

# EDUCATION NOT INCARCERATION!

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- SPENDS \$7.5 billion more plus another \$7 billion in interest to build 50,000+ new prison and jail cells, (AB900).
- 250,000 students to be denied access to community college.
- Since 1980 California K-12 per student spending dropped \$1000 below the national average, while we've built 23 new prisons.
- The rise in higher education fees and the huge dip in California's K-12 public school per-pupil spending, 1980 - present, corresponds directly to the dramatic rise in the prison population in the same time period.
- In communities of color, more men enter prison each year than enter four-year universities.

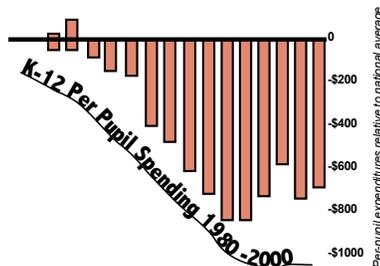
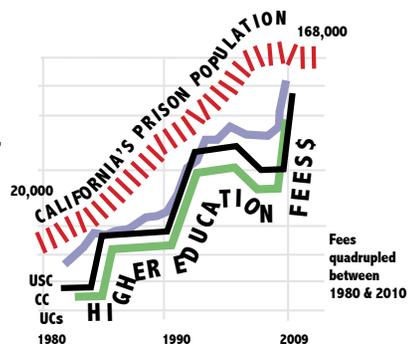
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Experts agree that reducing the prison population by 44,000, as ordered by the federal court, will not threaten public safety. Fear-mongering politicians and law enforcement officials who claim otherwise are motivated to advance their own political and financial self-interest.

It's time to get smart with taxpayer money.  
We must invest in education, not incarceration.



**CURB is a broad based coalition of over 40 organizations seeking to CURB prison spending by reducing the number of people in prison and the number of prisons in the state. We are working to stop prison construction, reduce the number of people in prison, and reinvest our money in communities so we get the education, health care, & jobs that we need. Join Us!**

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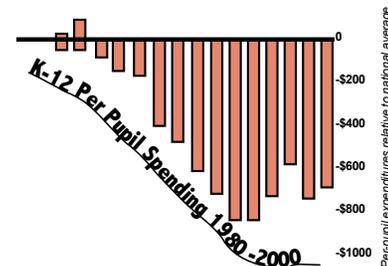
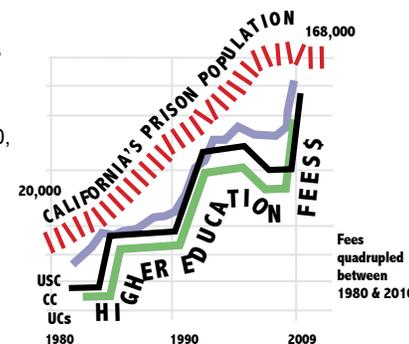
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