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In my opinion, I think that the Criminal Justice System in the United States perpetuates racial divisions and inequalities, with people from minority groups representing a majority of the prison population based on race. Social disadvantages, including poverty, lack of education, and living in violent societies. Data shows that black males have a lower probability of getting employment after being incarcerated compared to white males serving an equal sentence. This is prove that people of color are associated with crime (Virginia 3). These perceptions have been in the American criminal justice system for centuries and continue to exist today, which has resulted in inequality based on racial differences.

I think that there should be safe spaces where people with minor offenses can operate safely without the interference of police officers. People with open warrants following failure to pay fines and make court appearances should be allowed to work safely in places like daycares and hospitals among other work places (Virginia 2). Safe spaces play an essential role in ensuring that this population is not socially mistreated or denied their freedoms and civil rights.

One aspect of prison that I think is a myth is that the probability of an offender going back to prison increases with the magnitude of crime committed. I think that few states allow inmates to have conjugal visits because they can enhance the spread of sexually transmitted infections, can

promote introduction of contraband, and can be used as a means of providing inmates with unnecessary information. I think that it is advisable to allow conjugal visits for some inmates to curb the challenge of homosexuality. These visits can also be used to help inmates release tension and promote their well-being.

To ensure that research findings are not misinterpreted, it is imperative for researchers to employ effective research practices by avoiding research diversification, which leads to the establishment of areas of dispute (Jeffrey 1). They should also ensure that there is accountability and research integrity to avoid federal intervention and misinterpretation.

Criminal justice practitioners can avoid the impacts prison myths and world views by ensuring that justice is served based on the implemented laws (Alice 2). Additionally, justice should not be served based on racial backgrounds, but rather based on the crime committed.

Question: What approaches can the state and federal governments employ to enhance effective, efficient, and equal service delivery in the Criminal Justice System?

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