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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Thing.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: and we will go ahead and get started.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Well, we are really honored to join you all today to highlight these critical human rights abuses experienced by women in the Us.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: My name is Denise Lab, or 2 of women Lead network and Faculty at the California State University, Northridge, in the Criminology and Justice Studies Department. I'm. Joined by my Women lead Network colleagues, Kimberly Wong who's going to help us to understand the impact of Trauma and Abby seems, who's going to help us on the back end in terms of technology, keeping our community safe and engaged here today.

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We also want to acknowledge the work of our other colleague, Leona Smith de Faustino, who helped to pull all of this together, but was unable to attend the event. Today

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Women lead network is a collective of women who work to ensure that women's needs are centered in discussions about the world's problems, and that they're engaged as leaders in solutions to those problems.

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This includes all who identify as women as well as fem gender, non-binary, and other birthing folks

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: We also want to acknowledge that we're not the first women to work towards increasing women's power, and stand with other women who's come, who've come before us, who stand alongside us and will create a future where women around the world enjoy human dignity and freedoms.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Finally, we want to recognize that we've built our lives and homes on the unseeded territory of indigenous Californians, and acknowledged their elders past, present, and emerging, recognizing that the first people of the land are still here, and we are committed to lifting up their stories, culture, and community

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Today, in addition to being joined by my colleagues, Kimberly and Abbey, will also connect to the work of my students at the California State University, Northridge, in the Department of Criminology and Justice, studies human Rights, Crime and Justice Course.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: who've been engaged in deep learning and advocacy, work on the issues we'll discuss today.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: and we'll also hear from Diana Block representing the California Coalition of women prisoners who have been leaders in raising these issues long before our time Here today, we acknowledge and appreciate the leadership and advocacy of women prisoners themselves, who have worked tirelessly to ensure that we're all aware of the experiences of their sisters.

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We're here today to both provide a platform for these issues to be raised in UN forums and to recognize the work that they've been doing thus far.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: So i'm going to take a few minutes to just give us an overview of really the topics that we're going to touch on today.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Although decreasing in size during the pandemic, the Us. Still has the largest cultures carceral system in the world. According to their own data, the us incarcerates more than 1.2 million people.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: not including those in immigration, juvenile and pretrial detention, which would push the carceral population to significantly over 2 million.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Well, only 10% of the prison population are women. Their incarceration rates have increased 2 to 4 times faster than their male counterparts. Over the last 3 to 4 decades due to Jen, to due to the gendered effects of carceral schemes like the War on drugs.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: mandatory arrest, policies for domestic violence and the criminalization of sex work.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Parallel to this landscape is the dwindling access to bodily autonomy for women fem identified and gender non-binary folks.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: while the criminalization of abortion in a post. Rose Society and the criminalization of gender-affirming care are 2 examples: Access to bodily Autonomy has been precarious for many American women for decades

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: reproductive justice advocates have raised the red flag long before Rowe became law in 1,972, and have noted that while Rowe, a critical tool to provide important access to reproductive care. It still had significant gaps that prevented women across a cross-section of vulnerability

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: from accessing true, reproductive freedom. Most specifically poor women, women of color, trans women and other birthing people, incarcerated women, undocumented women, disabled women, and the list goes on.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: This is why we're raising these issues here today on a platform that looks at the implications of human rights, abuses on women, and strives to intervene in and rectify the devastating impacts.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Recently I was asked what was meant by the term criminalization of gender that we use in the title of this event. That's an excellent question, and I thought it might be a good place for us to start our discussion today.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Criminalization is the process that society uses to determine criminality, or what and who should be punished by the State, meaning the government.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Criminalizing gender means that criminality or punishment is distributed along gender lines. For example. if we look at the increased criminalization of abortion at the State level. Since row versus weight has been overturned, those who will be and are disproportionately impacted are women and other folks who can get pregnant.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Another example is the impact of the so-called war on drugs.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: While it's been framed as a neutral policy, it has had a disproportionate impact on low income women and women of color.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: It's also important to recognize that the existing focus on sex work as a crime has a disproportionate impact on women, including trans women.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: The phrase criminalizing gender shines a light on the usually invisible experiences of women in the criminal legal system. Criminalizing can also describe the ways in which specific punishments get connected to certain types of crimes

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: or types of prisoners. The issues will be raising today. Fit into both of these categories. First we'll be highlighting the human rights abuses experienced by incarcerated women and other birthing people

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: who have been subject to sterilization procedures without their full consent. Many have gone to prison medical personnel with complaints ranging from period cramping to between period bleeding and emerge from medical having been completely sterilized without consenting to the procedure

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: when justifying these procedures, egregious excuses were given that it would quote save taxpayers money, since these women would likely end up incarcerated again, or on public benefits.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: This would be considered a way that a specific punishment might be targeted at women.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Let's not forget that because the carceral system is also racialized and classed that these women are disproportionately women of color

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: and poor women.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: The Us. Played an integral role in the development of the UN. Rules for the treatment of prisoners and their 2,015 revisions, the Mandela rules. And yet, as we've just noted, incarcerated women are subjected to medical procedures that were unnecessary and unconsented to

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: the UN Committee on against Torture has acknowledged denying abortion. Care can result in quote physical and mental suffering so severe and pain and intensity as to amount to torture, and the same can be said of non consensual sterilization.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Additionally. the Us. Has an obligation under the United Nations rules for the treatment of women prisoners, and non custodial measures for women offenders, or the Bangkok rules

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: to ensure that incarcerated women are treated humanely and are provided appropriate health care which includes the same standard of care available to women on the outside.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Informed consent, is key to the appropriate provision of health care, and is a standard of care that prisoners Ha! That prisons have failed to provide many incarcerated women.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: The second issue that we're looking at today is what we might call criminalized survivorship for survivors of gender-based violence. domestic violence, survivors sexual assault survivors. Human trafficking survivors are often prosecuted for fighting back or what we more appropriately call

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: resistive violence. Their sentences tend to be much more significant than the sentences received by those who are abusive or who are traffickers

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: also. These survivors may be charged and prosecuted for crimes, like defending their children.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: taking their children when they leave an abuser engaging in sex work to support themselves. So they don't have to return to an abuser, and of course, a variety of immigration violations due to the inhumane crossover between immigration and the criminal legal system. In the Us.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Because of the gender nature of these types of victimization, this impacts disproportionately Women, both Cis and trans

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: international customary law, lays out the reality faced by survivors of gender-based violence, and recognizes that this is a global issue that is being addressed around the world. The us has regularly implemented laws that recognize and criminalize a variety of forms of gender-based violence, including the violence against Women Act.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: but continue to fail to meet their obligations in protecting women from these harms.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Additionally, while the Us. Is not

ratified. The convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women, or C. Da. Which explicitly requires states to protect women from gender based violence. It is a signatory obliging it to act in good faith towards Cdos ratification.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: and to follow its guidance until that ratification is secured. If the United States met its obligation to protect all women from gender based violence, these survivors would not need to engage in the actions that resulted in their incarceration.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Additionally, the first rule under the United Nations rules for the treatment of women prisoners and non custodial measures for women offenders is to keep women out of prison.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: including eliminating pretrial detention and increasing the use of post-conviction. Sentencing schemes that are gender-sensitive if the Us. Were meeting its human rights obligations survivors of gender-based violence would never be incarcerated.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: We'll hear today from students at California, State University, northridges, Criminology and justice studies, department human rights crime and justice class who've been studying these issues and will share their findings related to the Us. Human rights obligations in addressing and preventing the topics I've just mentioned.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: We'll also hear from folks who are doing the heavy lifting of abolition and working to protect their sisters human rights.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Diana Block, from the California coalition of women Prisoners will share the work of those directly impacted by these abuses and their programs to resist the ever increasing impact of the prison industrial, complex on women.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: while women's, resistance movements have been an equitizing factor in gains made for women in the Us. We also recognize that we cannot fully engage in a true discussion and advocacy for women without also

understanding the impact. The impact of trauma, both interpersonally and systemically

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: on an interpersonal level trauma from gender-based violence, including that violence perpetrated by the State.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: can impact the way that women respond to incidents of abuse and affect their self-perception

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: at a systemic level, living with sexism, racism, homophobia and misogyny, and with carceral settings can have an insidious effect on Women's lived experiences and worldview compounding their reactions to interpersonal Trauma

