

“Stamped from the beginning”

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Story of Kalief Browder



- Charged with stealing a backpack
- Bail amount = \$10,000
- His family was unable to raise the money, so he was sent to Rikers Island.
- He was imprisoned for the next three years

Be Labelled “Criminal” and Go Home, or Face 15 Years in Jail



- Couldn't afford an attorney
- Spent 33 months in Rikers island
- Offered a plea deal

Tortured For Over Two Years of Isolation



- Prisoners are held in a featureless cell
- 23 out of 24 hours each day
- A Punishment Feared by All Prisoners
- The Stanford Prison Experiment showed that psychologically healthy individuals could become sadistic when placed in a prison-like environment.

A Future Down the Drain



- A criminal record can alter the entire course of a person's life

How is 15 years an “appropriate” punishment to threaten a teenager with for the theft of a forty dollar backpack?



God's Mercy and Applying the Hudud Punishments

- “Ward off the hudud as much as you all can, and if you find a way out for the person, then let them go. For it is better for the authority to err in mercy than to err in punishment.” (Early Muslim scholars)
- “Whoever does not show mercy will not be shown mercy” (Prophet Muhammad ﷺ)

*In accordance with a
proclamation from the
executive of the United States,
all slaves are free...*

JUNETEENTH

June 19, 1865 - Galveston, Texas

are free



The Great Slavery Loophole

Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

Thirteenth Amendment
US Constitution
Section 1



Weekend Prison Passes

Dukakis On Crime

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WHY MAKE THE PROPHET ﷺ WAIT FOR A LENGTHY PERIOD AFTER THE FIRST REVELATION ?

1. Relieve the Messenger ﷺ of the fear he experienced (Ibn Hajar)

**“Your body has
a right over
you”**

Muhammad ﷺ

Compassion Fatigue:

stress resulting from helping or wanting to help people who are experiencing trauma or suffering.

No Bail, Less Hope

- About two-thirds of America's jail population — 450,000 people — are behind bars awaiting trial. And five out of six of those people are in jail because they could not afford bail**
- Many of them are in on low-level charges but with bail set**



BELIEVERS
BAIL OUT

THE BAIL PROJECT

What if they are guilty?



عَنْ مُصْعَبِ بْنِ عَمِيرٍ قَالَ كُنْتُ فِي الْأَسَارَى
يَوْمَ بَدْرٍ فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
اسْتَوْصُوا بِالْأَسَارَى خَيْرًا وَكُنْتُ فِي نَفَرٍ
مِنَ الْأَنْصَارِ وَكَانُوا إِذَا قَدَّمُوا غَدَاءَهُمْ
وَعَشَاءَهُمْ أَكَلُوا النَّمْرَ وَأَطْعَمُونِي الْخُبْزَ
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Mujahid's Story



Mujahid is not the typical Muslim convert in prison. He had to endure more hardship than usual because he crossed racial lines to convert since he is white and the prison Muslim population is predominantly black and latino. Prior to his conversion, he had been engaged in extremely nefarious activities. As a new convert, Mujahid found Tayba Foundation and persevered in his religious studies. He stayed in constant contact with Tayba's instructors and transformed completely, becoming a beautiful example of human excellence.

His before and after pictures tell a story of their own. The first is a picture of a menace to society, and the second is of a benefactor who is preparing himself to inherit his contributory role in building his community and society. This is the Tayba way.

Help ex-offender re-enter society



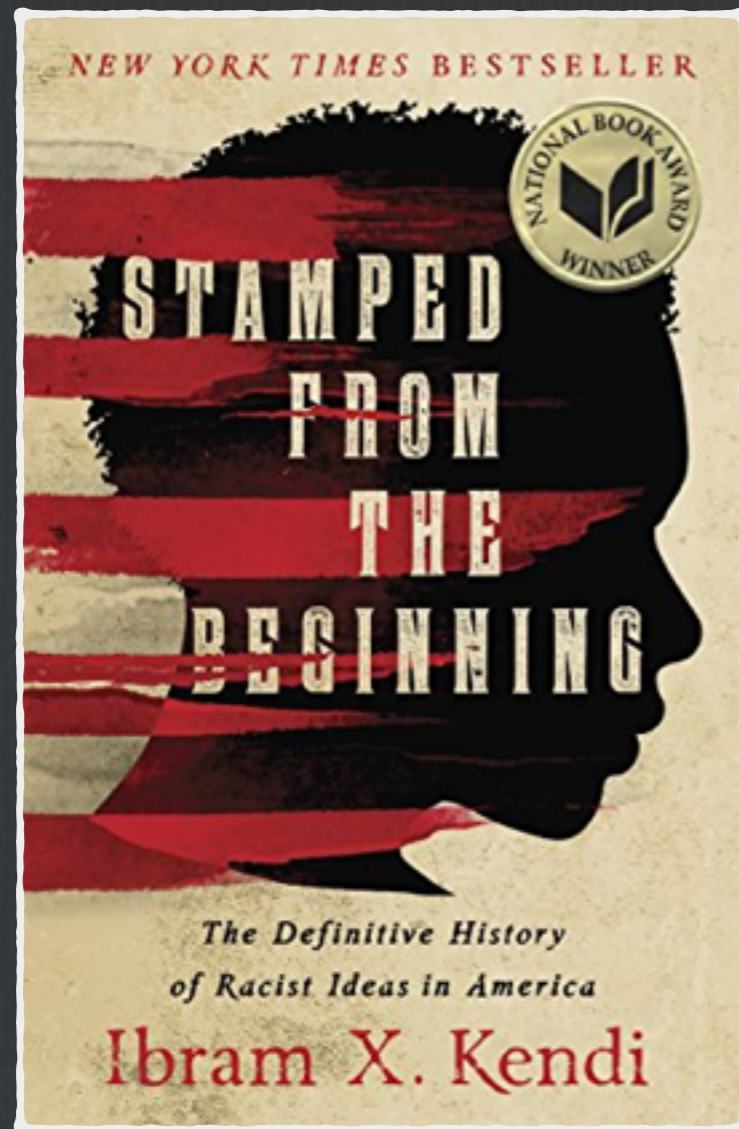




Kids for Cash



History of racist ideas in America



- Racist ideas were created and popularized in an effort to deeply defend entrenched discriminatory policies
- Popular folktale of racism: Ignorant people produce racist ideas
- Reality: Racial discrimination → racists ideas
- Powerful and intelligent men and women have produced racist ideas

A historian's solution

- “An anti-racist America can only be guaranteed if principled anti-racists are in power, and anti-racist policies become the law of the land.” Ibram X. Kendi**

Solution from John Pfaff, Law Professor at Fordham University

- Work on one cause that you are the most passionate about that the criminal justice system is doing wrong**