

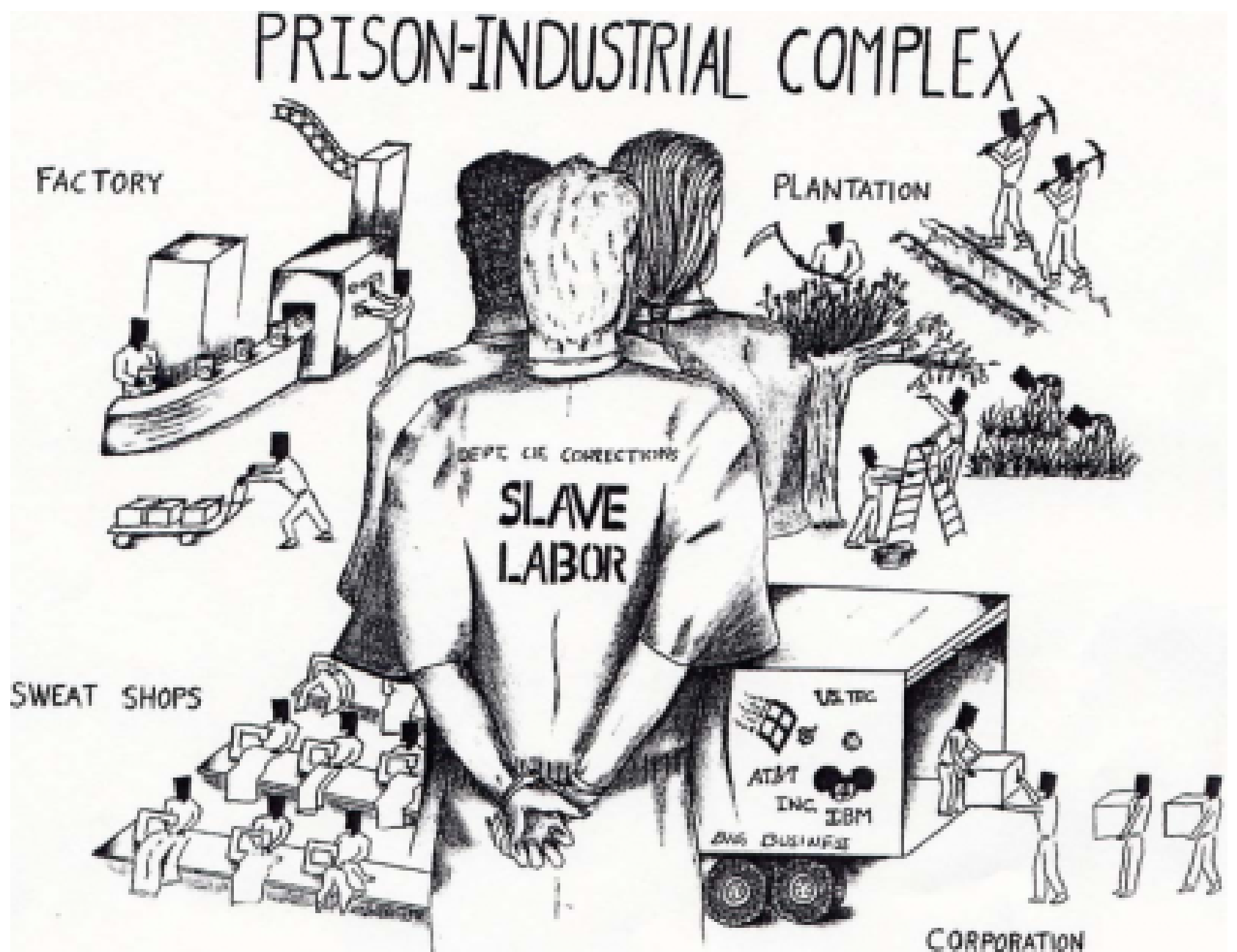
GEORGIA PRISON INDUSTRIES

WHAT IS A PRISON INDUSTRY?

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The term Prison industry refers to industries inside the prison that use inmate labor to provide goods for the outside world. These goods include; furniture, eye glasses, road paint, road signs, bedding, and much more.

Established in 1960, the Georgia Correctional Industries gave state inmates hands on job experience to “reduce offender recidivism.” The G.C.I. is “Committed to developing offenders' jobs skills needed for successful reentry into society.”