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Kimberly Wong and Kimberly wong Lcsw. An expert in trauma resilience will help us to understand the impacts of trauma on women who experience gender based violence, including carceral violence.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Finally, we'll give you an opportunity to develop your own understanding of the problem, and to engage as an accomplice in dismantling the systems that have caused these abuses during a community conversation, where we can share ideas and ask questions, to develop our own plan of action. To address these harms

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again, we thank you for joining us and look forward to our shared learning and advocacy.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Now i'd like to hand it over to Kimberly Wong to help us contextualize today's topics within women's experiences with trauma. Kimberly, Wong Lcsw. Dcsw. Received her master in social welfare from UCLA in 1,993,

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: and has over 3 decades of experience, both in community social work and in private practice. She specializes in trauma with extensive experience, working with survivors of sexual and domestic violence.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Her expertise includes addiction relationships, and Lgbtq affirmative psychotherapy.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Ms. Wang uses a cultural, multicultural feminist and empowerment based approach that fosters independence and resilience and brings a deep understanding of how layers of culture and society shape Individuals

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: she's certified by the Trauma Resource Institute as a trauma, resiliency, model practitioner and facilitator as well as the community resiliency model teacher.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: For several years Ms. Wong has actively contributed to the tri community in their equity, diversity, and Inclusion Committee, where she highlights an intersectional approach of diversity related to Lgbtq. Ethnicity and gender

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: committed to community social work. Ms. Wong worked with the La Commission on Assaults against women. Now peace over violence as a volunteer, then as director of counseling at Aids health care foundation. In the early 19 nineties she worked with people living with 8, with HIV and aids as a clinical social worker and director of social services.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Ms. Wong has served as a clinical supervisor for multiple community organizations, including peace over violence. The La Gay and Lesbian Center, now the La LGBT Center and the Asian American Drug Abuse program. As a member of the La County Domestic Violence Councils LGBT Issues Committee.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: she contributed to an LGBT. Dv. Resource Guide. She also contributed to medical protocols for survivors. A leader among her peers. Ms. Wong is a current Board member of the Glendale Area Mental Health Professionals Association, and has served as a coordinator of the Pasadena California Society of Clinical Social Work.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: She is taught in the Msw. Program at Cal State Northridge, and is trained counseling techniques, utilizing art, a meditation in therapy trauma, and multicultural issues, and maintains a private practice in South Pasadena for more than 20 years now.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Thank you, Kimberly, for joining us, and i'm gonna hand it over to you.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): All right, Thank you. I'm very excited to be here today. I have prepared my introduction, so I actually don't need to do it now, now that i'm Denise had done it for me. So today I will be talking about trauma broadly, rather than from a clinical rather than from the clinical perspective of post-mac stress disorder.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): I'm also will be speaking from a trauma-informed and resiliency-informed perspective. And I think that this is really important

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): so the there. So there is a perspective shift. It's a conventional perspective is which fits within the cartial system is that people are bad.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): and they need to be punished. So that's the conventional perspective. And in addition to that idea.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): It the questions ask what's wrong with you, and that's conventional

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): trauma-informed perspective however, is it acknowledges that there's lots of things that happen and that people are suffering, and that there's an and need compassion and empathy. And there's an understanding that trauma has an impact on a person's development.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): and that in addition to, there's an understanding

that there's survival responses that are biologically based. So the focus of biology is a shift to noticing biology versus the conventional perspective of mental week. That's what's wrong with you, conventional.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): And so this is important because it shifts that it shifts that conventional judgment

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): and acknowledges that everybody has a nervous system, and that we often will respond from a survival perspective, and that survival perspective is protective. And so the actions and things that

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): that

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): people do as in in a way, as a reaction to trauma is often protective.

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So the question is with trauma informed, is, what happened to you, Not what's wrong with you.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): So, taking it to the next level, resiliency informed, is also acknowledging that people are resilient.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): and so it's the it's looking at what is right with you, and what are your strengths in spite of? In addition to acknowledging that things people are suffering and things are happening in the world.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): Now resiliency is often it can be complicated, because in

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): it has been used negatively in the sense that perhaps withholding and of services by using the term like. Oh, well, they're resilient, so they don't need services, and that's not what i'm talking about.

Resiliency is looking at that embodied well, being

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): having compassion and empathy. acknowledging individual and collective strengths in addition to acknowledging individual and collective suffering.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): And there's optimism, hope, and flexibility as well as a solution focused.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): So I just wanted to give you a brief sense of resiliency from my perspective from this perspective of the Trauma Resource Institute.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): So the impact of trauma impacts people in so many different levels, and we know that there is a common common reactions that affect a person's mind.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): body, and spirit.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): It affects us on all levels several levels, including physically, emotionally, it affects our thoughts, and how we think

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): it affects our behaviors.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): relationships, and her sense of spirituality. So, for example, physically.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): when somebody's experienced stress and trauma, it can impact their sleep either too much or too little.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): People can be not. And so you disconnect and phone, be numb from the body. heartbeats heart racing. And this is what engages.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): I'm not really going to talk about it. But the autonomic nervous system, which is basically a part of the nervous system that responds automatically without conscious thoughts. And it also engages oftentimes in our survival responses when we are experiencing a threat that the things that engage in our body

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): biologically for can be like increased heart rate and mobilizing of a large muscle. Groups

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so emotionally people experience, fear and anxiety.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): anger.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): rage, depression, shaming, guilt.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): in terms of thoughts, people can often become forgetful, and we know that when people experience trauma that it kind of trauma memories can, are included slightly differently than regular, non stressful memories. And so this is where there could be some forget from this

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): or lack of memory.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): It also from our thinking perspective. It affects thoughts and negative negative thoughts about self, distorted thoughts.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): nightmares, dissociation, meaning like not being in the present moment, and disconnecting from yourself in terms of how it affects us in with behaviors. People isolate

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): anger out, first. self injury.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): addiction, and Denise mentioned earlier. You know the criminalization of drugs, and so like. If they're subject to addiction, sometimes can, people will end up in the in carsel system, and also, if there's anger, outbursts, and violence, then that can also lead to incarceration.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): So this also leads to

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): stressing relationships, impacting relationships through withdrawal or anger outbursts.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): And then from a spiritual the impact of spiritually is that people can lose hope. or there can be changes in faith, either a loss of the faith

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): or the gain in a fe.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): So again shifting to resilience, he informed that we often do not talk about resilience and growth reactions, things that come out of it, and I do never have been a believer like. I do not believe that things happen for a reason. That's my personal belief. I think

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): life has lots of challenges. Things happen in life. And what can also happen out of trauma is that people can grow. And then there's some growth reactions.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): And, for example, people

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): coming out of trauma can perhaps connect to

strength and courage of their own gain, hope.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): compassion, and self for others. This could lead people to advocacy. and many advocates, not all. But many advocates become advocates out of trauma.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): And again, that the we're not speaking about that's necessarily everyone. And we are having, as Denis mentioned, someone from the California coalition of women prisoners.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): which is an advocacy group that's really important.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): And then other things that can grow out of grow out of trauma is our gaining new meetings

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): now in terms of a general definition. Trauma or I like, and we often think of trauma as a big T. The big traumas

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): is that the individual's perception of an event as life threatening.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): So that's kind of like the idea of when we talk about trauma that most people think about so War

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): being a surviving act of violence.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): natural disasters.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): There is a continuum of stress, because life is

full of stressors, and I think it's important to make this distinction, that, like on one end of the spectrum, is like

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): in terms of the continuum, is positive that we, our bodies respond to moderate or mild stress. So we might have some body reactions.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): part of our nervous system, so our heartbeat might increase.

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but it kind of comes and goes, and and we can return back to balance pretty easily.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): There's tolerable moving up. There's tolerable stress

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): which is, we can engage in active re adaptive responses to something that's time limited, and our response is time limited.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): and we can often return to balance with support. be it our own supports, external supports.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): and then toxic stress, which is kind of goes along with more of the what we think of as trauma, which are intense stressors and intense body responses.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): And if this can happen, and it happens on going like in during it can

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): change or impact the way our brains function. And so I think that that's important to understand. So toxic stress and trauma is, there's different kinds of

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): toxic stress and trauma.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): There's what we would consider shock trauma, which is things that happen too fast, too much too fast. So this might be a second one time. Sexual assault, for example, or a natural disaster, something that happens too much too fast. It's a lot coming at you, and it overwhelms the system.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): There is developmental trauma

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): which could be too little for too long.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): and this this could include things like neglect, child neglect that's ongoing. So it happens over a long period of time. It's it's too little. It could also be poverty.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): racism. and this leads us to both like experiencing trauma individually and systemically or institutionally.

