

The Vision for Justice campaign, launched in 2020 as a partnership between The Leadership Conference Education Fund, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, and Civil Rights Corps, serves as a north star in the movement to transform the criminal-legal system and reimagine public safety in America.

The campaign's policy platform has been endorsed by 117 civil and human rights and social justice organizations. Over the past two years, the campaign has built a community — of advocates, grassroots activists, policymakers, business leaders, educators, artists, athletes, and people eager to make a difference — that amplifies the urgent need for a new paradigm of public safety that keeps all communities truly safe.



As part of the **Vision for Justice** campaign, we launched **Vote for Justice** — a digital organizing campaign to build a diverse and engaged community of voters who understand the connection between justice, voting, and other acts of civic participation. Through the campaign, we are educating our communities about the roles of public officials in making policies that impact our criminal-legal system and about the importance of voting to usher in a new vision for justice. When we vote, and when we are empowered with knowledge about key officials in the criminal-legal system and how the system operates, we can begin to reimagine a nation that honors the rights, dignity, and humanity of all people.

For democracy to work for us all, it must include us all. Together, we can learn more about how to address and explore a broad range of issues beginning with policing, pretrial justice, marijuana policy, school funding, environmental threats, sentencing, voter re-enfranchisement, and investments in communities and non-carceral approaches to preventing and addressing harm and violence.

Facts to know:

- The United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world, with more than two million people behind bars. The country spends more than \$180 billion annually to incarcerate people.
- The United States leads the world in imprisoning or supervising more than 6.6 million people.
- Every night, nearly half a million people sit in jail not because they have been convicted of a crime, but because they are detained pretrial — and often cannot afford money bail.
- Today, one in 28 children has an incarcerated parent; more than one-fifth of these children are under age four.
- The United States spends billions on jails and prisons, including \$38 million every day to detain people who are simply awaiting trial.
- Communities and people of color, who also experience poverty at higher rates, make up the majority of those incarcerated, with Black people making up 40 percent of people in prisons and jails.