

Stop Locking People in Cages!

So, the good news from this week is that immigrant families are not being kidnapped, separated, and thrown in cages anymore. They're just being kidnapped and thrown in cages. But together, so that's an improvement, I guess. The ludicrous nature of what passes for progress in a fascistic society is on display once again as we're supposed to consider it a victory that peaceful people now get to go to the gulag as a family unit. Color me unimpressed.

It's not just immigrants, of course. The U.S. has the highest incarceration rate in the world and the highest total number of incarcerated people in the world thanks primarily to a century of drug prohibition and an overcriminalization problem that is older than the country itself. Families are ripped apart every day, as peaceful people are hauled off to languish in cages—not for harming anyone, mind you—but merely for making victimless choices which go against the preferences of politicians, bureaucrats, and judges.

The problem is simple and the solution even more so: STOP LOCKING PEOPLE IN CAGES! How difficult was that, really? While I advocate the universal application of this solution, can we at least start by applying it to the millions of individuals whose so-called “crimes” are entirely victimless? Traveling without government permission is a great example. (Am I talking about immigration or driving without a license? Both, you statist twat!) So is growing, selling, or using a banned plant (or any other good or substance which happens to be banned.)

It is entirely intolerable to deprive individuals of their freedom and to break up families because someone engaged in a victimless choice, and if you are more interested in defending “the law” than in defending freedom, you are on the wrong side of history, of decency, and of humanity.