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There's intergenerational and historical trauma that gets passed on

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): based on like experiences and experiences of groups.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): and there can be a combination of both developmental and shock trauma.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): which is too much and too long.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): And so this is where we fall into like ongoing childhood, abuse.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): childhood, sexual abuse.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): domestic violence. And again, it could also involve intergeneration and historical traumas.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): So

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): in terms of I mentioned big Ts. There's a life there's lots of life experiences, and there's Big T's Little Ts and cumulative traumas.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): And again, perception is a key

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): and perception how per person perceives something is important, not like if something is actually a th, a threat, or life threatening. But if there is the perception of it, then that's what can result in how it impacts a person.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): So I've already mentioned things like some sexual assault, domestic violence. war.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): Denise mentioned earlier racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): anti. immigrants. perspectives. These are all can be systemic

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): as well as individual. And so, for example, an example would be with racism is a law enforcement targeting black and brown folks and other people of color.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): There's also

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): different being treated differently based on race or ethnicity by medical providers not being offered care, giving care

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): sexism. Did you mention Bottle the autonomy

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): in the Carcel system for sterilization?

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): There's also gender affirming procedures that are people might not have access to now in terms of again thinking about trauma and what it falls in. This falls in trauma.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): Medical and dental procedures can be traumatic, because if you think about it literally. It is a trauma to the body.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): medical procedures, dental procedures. And then you're adding on

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): for sterilization a medical procedure without consent.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): Something happening to a person's body without their consensus and active violence there is a lack of bodily autonomy, and so this compounds things.

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Other stressors and traumas can include

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): incarceration and and sense of safety, and being harmed by by staff and guards and other other individuals. microaggressions, Natural disasters fall in this

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): well, not fall in incarceration, I mean, it falls in like a broad view of life, experiences and traumas and stressors.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): Also, if you think about the Covid pandemic over the last 3 years, and initially the threat people felt threatened, their lives felt threatened. And and so, if that person perceived that then that you know, and it was an ongoing for a long time that that has an effect on our bodies and stressors.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): and lack of resources and options which can result in in making choices to

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): to do things that might be considered criminal like sex work.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): and then end up. A person might end up in the inc incarcerated as a result. And when somebody is just trying to survive due to poverty.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): and the last thing i'm going to talk about is survival responses and understanding the survival responses coming from the part of the survival survival brain, and that it's biological and protective.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): And again, perception of something being life threatening and safety, and the thing that's important about this is that oftentimes

our survival responses create templates for future of how to survive future stressors. And so

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): you know.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): So one of a lot of people are familiar with fight and flights, which is a survival response. And this is when the autonomic nervous system kicks in, and the survival response kicks in, and which and mobilizes your body to fight or flee. And this is when, potentially someone fights back and denies made reference to oftentimes a survivor might fight back, and then

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): criminalizing survivorship, as as she mentioned.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): There's also like, if you're a child when somebody's experienced childhood abuse sexual abuse oftentimes the perpetrator or the person inflicting abuse is larger.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): So fighting and fight or flight is oftentimes not available. An available option so freeze is a way in which someone might respond. And again, keeping in mind that these templates can be created.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): So if somebody's doesn't mean it will be. But it can be oftentimes like. If somebody's experienced abuse in childhood, maybe a freeze response will be a common response, even though they're an adult. And again.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): it's a If they're experiencing a perception of something that's life threatening or safety. They might switch to an automatic one of these automatic responses Something that is not talked about. A lot is another response which actually

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): come can come up before fight or flight is tended and befriend.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): And this is the survival response of, like the idea of safety and numbers caring for children connecting with community and trying to for survival. Right?

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): So that's like kind of tending and and befriending you. Could. There can also be the the funding of someone who's harming, because that also can increase the person survival. If you befriend and connect with the person that you might increase your survival because they can harm you, and then you might not have an ability

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): to.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): you know, fight or or flee. And again, these are often responses that

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): come up automatically, because survival responses are often often automatic.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): and I think that that is pretty much what I wanted to talk about, but keeping in mind

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): like the broad definition of trauma. And what what fits in trauma

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): and and our survival responses. I think it's important to understand the biological aspect of this and that survival responses are often automatic and unconscious, and often kind of override our thinking brains.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): So it and and that the perception of whatever is stressful or traumatic is more important than whether or not something is a threat.

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Kimberly C. Wong, LCSW (she/her): because that will inform how our person might respond.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Okay, thank you so much, Kimberly. This context is really so critical. Anytime we address human rights abuses generally, but in particular, as they relate to to women, because, as we've you know, sort of scanned the data. What we

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: understand is that in terms of the overlap of trauma and incarceration that almost more than 90% of those women who are incarcerated have experienced some form of of trauma or abuse in their in their past.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: So thank you for that context.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Okay. So I am really proud at this point to transition now to the work of the students in the at the California State University, Northridge, in the Criminology and Justice Studies department.

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I have the privilege of teaching the field experience class that focuses on human rights and the criminal justice system, and working with the students to understand and address the impacts of criminal legal systems on the lived experiences of those whose lives it affects.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Each of the students that's presenting today, but also in the class has worked to understand both the topics we're focused on today, and the potential remedies to effectively address them.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: The students speaking today have worked with teams of other students to research. The issues create a campaign for reaching the community with important information about these issues, and to develop an effective intervention or remedy to the harm.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: They're presenting part of their work to

you all here today. Each team that's focused on one of these topics has identified speakers for today's event

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: The first set of speakers to present will be Kayla, Jeffress, Dylan, Kane, and Ashley Orantes, who will focus on the issue of for sterilization.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: and then Nicholas Peralta, Ronita, Hoff and Daisy Rubio will center their comments around the criminalization of survivors.

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So I believe that Jayla sorry Kayla Jeffress is going to be our first speaker in this area.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Kayla.

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): Good afternoon.

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): My name is Kayla Jeffress and I'm. A part of the Criminology and Justice studies program at California State University in Northridge

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): as a part of the human rights class, I will be addressing the issue of for sterilization among incarcerated women in California.

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): The United States prohibited for sterilization against women in 1,927, although it was banned in female prisons from 1997 to 2,014

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): women were undergoing for sterilization without their knowledge consent, and under the guys of falsified procedures, with an estimate of over 1,000 females being sterilized within California, these women had their right to reproduce stolen from them, and many experienced a number of medical complications. In addition.

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): although the United States has a duty to uphold the rights of female prisoners. Women's rights to their bodily autonomy were violated by a lack of ability for women prisoners to have a say in their reproductive rights, a lack of proper health care for those who are incarcerated, a lack of informed consent for the procedures being done as well as coerced consent

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): and falsified documents and consent forms for sterilization procedures.

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): The United Nations recognizes that the justice system has a duty to provide appropriate health care to prisoners. This was mentioned. This was mentioned in the UN Bangkok Rules on Women, offenders and Prisoners.

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): These rules mentioned the importance of health care, specifically reproductive health care. The Bangkok rules also require that women in prison receive the same standard of care as women who are not incarcerated.

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): forcing women prisoners to undergo sterilization procedures without their consent or under false pretenses, is a direct violation of these rules. In addition to this, the United Nations recognizes the prisoners have a right to access their individual medical records.

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): as stated in rule, 26 of the United States standard minimum rules for the treatment of prisoners also called the Nelson Mandela rules health care, services and detention facilities must maintain accurate up to date and confidential individual medical files and prisoners must have access to these files. Upon request

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): the California State auditor found that of the 144 inmates, who underwent 2 of allegations from 2,000, and 5 to 2,013

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): 7 cases at one hospital were found to have purged medical records surrounding the cases

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): due to the negligence of California Purging medical records of the women affected. This would be violation of rule. 34 of the United Nations standard minimum rules which states that should health care, providers

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): and professionals become aware of any signs of torture or other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment.

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): they shall document and report such cases to the competent medical, administrative or judicial authority.

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): This violation is twofold, and that the 4 sterilization of women prisoners should have been reported and properly documented by the physicians who have these inmates in their care. women's, and human rights to health include reproductive and sexual health.

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): The convention, on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women also known as Seda, recognizes that women have a right to sexual and reproductive health, which, being subjected to a floor sterilization procedure violates.

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): Prisoners, are not an exception to this right. In article 16 Cdos States that women have the right to decide when they want to have children. How many, as well as have the information, education, and means to be able to do so

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): for women who have been sterilized without their consent, and for some without their knowledge, they have had these rights taken from them.

