. American journal of preventive medicine, 22, ; 5. MSSE, 27, ; 6. Int J Sports Med ; Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Clarion, Pennsylvania Yelsma P and Yelsma J. Therapeutic Recreation Journal, 42 4 , Soccer improves health, fitness and social abilities. Encyclopedia of Sports Medicine and Science, T. Internet Society for Sport Science: Personal Growth to Peak Performance. Psychological Assessment Techniques in Health Care. Quality of Life Assessment in Clinic Trials. Fundamental of Clinic Trials. Psychol Med ; Timber Press, Portland, Oregon pp. The association of physical activity change with self-esteem in ethnic minority women: Edinburgh, Sport Scotland; Mead, G. Mind, self and society: Chicago, University of Chicago press.

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They function within a paramilitary organizational structure that requires them to wear military-type uniforms and carry firearms and other weapons during specific types of assignments. This organizational structure is autocratic in nature and C. These ranks form a command and control structure that has the power located at the top. Power and communication flow down the chain of command with every person in a subordinate position expected to obey without question the orders of their superior officer s. The primary criteria for promotion in corrections is time in rank and job performance. Formal education is less of a consideration. The minimum requirement for employment as a C. The correctional officer occupies the unique position of being both a manager and a worker. However, they are also the primary managers of inmates. Because they occupy the lowest level in the correctional hierarchy C. Because contraband is always a major security concern in a prison, C. Officers are subject to administrative disciplinary action if they violate any of the rules and regulations contained in the code of ethics or conduct that managers use to define appropriate correctional employee behavior. These rules are typically classified as major or minor. Major rules are prohibitions against violation of the crime code: Minor rules are prohibitions against the violation of institutional rules regarding horseplay, disrespect to employees, maintaining sanitary housing quarters, and not playing the radio too loud. If found guilty, the inmate is subject to sanctions imposed by the misconduct reviewer that may range from suspension of privileges to a recommendation that parole be denied. Increasingly, in an attempt to make decision-making impartial, this individual is a hearing examiner who is a correctional employee, but not an employee of the prison in which the misconduct has occurred. Inmate rule violations are common. In , 53 percent of the , state prison inmates received misconducts for at least one rule violation during the period of their confinement Stephen. In , state and federal C. However, there is evidence that the rule violations reported by C. Hewitt, Poole, and Regoli have reported that inmates engage in a much higher level of rule violation than official reports record because very few rule violations result in a misconduct report. This conclusion is supported by C. The ability of C. For example, Carroll found that African American inmates were disproportionately reported for all levels of rule violations, especially serious violations, and were subjected to closer surveillance and control by white C. Held and others determined that African American inmates receive a disproportionately higher number of misconduct reports because white officers consider African American inmates to be more aggressive and dangerous than white inmates. This effect was most noticeable in minor rule violation situations in which the C. Held and others concluded that the disproportionate number of misconduct reports written on African American inmates was the result of white officer perception of dangerousness, not inmate behavior. Poole and Regoli also reported that African American inmates were cited for more rule violations than were white inmates. Finally, in a review of fifteen studies Goetting found that seven reported higher rates of rule violation reports filed against African American inmates while seven found no significant difference in reporting rates by race. In , inmates committed 14, assaults against correctional staff. Four of these staff members died Camp and Camp, pp. The nature of the inmate population has changed since the late s and the level of physical threat has increased dramatically in response to massive prison overcrowding and an influx of younger, more violent criminals Hepburn. Because the inmate population views correctional officers as the enemy and may respond to their authority with hostile, dangerous, and unpredictable behavior Poole and Regoli, the officer-inmate relationship is one of "structured conflict" Jacobs and Kraft. New officers are taught to adhere to a subcultural code of conduct organized around group solidarity and mutual support. The values of this code include: This last value is central to the code of silence that prohibits C. Changes in the correctional officer role The organizational goals of American prisons define the role of the correctional officer Hepburn and Albonetti. Prior to the s the sole expectation for C.

