The School to Prison Pipeline & School Violence

Reconsidering Hypercriminalization in Intervention & Prevention

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Overview

- What is the School to Prison Pipeline?

- Defining Race/Racism-School Justice Index?

- Redefining public safety.

- Reconsidering prevention and intervention.
School to Prison Pipeline

- Referral to Juvenile or Adult Court
- Juvenile Detention or Secure Commitment
- Adult Prison

SCHOOLS
School to Prison Pipeline

SCHOOLS
- Suspension & Expulsion
- Dropping Out
- Perception of Justice
- Juvenile Detention or Secure Commitment
- Adult Prison
A Racial Project is...

Racial project is *simultaneously an interpretation, representation, or explanation of racial dynamics, and an effort to reorganize and redistribute resources along particular racial lines*. Racial projects connect what race means in a particular discursive practice and the ways in which both social structures and everyday experiences are racially organized, based upon that meaning.

—Omi and Winant (1994, p. 56)
What is Race?

• Is race an essence or an illusion?

• Race as an Essential: “as something fixed, concrete, and objective”.

• Race as an Illusion: “a purely ideological construct which some ideal non-racist social order would eliminate”.
“an unstable and ‘decentered’ complex of social meanings constantly being transformed by political struggle...race is a concept which signifies and symbolizes social conflicts and interests by referring to different types of human bodies.“

–Omi and Winant (1994, p. 55)
Racism without Racists

- CLAIM: ...This ideology (color blind racism), which acquired cohesiveness and dominance in the late 1960s, explains contemporary racial inequality as the outcome of nonracial dynamics...
How does Racism affect School Violence?
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A QUALITY EDUCATION,
A DECENT JOB, A FAIR SHAKE

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School Justice Index

- Education Gap
  - Access to GT
  - Testing GAP
- Discipline Gap
  - Presence of Resource Officers
  - ISS/Suspensions
  - Juvenile justice referrals
School to Prison Pipeline

• Criminalizing our youth.

• Diverting youth from schools to criminal justice system.

• Causing poor educational outcomes
  • poor testing
  • grade retention
  • dropping out
School Violence v. Public Safety