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): The United nations also recognizes that women of color and women with disabilities are disproportionately victimized.

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): During the majority of the twentieth century the Eugenics laws targeted people of color poor white people and people with disabilities. A prime example of this is North Carolina, which forcibly sterilized 7,600 people from 1,929 to 1,973.

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): The majority of these people were black women, in addition to this many were forced to undergo these procedures, because they were deemed unfit to parent because of mental disabilities. Even if that was not the case. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with disabilities, states that persons with disabilities have right to equality and nondiscrimination

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): in all aspects of their life, which includes the right to family planning, fertility, and bodily autonomy.

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): The entire concept of human rights is based on the idea of formed consent. Informed consent is one of the most important aspects of human rights and health care

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): In the audit done by the California State auditor. It was found that for 27 inmates who underwent sterilization, the physician performing the procedure or an alternate position did not sign the inmates consent form, which which certified that the inmate appeared mentally competent. Understanding

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): and understood the lasting effects of the procedure.

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): United nations organizations are calling for an end to forest, coercive and involuntary sterilization. These practices violate a number of rules, laws that rules and laws that the United States affirms, and the United States and California should be, should uphold these standards as well.

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): Women in prisons deserve access to the same basic rights of health care. sexual and reproductive care that women who are not incarcerated have access to prisoners are human beings, and there are standards of practice in health care that must be followed.

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): The United States and California need to be held accountable for the allowance of force and non consensual sterilization practices that violated the right for thousands of women to make their own informed decisions regarding their bodies and rights to reproduce.

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Kayla Jeffress (CSUN Student): Thank you.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Thank you, Kayla Dylan.

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Good afternoon, everybody. My name is Dylan Kane. I am an undergraduate student here at California State University, Northridge.

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): and i'm presenting today as a another member of the human rights class here at today. I hope to make it clear to all that the United States, despite claims, obligations, and policies that have been sent to place both here and abroad.

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has been in extreme violation of the rights of incarcerated individuals

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): specifically within California prisons.

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): Excuse me, Sorry I want to start real quick by defining a term or an idea known as eugenics. A Eugenics is a is defined as the study of how to arrange reproduction within a human population. To increase the occurrence of heritable characteristics regarded as desirable

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): throughout history. Supporters of this movement have believed that the use of methods, such as involuntary sterilization, segregation, and social exclusion

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): would rid society of individuals deemed to deem by them

to be unfit. Now this term may sound familiar to you, and if so, that is because it was made commonplace under the ruling of under the rule of Adolf Hitler during his time in Nazi, Germany.

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): essentially Eugenics is one individual taking the entirety of another individual's human rights into their own hands, based off their own decisions.

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): However, as many of you may or may not know, this has occurred within the United States, and specifically within the State of California within the past 100 years, and, in fact, within the past 10,

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): as mentioned previously, the human rights violations that are in question today have to do with the for sterilization of men and women. Primarily, women in California prisons between the years of 1,907 and 2,014

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): in 1,927 in a landmark supreme court case, known as Buck Vibel for sterilizations were deemed constitutional, and and the practice which had been occurring for 20 years was allowed to continue.

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): Buck V. Bell. The decision that formally legalized sterilization has never been officially overturned.

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): however, in a later case known as Skinner v. Oklahoma, which passed in 1,942. The Us. Supreme Court outlawed sterilization as a punitive measure, making the practice of eugenics, and specifically for sterilization illegal.

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): In addition to this, the Eugenics laws

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): were appealed. Repealed. Excuse me in 1,979

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): in 2,020. A film directed by Erica Cohen, titled Belly of the beast

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): a team of 2 women, Kelly Dylan and Cynthia Chandler discovered a pattern of illegal, illegal sterilizations. Nearly 40 years after they had been banned in women prisons in California.

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): These sterilizations had been shielded by the prison officials and doctors inside of the correctional system. according to the belly of the beast. Documentary team, State audits and prison records revealed that nearly 1,400 sterilizations, between 1,997, and 2,013 occurred in California prisons.

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): in addition to people sterilized during labor an unknown number of Cis women and Trans people were also sterilized during this period of time. Take the story of Kelly Dylan, for example, who was forcibly sterilized while incarcerated at the Central California Women's facility in Cachea.

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): Dylan was told she needed surgery to treat and know very insist Dylan unknowingly underwent a hysterectomy in 2,001 at the age of 24 she was unaware that the procedure of the procedure until her lawyer and the doctors who treated her informed the mother of 2 that she would never be able to have children again.

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): This unfortunate story is the same story of many women in California's dark prison sterilization history

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): as of this year 51 people have been approved for reparations. Just 3 of them were sterilized during this Eugenics era prior to 1,979, and the rest were to believe to have been sterilized. After this year.

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): We believe that the sterilizations that have taken place in California prisons violate both human rights and the law.

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): We make this claim via the decision in Skinner v.

Oklahoma, which plainly outlawed for sterilization in the year of 1,942 as well as the human rights laid out via the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of discrimination against women, or Cdon, which the United States has signed onto, but not ratified, which was mentioned mentioned previously.

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): Another element of this issue that violates both human rights, and the law has been the failure of the State of California to keep adequate medical records in their prisons, specifically, as it pertains to individuals who believe that they are victims of for sterilization.

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): California, Governor Gavin Newsom passed the bill, and as of January first of last year, this bill allows victims of for sterilization to apply for reparations from the State.

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): My colleague will talk further on this bill, and it's the limits that it has but an essential aspect is of these victims being able to receive the reparations.

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): is the presentation of the State prison records that that show that the sterilization did in fact take place.

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): Unfortunately, it seems that many of these records have been lost or never existed, dear due to mal medical practice. The hipaa privacy rule, which was passed in 1,996 requires appropriate safeguards to protect the privacy of patients identifying health information.

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): The privacy. Rule also gives patients rights over their health information, including the right to access their and request forms. is because of this that we are seeking true justice for the victims of California's dark prison history.

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dylan cain (CSUN Student): My colleague will talk in detail about the ways in which we believe justice could be made possible.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Okay, thank you, Dylan Ashley.

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): No, Yes.

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): Hi, hi! Everyone. My name is Ashley Rantes. I'm. Here on behalf of California State University, North Ridge.

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): Human Rights Course. I want to expand on the topic of recommendations of for sterilization amongst incarcerated women in California, recognizing that for sterilization amongst incarcerated women is an act of discrimination, torture, and inhumane as the staff one must take to end. Victimization rates of this heinous crime

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): when addressing the factors into for sterilization by prison facilities in California, the medical repercussions victims face not only having the right to bear a child taken away without consent as well as early menopause. One

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): mental health issues and painful side effects

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): are considered acts of torture accounting for this. California has signed that the Convention against Torture Act in 1,988

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): or sterilization, especially circling around a huge factor of discrimination has been a euphenics practice dating back to Nazi, Germany.

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): This dark history has not only repeated itself in California, but through the throughout the United States, and bound to be relevant practice in Chile, Dominican Republic, Kenya, Namibia, and South Africa.

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): Women should be able to have full understanding and a

say on medical procedures practice on them along with tangible medical records at their disposal.

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): Individuals deserve the right to bear a child regardless of one's disabilities, and it should be strengthened for the person to decide if the themselves is disabled.

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): The negligence of this act has taken away one of the ideals of womanhood, and has negatively affected hundreds in California

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): women that weed issues of intersectionality have been found vulnerable to this abuse of higher powers in prisons and medical facilities.

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): With this issue being brought to light. There are a major critical gaps found on the topic of foristerization and its occurrence in California.

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): You know you and agencies are now working with you entry bodies that have been responsible for monitoring the State's compliance with human rights treaties to ensure there are appropriate steps in correcting the issues

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): up for sterilization.

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): The unfortunate factor is that most likely hundreds of more, maybe even thousands, are naive to the fact that they cannot. They're a child because they had received medical treatment out of California prison.

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): This has been a violation of basic human rights in not only California but throughout the United States.

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): as reparations are concerned for victims of fosterization amongst incarcerated women in 2,013. Gavin, Governor of California,

had passed a bill in order to bring financial compensation of \$15,000 to victims 150,

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): and cognizant to the fact that they have been forcibly sterilized under watch of the California State prison medical institutions

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): going in depth on financial aspects of this bill a pro. The program is providing 4.5 million to disperse evenly amongst all eligible victims who have applied

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): in addition 2 million for administration and out breach and 1 million dollars to establish markers and plaques designated sites that have recognized foresterization

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): the deadline for this bill falls towards the end of December of this year.

