

Cheat sheet/fact sheet for 2.18 videos first

Theme: Does the Media tell the whole story?

The thing that connects New Jim Crow, and Henrietta Lacks is that these stories rely on an outside person to tell the story and the media to pick up on it. These are two stories/facts that were known but not well publicised. The Lincoln Lawyer is told from the criminal defense lawyer who brings a different view of the judicial system than we are normally shown (aka not police or prosecutors). Our patrons often don't feel that their story is being heard or that people outside of the system understand what they are going through, essentially they have to rely on someone else to make it matter to other people.

**Question of the day:** What story/fact do you wish the media would tell about about the judicial system or incarceration?

Lesson plan

- What did you read this week catch-up.
- Any remaining questions/thoughts from NJC?
- Malawi Prisoner's Grammy Article and video  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lS5mwymTIJU>
- John Oliver Video on bail <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lS5mwymTIJU>
- Edited article **The Too-Many Prisoners Dilemma**
- A&E Article/HONY

Questions about the Media Portrayal

- 1.) Sonia Sotomayor (Supreme Court Justice) can recall watching Perry Mason (old lawyer tv show) where the DA who lost every week said he was proud of doing the right thing when the guilty were convicted and the innocent set free. How does that differ from the media now.
- 2.) Law and Order starts out with "In the Criminal Justice System the people are represented by two separate, yet equally important groups. The police who investigate crime and the District Attorneys who prosecute the offenders. These are their stories." Where are the stories from the defense side and the people who may be innocent but prosecuted? (on Law and Order they always arrest the wrong person first)
- 3.) When the NYTimes recently did an article about Miles Hodges coming to AMKC, "The inmates at Rikers Island were slumped in plastic chairs, their expressions suggesting boredom and doubt. They had been pried from their favorite television shows to attend — of all things — a poetry reading. Some nice people from the public library, they were told." and " The inmates instead wanted to watch their favorite television shows, like "Judge Judy" and "Maury," she said."
  - a.) First off it is dismissive of the work that our department does. And it is dismissive of the effort that you bring to our classes and programs.

- b.) How do you feel about this statement? In our classes we have actively engaged members who come to class consistently.
- c.) Is the reporting lazy or biased? or both?
- d.) Is it better to have the story told badly or not at all?

4.) Are there only feel good stories or sensationalized stories told about about the Justice System and incarceration?

### Humans of New York

Humans of New York began in the summer of 2010. I thought it would be really cool to create an exhaustive catalogue of New York City's inhabitants, so I set out to photograph 10,000 New Yorkers and plot their photos on a map. I worked for several months with this goal in mind, but somewhere along the way, HONY began to take on a much different character. I started collecting quotes and short stories from the people I met, and began including these snippets alongside the photographs. Taken together, these portraits and captions became the subject of a vibrant blog. With over eight million followers on social media, HONY now provides a worldwide audience with daily glimpses into the lives of strangers in New York City. It has also become a #1 NYT bestseller book.