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Recruitment standards were low or nonexistent. Applicants were required to have only a minimal level of education and, in many prisons, education was not a consideration in hiring. The primary incentive for prison employment was the security offered by civil service employment in a job that some found more appealing and lucrative than farming, mining, or manufacturing work. People were also forced into prison work by unfortunate circumstances, such as the unavailability of jobs Jacobs and Retsky or because of layoffs, injuries, or failure in their initial choice of occupation Lombardo. As a result, the typical officer was a rural, white male possessing limited education, politically conservative, brutal, slow to accept change, who often came to corrections at a relatively late age after mixed success in civilian life or retirement from the military Philliber. Training was typically on the job and often involved nothing more than a new recruit being handed a set of cell block keys and being told to learn the job as quickly as possible. They were to maintain security and control through enforcement of institutional rules. The ability to accomplish this goal was based on their unchallenged power to accuse and punish inmates for rule violations with no regard for due process or inmate rights. Inmate control methods relied on physical coercion and discipline, and C. As a result there has always been a widespread public perception that C. However, beginning in the s a broad range of inmate rehabilitation programs were introduced into prisons that had historically viewed custody and control as the sole organizational goal Farmer. This new emphasis on rehabilitation also introduced the expectation that C. The introduction of rehabilitation created an ambiguous social organization Cressey, ; Brown by introducing a set of contradictory goals. The goal of custody demands the maintenance of maximum social distance between C. However, the goal of treatment requires relaxed discipline, affective ties, informal relationships that minimize social distance, and the exercise of discretionary rule enforcement based on individual inmate characteristics and circumstances. Punitive control policies were subordinated to the expectation that C. Most correctional facilities today accept the dual roles of custody and treatment, and C. Simultaneous performance of the dual roles of custody and treatment create role conflict characterized by uncertainty and danger because C. The introduction of rehabilitation coincided with a series of U. Supreme Court rulings that provided inmates with increased civil rights and decreased the ability of correctional officers to rely on punitive control. The result was due processâ€”oriented disciplinary hearings, restrictions on the use of isolation as a disciplinary sanction, and the creation of formal inmate grievance mechanisms. These significantly limited the power of C. This shift in power created for correctional officers a perception of loss of control and a belief that inmates possessed more power than officers Fox; Hepburn. The product of this perception was a strained and unhealthy atmosphere Duffee, ; Patterson characterized by a perception that managers and treatment staff possessed more respect for inmates than for C. This perception of being treated unfairly has generated deeply ingrained C. One of the most significant consequences of the perception that correctional managers were no longer on the side of the officers has been unionization. In the early s, federal law granted C. Unions have been equally successful in leveling the playing field between officers and management through their ability to legally challenge management policies that are unfair, discriminatory, or arbitrary. The response to these challenges was a concerted effort to increase the number of women and minorities in corrections. This perception was based on the assumption that women would rely more extensively on listening and communication skills than male C. Minority officers were sought because of a belief that minority inmates would be more amenable to rehabilitation if they were supervised by minority officers who could serve as role models. Minorities were viewed as constituting a more sympathetic work force with which minority inmates could identify Jacobs and Kraft. The result was the creation of aggressive affirmative action programs. They were not hired as C. Because promotional criteria favored staff with direct supervision of male inmates, employees in clerical or matron roles had little hope of professional advancement Chapman et al. The passage of amendments to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act in extended the prohibition of employment discrimination to government employers. Women used this amendment to file civil suits against correctional managers who would not hire them to work as officers in male prisons. As a result, women are no longer limited to supervising women inmates. At the state level, Thirty years of experience have found that male concerns

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about the unsuitability of women to be C. Shawver and Dickover and Rowan reported that female officers are assaulted significantly less often than male officers and there is no relationship between the percentage of women officers and the number of assaults against male staff. Simon and Simon found that female C. Jurik and Halemba found one significant difference between male and female officer perceptions of the job. The men wanted more discretion. The women wanted more structure. Both male and female C. Fry and Glasner found that female officers were more negative in their evaluation of inmate services. However, male officer hostility to the hiring of female C. Their appearance, demeanor, behavior, performance, and mistakes receive a disproportionate amount of attention Zimmer. In addition, male supervisors often assign female C. The decision to recruit minority officers through aggressive affirmative action programs was met with fierce resistance by white officers. Racism was prevalent and many white officers believed that nonwhite, urban C. The fear that minority officers would "go easy" on inmates has not been validated by research. Klofas and Toch found that minority C. By the end of , the percentage of minority hires in state departments of corrections was However, racism remains a powerful factor in corrections. Philliber notes the tendency of African American C. Correctional officer stress A number of studies have documented that C. There are numerous stressors in the C. They live by a macho code that requires them to be rugged individualists who can be counted upon to do their duty regardless of circumstances.

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For the first time, inmates from Prison No. More than 50 people detained at Prison No. If I do not vote, someone else might do it for me and I do not want it. Ruslan was sentenced five years ago. At that time, he was a drug user. He managed to escape his addiction and has been volunteering for the last two years, trying to convince other inmates to give up drugs. He comes with advice, speaks to them through personal examples, and encourages them to fight with their addictions. And because he started enjoying helping his fellows, Ruslan is involved in other activities as well. He participated with much interest in the information workshop and even offered to play the role of an electoral officer during the simulation of the voting process. Ruslan has still to serve two and a half years in prison. However, according to penitentiary employees, Ruslan is likely to be released on parole. So, Ruslan hopes that he will vote at the polling station near his home in the parliamentary elections. Another inmate, Andrei, who has still to serve ten years in prison, will exercise his right to vote in the penitentiary. Andrei is interested in the electoral process and political life in the country. He knew that the electoral system had changed, but he did not understand how the mandates of Members of Parliament are distributed on the uninominal constituencies. Such an activity is organized for the first time. You should know that here, in the prison, on the elections day, we are being explained the procedures and the documents that we need to have to vote. He is convinced that participation and involvement can make the future better: I even participated here in the penitentiary. Voting is very important. I believe that even in prison I can change something by my vote and by my attitude. For example, if you do not want corruption in the country, you must be the one who does not offer bribe. Always around the election period, I talk about this with family, friends. The simulation of the voting process generated the greatest interest of the participants. Thus, the inmates played the roles of members of the Electoral Bureau of the polling station with the mobile ballot box, operators checking the data in the identity cards, observers and voters. At the end, the situations were discussed and deciphered by the CEC team. In the end, we have seen that the inmates are active, trained citizens who want to know more about the elections and what is happening on the elections day. The inmates from the Republic of Moldova participate in elections with the help of mobile ballot boxes. During voting, the prison administration provides them with the identity card kept in the personal file. Their vote, as of all citizens of the Republic of Moldova, is secret. More than people are detained in Prison No. For more information, please contact: Eva Bounegru, Project Manager, eva.