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): I would like to add that 310 of the applicants that have applied to the Nuisance Bill only about 51 of the victims have received

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): the scale amount of financial compensation offered by California. There have been many complications in addressing this application for the victims as a morale of medical documentations for Women's Medical history has been lost or seen by medical centers

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): that have correlations with the one's prisons also keeping in mind many of the victims are limited, or do not have the resources to access one filing as an applicant in order to receive compensation for this vital act.

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): as many of the victims are re-entering society and do not have access to electronic devices to file documentation

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): settling back to how applications for this conversation under news, and Bill began on January the first 2,000 and 22 through December, 30, first of 2,023,

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): only giving a short amount of time for victims to even become aware of their infertility, and then to request

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): and then to receive medical paperwork from State prisons, which most victims find a great struggle in retrieving from 1,909 to 1,979, under euphogenic law. California has been under

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): thousands who lived in California had been sterilized without consent or knowledge Throughout this timeframe, although the law had been repealed in 1,979 reparations in California, only begun in the year, 2,021, and were considered the third state in the Us. That have been known to approve the reparations program

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): or for sterilization victims.

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): Yes, now moving forward, acknowledging that there are victims of this wrongful act.

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): It doesn't quite quite seem just in providing victims with such a small timeframe to apply and receive compensation.

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): The compensation that California is providing is set at \$15,000, it seems, and just for one to never have a personal choice to bear a child.

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): or even start a family for some process. This information, and have such a short time in gathering evidence as a victim.

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As this is a traumatizing event that has taken place for many.

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): This, the next steps that need to be made is having consideration for victims of their discovery of foristerization along with meaning reparations for the victims.

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Ashley Orantes (CSUN Student): Thank you.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Okay, thank you.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: So thank you. Kayla and Dylan and Ashley. Now we'll hear from Nicholas, Ronita

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: and Daisy on the human rights. Abuses related to the criminalization of gender-based violence Nick

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Nick

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): Oh, yeah, I was just trying to try and start my video, but it wasn't working.

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): Hello, everyone! How's everyone doing? Good evening here representing California State University, Northridge?

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One important perspective. I mean something something to say before I begin the you know the the meat of the

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): this little talk is a one important perspective I gain from which we can look at our criminal justice system. And the cases it takes

on is when I learn from my late Professor Nicola Zingo in my intro to criminal justice Course my first ever criminal justice class.

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): where we would frequently he would frequently begin answers with to to students questions. With Well, it depends. It depends. It always depends

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): with that being said. A dark under current afflicts our state and nation in the form of of the criminalization of the escape of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): This being a result of what the centers for disease, control, and prevention consider a public health problem taking the form of intimate partner. Abuse.

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): This affects 10 million people per year.

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): The American Civil Liberties Union asserts 90% of women in prison today who are in for who are violent offenders who killed a male were previously abused by those same men.

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): These victims of domestic violence and sexual sexual assault no better than anyone how shades of gray paint the world, and how our criminal justice system must accommodate it.

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): Francine Hughes knows better than anyone how the shades of gray paint. Our world, When, after 13 years of abuse, visits from the police, and the final threat of it was all over, was brought upon her by her abuser, Mickey Hughes.

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): Francine was arrested, after turning herself in immediately following the killing of her abusive partner by burning the house down as he slept. While this trauma was not in vain, as it spawned attention, advocacy, and resources for battered women.

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): these same kinds of victims still suffer in the United States today.

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): a large part of their experience being spurred on by the United States, the by, the United States Government.

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): The Us's. Refusal to ratify the Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women is one factor presenting us court systems from adopting ways of understanding domestic violence

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): by implementing, by implementing feminist perspectives or other feminist theories.

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): Many skeptics may pursue the idea that in the United States it's people enjoy rights that elude other North American inhabitants as well as the worlds. But looking into prison and reporting statistics, a different perspective is represented

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): according to the Acou. Women, on average, suffer greater sentences when compared to their male counterparts

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being seen in the form of men receiving 2 to 6 years for spousal murder. and women receiving an average of 15 years for the same crime

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): statistics along with the Sto, along with stories like crystal potters.

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): where she served 20 years for shooting her abusive husband of 4 years after he climbed on top of her in his car.

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): and stories like Raven, a Bora who only served 7 years after he was convicted of murdering his pregnant wife.

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): Further, showing that the discrepancy and mercy the criminal justice system shows male victims, has and will continue to not be, afforded to the frequently unprotected class of domestic violence, survivors.

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): ratifications of cedar ensuring a ratification of cedar and shares, a more balanced perspective of domestic violence can be achieved. Nationwide according to those survivors

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): more options in the form of official. Oh, I'm: Sorry.

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): Survive in the form of official. Okay, ratifying C dot can be. Can be.

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): I'm: so sorry Cedar can can help implement government resources as well as more considerate sentencing. Regardless of the ratification of cedar. The Federal Government should encourage State governments to enact ordinances reflecting seed off benefits, allowing them to make tweaks that fit whatever demographic.

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enabling, and nuanced situations to be better handled and defined.

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): while each case that comes in front of our criminal justice system must be scrutinized, especially those of murder. We ask the criminal justice system to give some allowance afforded to drug dealing and self-defense

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Nicholas Peralta (CSUN Student): to those suffering from a health problem in the form of brave survivors of domestic violence Thank you for your time.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Thank you, Nick Renita.

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Ronitah Hoff: Yes, Hi!

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Ronitah Hoff: Hello, everyone! My name is Renita Hoff, and I am representing the human rights class at season. and I am going to dive into the subject of domestic violence. And why women quote unquote Don't leave

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Ronitah Hoff: when the topic of domestic violence comes up, there is always a question that people ask as well as judges ask when when it comes to sentencing, and that is why didn't the woman just leave

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Ronitah Hoff: in order to understand why women don't leave? You first have to understand the social.

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Ronitah Hoff: economic, financial, and legal pressures that women face first to social pressure, whether it is religion or tradition. Women sorry there is a stigma against divorce.

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Ronitah Hoff: Reasons for bit, for why victims choose to stay are complex, but boiled down to the possibility of their abusers finding and harming them or their loved ones.

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Ronitah Hoff: There is also the issue of financial ruin

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Ronitah Hoff: and the costly custody battles, not to mention the emotion of manipulation that is more often than not present in these domestic situations.

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Ronitah Hoff: Other reasons include not being able to safely escape

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Ronitah Hoff: because of the lack of knowledge surrounding shelters and lack of support. But the lack of a support structure

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Ronitah Hoff: to get them there. In the first place.

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Ronitah Hoff: societal societal barriers to escaping, include fear of being charged with deserting their children, or losing money in joint accounts, reinforcement from clergy and secular counseling, saying they're just trying to save their relationship.

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Ronitah Hoff: Legal barriers also include the lack of support from police officers and law enforcement, who may treat violence as a domestic dispute.

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Ronitah Hoff: Victims of abuse are often arrested along with the abuser, and charged by law enforcement, even if they were only defending themselves against the batter.

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Ronitah Hoff: When victims do file charges. Sometimes they are dismissed, or law enforcement sides. You give user

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Ronitah Hoff: as well as reluctance by prosec prosecutors to prosecute cases, and judges rarely imposing the maximum sentence upon a phone. They convicted of users which usually they're more likely to be fined or put on probation

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Ronitah Hoff: because of isolation of the victim from their friends and family, which is usually the first step of us to the victims believe there is no one to turn to

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Ronitah Hoff: there. There are all. if not many of other reasons why victims quote unquote. Choose to stay. So, knowing this, your question might be, how can this be minimized or improved? Legally.

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Ronitah Hoff: there should be an easier access to financial aid from the Government, especially if the one requesting help is a victim of violence that simply wants to be able to take care of themselves and possibly their children in a safe environment.

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Ronitah Hoff: That prospect should not be a privileged but a right. The government has obligations to these people, and as a society it is unacceptable to let them be left behind.

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Ronitah Hoff: Looking at totality. Of this issue.

