Privatized Prisons & Their Impact on Social Services for Low-Income Black Women
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Research Question
How does the increased ideology of privatized prisons in America post-1960 adversely affect social services for low-income Black women?

Methodology
- Contemporary forms of media and scholarly research
- Government documents with specific statistics and reports
- Conducting focus groups along with individual interviews with chosen participants

Anticipated Results
- Prisons are responsible for providing social services that would otherwise be provided by the government.
- As they increasingly become privatized, profit becomes the main concern and many social services get their funding cut.
- As focus groups and interviews are conducted, there will be more detailed information on what specific social services are affected.

Historical Background
- Shift in American policies & economics; Global capitalism erupts
- Increased poverty within low-income Black communities
- Black communities weary of waiting for government intervention; Increased protests
- Increased perception of “Black criminality” influences the government to create crime control laws
- Crime control leads to more arrests and overcrowded prisons; Increased privatization of prisons
- As prisons are increasingly privatized, focus becomes profit instead of ensuring prisons have adequate social services
- Mainstream focus has been how this impacts Black men; False perception that Black women are unaffected

Conclusions
- Inside and outside of prisons, it’s increasingly becoming difficult for low-income Black women to obtain sufficient social services.
- Profit has become the goal of privatized prisons and the well-being of citizens is not being addressed.
- If this problem persists without intervention, the outcomes will continue to be negative.
- Access to social services is necessary to live an efficient life.
- Rehabilitation needs to become the goal, not punishment.
- Sacrifices on behalf of the individuals within and outside of prisons shouldn’t be the first to go when reforming prison policies.

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