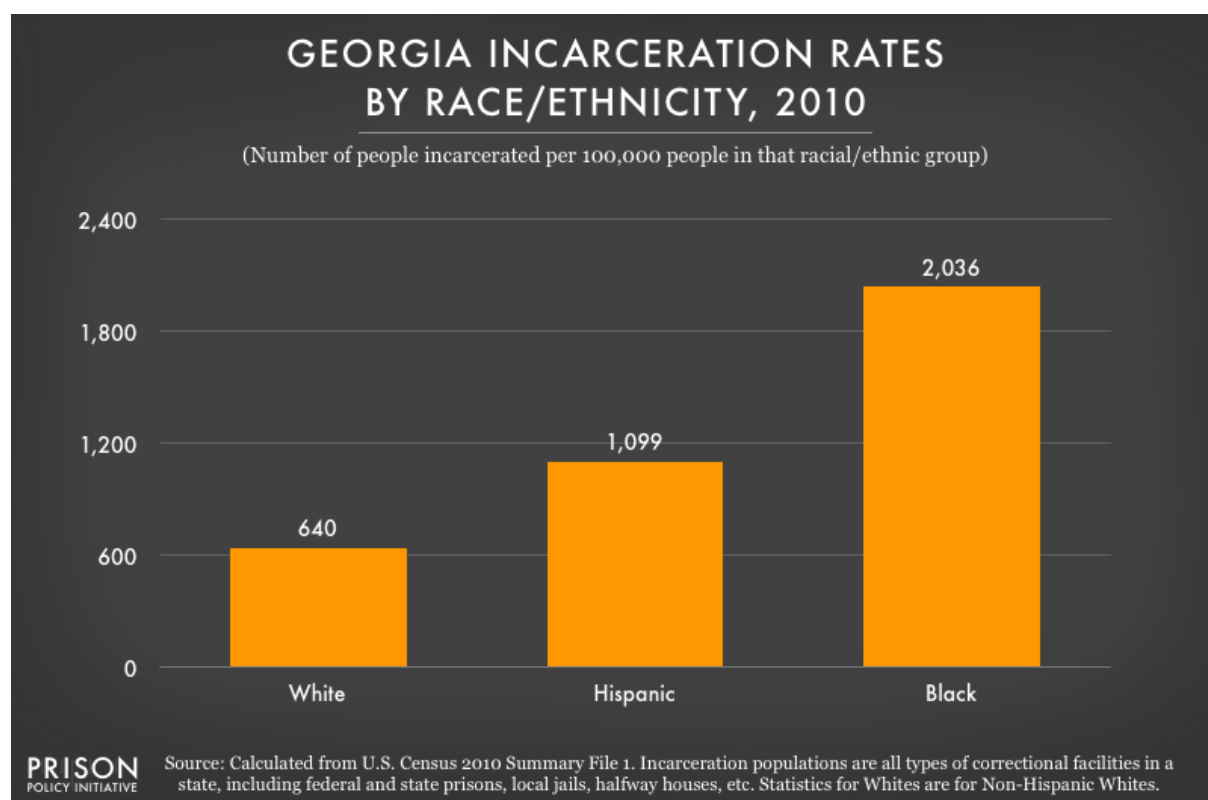


MODERN DAY SLAVERY?

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In the state of Georgia, Inmates who work for non-industry jobs and inmates who work for industry jobs do not have to receive by law, a single penny therefore, Georgia offenders do not get paid for their labor.

In several researches, I have found that prisoners in Georgia prisons do not have an option as to whether they want to work or not but are rather forced to work. There is also a shocking number when you look at offenders by race in the state of Georgia as African Americans and hispanics are somewhat targeted. The amount of hispanics in prisons are two times more than white ,and having African Americans quadruple that number of white offenders as is shown in the graph.



FORM OF REHABILITATION?

As it was stated earlier, Georgia Correctional Industries is committed to "developing offenders' jobs skills needed for successful reentry into society." This statement is

something that has to be considered as currently the state of Georgia has by far the highest number of people under correctional supervision in the United states. Another aspect that needs to be considered as well is the recidivism rate. The recidivism rate is the tendency of a convicted criminal to reoffend. Currently in the state of Georgia, the recidivism rate is close to 50 percent, so is the prison industry really a form of rehabilitation?

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