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Ronitah Hoff: it is clear that the criminalization of self-defense in homes violates a number of clauses in the universal declaration of human rights, such as Article 3 for taking Women's Rights of 2 Safety in her own home. Article 5 for the Cruelty of Pushing a woman

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Ronitah Hoff: punishing, sorry, punishing a woman for basic necessity of protecting her life

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Ronitah Hoff: and article 7 for the disproportionate sentencing of women in the court for self defense, and finally, article 9 for often being targeted by unfair dual arrests and domestic violence. Situations

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Ronitah Hoff: These women, for all intensive purposes, are being tortured, and have no security of their person; and therefore it is unacceptable to blame the victim for defending themselves, and bringing the level of violence to a degree where they.

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Ronitah Hoff: where they defended themselves when with better safety nets, as well as better responses and training from law enforcement officers. There wouldn't be nearly as many situations where the abuse

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Ronitah Hoff: escalates the violence to this extent

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Ronitah Hoff: To return to my initial point. The situation should not be able to escalate to this point, where victim is arrested for simply defending themselves. To begin with, there should be societal and legal lifelines put in, put in place to prevent that.

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Ronitah Hoff: But in the case that it does not, it is also an acceptable that women be convicted in such a manner.

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Ronitah Hoff: This lack of economic resources and societal stability that keep women trapped within these broken homes are clear violation of Cedars promise of economic and societal equality for women.

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Ronitah Hoff: not to mention their unequal treatment in the criminal justice in the court of law.

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Ronitah Hoff: Given this fact, it is safe to say that these kinds of laws are a failure, and need to be reviolated, and how they assist the plethora of victims of domestic violence abuse.

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Ronitah Hoff: Our call to action is to ask that the many laws set in place to protect victims in cases of self defense be re-evaluated to be more inclusive and influential within the context of domestic violence survivors.

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Ronitah Hoff: We would also like to call upon police agencies to better train their officers in both in in both an in-depth way

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Ronitah Hoff: regarding domestic violence.

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Ronitah Hoff: calls both from a perspective of sensitivity and de escalation. Finally, we would like to ask the courts to consider stricter disc discretion for judges that have employed the rulings that we previously talked about. Thank you for listening.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Thank you, Ronita. And finally we'll go to Daisy.

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): Hi, everyone! My name is Daisy Rubio and I'm. Representing the Human Rights Class at California State University.

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): I will be discussing the topic on the discrimination against women in the home in the courts before we get started. We want to recognize and give a big Thank you to everyone who has been and still is working in this framework.

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): Victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse need to be heard many times. These victims are overlooked, and giving a link sentence without having the proper resources available to them.

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): There are short term, long term implications for victims. Many victims do not have the appropriate resources to guide them when they need help, or many resources cannot help. If they have.

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): I will be discussing some of the some of the facts in a case where a victim was criminalized for defining herself against her abusive partner. Victims of domestic violence or sexual. So have challenges

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): when they, When there are children involved.

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): There have been cases where the children were taken away from the victim in place with the user

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): victims of different genders Also for this challenges why incarcerated and many are placed in dangerous situations due to their gender.

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): According to the United Nations, human rights globally. One in 3 women has experienced binding and their lives most of it taking place within the home or the family. The COVID-19 pandemic

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): increase, domestic violence, and many countries which implemented lockdown in confinement measures that also reduce women's ability to report or or seek assistance and protection.

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): The Committee on the Elimination of discrimination against women when we recognize that stereotypes and gender and gender for us in the judicial system and have access to the justice, and may particularly affect women, victims and survivors of violence.

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): The C. Doc. Committee has issued a number of concluding observations, and which it directed states parties to abolish the use of the concept of parental alienation in court cases and conduct

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): training on domestic violence, including on the effect that exposure to domestic violence has on children.

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): When it comes to gender, there is a case involving a transgender victim who was criminalized for defending herself against her. User She is now facing a 22 year sentence at the Central California woman's facility

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throughout her young life Brandy struggle with her gender identity and sexuality.

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): She had no support from her family. She grew up in an emotionally and physically abusive home that provided her with years of harm instead

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): of nutrition. That young children need to try.

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): she does. She had found support.

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): and her partner, who would set her as a pro black trans woman for her partner became abusive, which ultimately led

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): to her incarceration for self-defense brandy. Is one of the 2 transgender women serving time and Women's facility in California.

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): I'm. Prison. She has experience, ruthless harassment from guards and other prisoners who view her as a freak. and it's quickly. The parent of quote your jobs

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): Robbie ha has for what?

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): Robin how was 14 years old, and went to present for 36 and half years the parole board didn't believe she was a victim.

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): They believe she was acting like the victim

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): they chose to instead believe in her rapists that were in fact the true victim. Despite the fact, their actions were justified in Self-defense Street justice was nowhere to be found

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): There should be new and more specific laws surrounding the the and

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): focus more on helping domestic buying survivors and victims. Even if they have felonies, there should be more resources available to them.

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Daysi Rubio (CSUN Student): That's all. Thank you.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Okay, Thank you, Daisy.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: So I want to invite the Csen students to to share their videos. There was a a technical issue before, so they weren't able to share, and I want you to all be able to see their faces, since they spent a lot of time

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: trying to work on this issue. So so thank you all for your time.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Okay, Great. All right. So we are going to transition now to here from Diana Block at the California Coalition of women prisoners.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: a a very common approach to human rights. Advocacy is to develop campaigns at an organizational level that quote benefits the community that served these advocacy. Strategies frequently take the form of a deficit model of advocacy.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: highlighting the devastating experiences of the individuals who are subject to the advocacy without acknowledging their resilience and capacity to thrive under difficult situations.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: We want to acknowledge the resistance work of those who have been directly impacted by the issues we've been discussing today.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Human rights advocacy work should be centered around and led by those who are directly impacted. Too often solutions proposed to address human rights. Abuses are structured around preserving existing structures that promote power and balances. One

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: directly impacted. People recognize that the most effective approach to addressing human rights abuses is through dismantling the existing systems and unraveling the root causes of oppression.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: This is why today we want to center the work of those who have been calling attention to these experiences of incarcerated women. The women prisoners themselves. prisoner and community-led organizations have been doing the work of abolition racial and gender equality. Long before today's event

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: these organizers have been at the forefront of this work, and we stand beside them and follow their lead, working towards solutions that they think are effective

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: in California. The organization that's at the forefront of these issues. We are highlighting today is the California coalition of women prisoners.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Ccwp is a grassroots abolitionist organization, with members inside and outside prisons that challenge the institutional violence imposed on women transgender people and communities of color by the prison industrial, complex.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: They see the struggle for racial and gender justice as central to dismantling the prison industrial, complex, and prioritize the leadership of people, families, and communities most impacted in building this movement.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Diana Block has been an activist for social justice since the 19 seventies. She's a founding and active member of the California Coalition for women prisoners where she's involved with multiple programs.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: including reparations for for

sterilization, ending life without parole sentencing and the fire Inside Newsletter Editorial collective. She also serves on the coordinating body of California's Californians united for a responsible budget.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Diana.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: Hi, there! Thank you so much for that introduction and for this entire program, and for inviting

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: me to represent Ccwp and all our work

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: at this very important Forum. I really appreciate all the comments that have come already.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: Kimberly, on trauma, which is, speaks to the experience of so many people that we at Ccwp work with.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and all the students who really covers a lot of what

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: I am going to be speaking about. So I apologize. If there is some repetition.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: I will be speaking from the point of view of somebody, and then the organization that has actually been involved in the work leading up to all the

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: important points that people have already made about incarceration, criminalization.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: reproductive autonomy, etc. So really I appreciate so much All this background, and I learned a lot from it.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: I also want to appreciate the the framing in the context of the United Nations and

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: the struggle for human rights and for for women, and trans and gender expansive people.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: because that is a a very, very important framework to bring into the conversation.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: since

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: the United States itself, as it has been pointed out, is is so deficient in its acknowledgment

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: regarding gender

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: as well as incarceration, since it is the world's leader, although I don't like to use that term leader, since that's what has more positive connotations. But the world's leader in incarceration.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: which I think you all know. So that is a very, very

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: problematic leadership for the United States. But that

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: that's why precisely why the United Nations

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: offers a very important potential framework for

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: shaming the United States about its practice and what it's about.

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01:13:58.130 --> 01:14:10.180

Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: So i'm I'm going to use some slides. The slides are not necessarily exactly what i'm talking about, but I will use them to

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: try and guide my remarks. Let me first share my screen. I hope it works on the first time.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: Yeah.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: Okay, let me see? Put it in a slide show mode.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: That's the wrong one.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: Okay.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: So to begin with.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: I want to just

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: let you know a little bit. That of background about the California Coalition for women prisoners. So we have been in existence since 1,995.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: And we celebrated our 20 fifth anniversary during the pandemic.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and we have been doing a variety of work

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: since since that time, and much of it is focused on has been focused on both health care.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: reproductive rights.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and the and support for criminalized survivors of sexual violence.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: So a lot of our work is very closely related to what what the topics of today

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: today's presentation are. So. The California coalition for women prisoners was founded in May 1,995

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: by people inside the prison as well as outside. So that has been one of our foundational principles that we really work and take guidance from people inside prisons about what what they're

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: issues are, and on the right, you see one of our founding members. Sheree shoe mate.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: who unfortunately died of sickle cell disease while she was inside prison. after leading a fight against the totally substandard health care, which, as

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: speakers have pointed out, is is

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: a violation of UN principles

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: to have that type of substandard health care in prisons as compared to the larger society.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and the rest of that is just kind of our

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: our mission statement, which I think

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: Denise already talked about. So a lot of our programs are rooted and grow out of our legal business visiting program, as well as our correspondence program, which is called writing warriors.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and we we are accepting people into that program. Still, it gives people a chance to

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: to correspond to the advocate or

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: for people inside

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: the women's prisons, and that is a program that has just really blossomed over the past few years.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: We also

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: work around. We work in many regards

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: to decarcerate as an abolitionist organization, we feel like

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: the really, the most important thing is to get people out of prison.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and so many people are there unjustly. I mean not only the people who are survivors of domestic violence.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: but also people who have

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: for many different reasons.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: been victimized by the criminal legal system. and, as many of your speakers pointed out, the overwhelming majority of women. Trans. People inside prison

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: are black, brown, and other people of color.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and the discrimination in the court system, and the way people are

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: charged and sentenced is systemic in our opinion, and

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: therefore working to get people out of prison

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: through many different methods is really a priority for us.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: So I am going to talk a little bit more about the

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: the subject of for sterilization in the California prisons

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: as people have mentioned, and I'm. So glad people have watched

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: the belly of the Beast film, which is the just, a really really excellent

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: overview of how the fight against for sterilization emerged, how it was uncovered

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: by a a woman. Kelly Dylan, who was, in fact, sterilized herself and her lawyer, Cynthia Chandler.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: who was a part of an organization justice now, which is no longer really

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: in functioning so. But it did incredible work to really popularize

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and bring the attention of the State auditors to the issue of for sterilization.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: So, as people have said, talked about

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: people inside the prisons, primarily between 2,000 and

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: 6 and 2,010. There were a few doctors who really had this. It almost like their mission

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: to ensure that people were sterilized, and

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: who whom they deemed on Fifth.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and even though the Eugenics law of had been made illegal in 1,979, this was still occurring in California prisons.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: And so, after Kelly Dylan kind of

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: brought her situation

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: to justice. Now a coalition of our organizations, including Ctwp, became involved.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and that led to

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: the State Audit, which revealed

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: a minimum of 144 people who had been sterilized and possible maximum of hundreds to thousands.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: which, you know, unfortunately, has not yet been determined, or may never be determined because of the

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: ways in which record keeping has been very problematic.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and I don't think there's going to be another audit. So it's really unlikely

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: that the numbers are going to become more precise. And I do want to point out that one of the very problematic things is that the audit itself, the records that were brought together, and

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: it became the basis

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: for the State saying that these people have been sterilized, so those all those records were not kept together. We can't say that they were destroyed, but they were disaggregated, and so the the material that can point to these are the people

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: who suffered this wrong.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: that that that doesn't exist in any one place which makes

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: the notification of survivors of sterilization very, very difficult. And that's one of the many obstacles that

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: we have been facing in trying to make sure that people who are surv survivors actually benefit from this groundbreaking, unprecedented reparations program that we were able to win.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: So that is part of the story is that there were. It took us about 4 years.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: Let me ask. I I know there

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: is unanticipated construction that's going on in my house right now. So are you able to hear me? Okay, You're doing fine, Diana. We can't hear anything in the background. Oh, it's it's i'm sorry about that. I understand. So I hear it very loud. But i'm glad

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: that you all can see right.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: So we were part of a coalition that worked to to win this very groundbreaking legislation that provides

compensation

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: which we like to call reparations

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: for the harm done to people who were sterilized. Now this legislation

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: doesn't only cover

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: people who were sterilized inside prison.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: It also covers people who were sterilized before 1,979, because while they, the law was passed outlawing

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: the eugenics.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: those people never received any type of recognition or compensation.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: And so this this legislation covers both those groupings of people, although there are really many more people alive who were part of the incarcerated group, because, unfortunately, people who were sterilized pre 1,979.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: Many of them are have passed and so are unable to apply for the reparations.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: So

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: the the program is being administered by the Victims Compensation Board.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: which is an agency that typically

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: provides compensation to victims of violent crime.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and this is somewhat of a contradiction, because in general

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: the makes sense. Compensation Board has not, does not, is on the other side of the people who we are representing the people who are incarcerated, but they are trying to do

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: do what they can to a certain extent.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: to make sure that compensation does happen according to the law, which that is, we were able to win this law

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: after

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: 4 years of trying, because at first

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: it was like

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: really, very, very little interest. It was very controversial. People didn't like the concept of compensation, especially for people in prison that has been

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: on her, though

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: but various factors came together, and to influence

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: the legislative process. I think one of the factors which I not sure how many of you have heard of. But there was a whole scandal about

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: sterilizations that were done at the Irwin Detention Center in Georgia

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: the year before, right before we were able to finally win the compensation, and that kind of woke a lot of people up, even though it was in California.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: It woke people up to the enormity of the problem and how people it

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: in you know, Federal detention centers were being sterilized, and so that kind of was

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: a catalyst for actually approving the legislation in the following year, in 2,021.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: I also think the film was part of influencing legislators, and really

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: points to the power of filmmaking when it's done in the cause of justice.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: So one big shout out to belly of the Beast filmmaking team.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: So.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: beginning January, 2,022

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: people became eligible for the compensation, and people have mentioned the numbers 4.5 million

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: is that some total of the money that is available for compensation.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and depending upon how many people

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: actually come forward and are awarded the compensation.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: Each person will get more or less money.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: So people are start with a certain amount, and then, at the end of the Peter period

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: depending on how much is left.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: the the the remainder of the balance will be distributed among the people who have been found eligible.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: So eligibility is one of the big questions. So this chart here shows sort of the what was

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: discovered by the auditors when they did their study.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and so these are numbers that they found, but they weren't able to determine that

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: everybody who determined everyone who was actually subject to a forcible sterilization or co coercive sterilization. And so the number, really the ones that the 144 of the bilateral tuba liations.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: where the not is the number that was has been most commonly used to say.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: these are the people that they are sure. Had. We're subject to some type of forcible sterilization. But, as I said, because they didn't keep the records together

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: there. Hasn't been any notification. Those people never knew that they were part of that 144 number, so we have no

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: very straightforward way of getting to them to let them know that it has been determined that this

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: practice happened illegally.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: So there has been a variety of methods that we have had to use to try and reach out to people, to to

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: to support them in submitting applications.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: Okay. So this just shows you the coalition that came together to

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: work for the legislation, and it, in addition to Ccwp. California, Latin is for reproductive justice

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: back to the basics, which is an organization that Kelly Dylan

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: started when she got out of prison

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and disability, rights, education and defense funds, who mainly have worked with the what we call the legacy survivors from the pre 1,979

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: period.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: So we all work together, and we are still working together to try and ensure

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: that people actually get their compensation.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: So I've kind of talked about the whole of the program. This is

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: these are the numbers as of the end of January

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: there have been 61 people altogether approved from all groups. and among the department of corrections and rehabilitation

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: people that are the incarcerated people only 58

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: so, and

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: the pre 1,979 people only 3.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: So you can see that that is

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: very very small numbers compared to

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: the ways, the the the extent

of the problem.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: And so one of the things we are really stressing is this point

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: is outreach. The Victims Compensation board did get

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: a 1 million dollars for administration and outreach. Unfortunately, they didn't

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: hire the outreach firm to start until the beginning of this year, January 2023 a year after

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: the whole program has begun.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: So that means that we kind of lost a year in getting the word out very broadly to the public.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: We feel like we have done a good job

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: in getting the word out to the incarcerated people because

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: it's a smaller number we can. We? We have a lot of contact inside. We have

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: communication all the time through our newsletter, the fire inside, and other

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: a program. So we have gotten the word out to people inside prison.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: but formally incarcerated people are dispersed all over the State all over the country, and that's where we really need

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: the help

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: of outreach marketing firms to really figure out how to get the word out. And insofar as any of you are connected to community organizations, health care facilities, etc. We really hope that you will

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: spread the word about this program and make sure that people at least are

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: knowledgeable, that it exists through

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: family members through other people, community members who might hear about it or see that see the know this on the bulletin board, and

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: that they know someone who might have been affected. So, aside from the outreach, the other problem is how

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: large the number of denials

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: all the applications has been. and that is a big problem, because it depends on how the people who are in the Victims Compensation Board are actually

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: interpreting medical records

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and medical records are the record of from the Doctor's point of view. So

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: it is very hard for people to prove that they really were not informed

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: that that this could

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: keep them from having children, or that they really could have had another procedure if they were having heavy bleeding; that this was not the best procedure; that it was a more of the most extreme procedure. So those are the kind of things that we are

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: trying to discover through our own examination of medical records, and we do have a team of Obg. Y End people who are willing to review records. So we have.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: We are trying to do our best

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: to actually support

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: the people who should be benefiting from this program.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: But we need everybody's help. Anyone who is interested or can spread. The word is really welcome to

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: be part of this effort, which is, as I said, unprecedented in the in the sense that

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: P.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: People in prison have never received reparations for anything, even though the harms that have been done to them are of multiple.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: This is one of the survivors of for sterilization. Her name is Moonlight Pelito. She is a native woman. She did receive compensation.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: which we're very, very pleased about, and she has also been talking about her experience and the ways in which the one of the doctors the most infamous doctor. Dr. Heinrich actually treated her, and told her to her face that she

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: should not be having children, because they would just end up on on welfare. Essentially

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: so.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: She is one of the people who we are really really honored to be working with in this period as a spokesperson for all of the survivors who cannot really speak out for themselves.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: I have some other quotes. I'm, not going to read them now. These are from other people who are survivors. But

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: we will send out these slides afterwards, so that you have a chance to look at them more closely yourself.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: If you want more information, these just, more

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: more testimony. And this is a list of resources that I we will also be sharing.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and is, I mean, there are many more resources. These are some that we put together for a speak out event that I think some of you, some of the students may have attended.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: We sent the resources afterwards to make sure that people know how expansive the information and materials are about, and are growing all the time as they should, because this is such a

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: a really

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: really terrible and very

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: it. It exemplifies the types of abusive care, of abuse, of treatment

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: that

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: people in women's, prisons, experience all the time.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: And so we really are really trying to get the word out, because it shines a light not only on the sterilizations themselves.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: but all the human rights violations that people experience.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: So

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: I I know I'm speaking very quickly, but I do want to get through the slides and leave some time for questions for all of our speakers here today. But I did want to highlight a few other

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: points that relate more to the issue of criminalization

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: of survivors which several of you have already spoken to. This woman is Marcella Andrade.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: She got a life without parole sentence

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: for for killing her trafficker.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and she is from Mexico.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: She was brought into this country without documentation.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and live through incredible violence and sexual abuse.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and then.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: after she resisted. Finally she got this life without parole sentence.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: which, because of her story, and because of her record, her good record in prison.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: her sentence was commuted by then Governor Brown in 2,018,

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and she then was able to get

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: parole from from prison as soon as she was parole. She was then handed over to ice

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: because she doesn't have documentation.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: And even though really she should be eligible for a you visa or one of the other, many

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: mitigating types of programs

that have even have been developed for survivors of violence. But unfortunately, so far, she hasn't been able to

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: get a judge to approve any of those which is just part of the stigmatization of someone who has been in prison regardless of the reasons.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: So now what we're trying to do. Our campaign is focused

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: on getting a pardon

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: from Governor News to a pardon for

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: the crime for which she was convicted, and then later released.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: But

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: because if she gets a pardon. That means the

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: she is no longer considered. Someone with a quote Criminal history who has to be deported.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and that is, you know, very

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: unfortunate part of the law which impacts so many other immigrants in the in the prison systems. So that is one

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: part of a campaign that we're working on

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: to get. Now I sell a a card.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: Oh, in our work with criminalized survivors

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: we work very closely. We are one of the founding of members of the organization, the network survived and punished, which is really focused on the criminalization of survival and ending it. And they are an amazing organization that really shines a light on

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: this specific aspect

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: of criminalization and our opinion. There are many ways in which people are criminalized unjustly and on the basis of race, on the basis of gender on the basis of

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: So and then the last piece that I do want to, just

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: because

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: there's a criminalization of survival survivors who are experience violence on the outside

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: from an individual.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: But then there are countless examples of the ways in which those same survivors

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: are violated.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: sexually, physically, emotionally. in prison by prison staff. and one of the most egregious.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: It has occurred in the past few years at the Federal prison in Dublin. Now we are perhaps mainly focused on the

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: State prisons at this point, but

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: Federal prisons are prisons. They just are, have a report to a different jurisdiction.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and in Dublin, Dublin, California, which is just

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: 30 miles outside of San Francisco.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: Over the past number of years there have been numerous numerous

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: staff, and who have been found to have

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: engaged in terrible sexual abuse inside that prison.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and the war then, has already been convicted. The chaplain.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: many other guards and other staff have all been charged with abuse, and this came about after years of people of women trying to report on that abuse. But unfortunately they weren't listened to, and in many cases they were retaliated against.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: So. But then, finally some brave woman was able to get through all the hurdles and bring her story to an investigative unit, and that opened up the whole story, and there has been a lot of publicity now which you

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: may have some of it, which

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: yes, it's very hard to read a lot of the accounts, but I do think it's very important

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: for people interested or concerned about what is going on

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: in that. It has to do with gender oppression

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: in this country. This is a really an example

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: that exposes the problems in

with prisons in general.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and our so we form the Dublin Prison Solidarity Coalition. Ccwp. Was one of its founding members.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and we, our focus is not on the prosecution of the individuals.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: but on systemic changes that could

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: try and deal with some of the ways in which these abuses occur.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and so that we are really trying to publicize this issue because it is an issue that is.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: impacts, women's, prisons all around the country, I mean. I can run down the list. Michigan, New Jersey, Florida. These are all places that have had terrible staff.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: sexual abuse of people and women's prisons over the past 5 years.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: So that is a really important campaign that we are trying to publicize.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and I will encourage everyone

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: to come to our Town hall, which is on March thirtieth.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: called Times up Dublin.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and to hear from survivors and learn about the litigation that we are planning, and here

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: talk to Congressional offices about what they could do to help

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: creates a change that we need.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: So I know that the time is really closely close to being up

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: just one. If anyone wants to be in touch about any of the things that I have talked about

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: info@womenprisoners.org is the email that you should contact.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: So thank you, and lots of information. Sorry if I talked so fast, but

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: glad to be here to get this information to you all.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Thanks so much, Diana. It's it's so

critical that we had, you know you on, because really the work of those

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: women who, you know, have been incarcerated, and prisoners are at the center of this, and we should really honor their leadership. And I think that's an important a contribution. So thank you so much for your contributions. And

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: you know I i'm really glad that you brought in the issues in in Dublin, California. Women lead network. I know we've talked before.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Did a lot of work around this particular issue at the Universal periodic review of the United States specific to immigration detention, and the abuse, including sexual violence that was occurring within the the centers. So

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: so, thanks so much for bringing that here. We do know that we are wrapping up, and we wanted to give folks an opportunity to maybe ask some questions of the presenters.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: If there are questions. If you would raise your hand, it would be help us so that we could make sure that everybody gets a chance if they'd like one. Does anybody have any questions for any of the presenters

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: that have shared.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Okay. Okay, I'm: not sure. I'm seeing

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: any.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: Okay, Katie is asking. Has

the UN special repertoire on prisons visited these prisons. Diana, do you have a response to that? In the past? Not for many years

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: there had there was.

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: when the report on solitary confinement came out, I mean, or the resolution. I believe, that there a rapper tour did visit

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: the women's, prisons, and before that

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: years before that there was. There have been some someone, I think, who came in relationship to torture, and I think solitary has been one of the main

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: focuses. To my knowledge, there's never been anyone

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: who has investigated the level of sexual abuse that goes on inside the prisons

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: and definitely there hasn't been anyone

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: regarding the the sterilizations and violations of reproductive

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: rights which really do go beyond the sterilization. I just want to make that clear. There are multiple ways in which women

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: have their reproductive rights violated inside prison. But the sterilization is sort of the most

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: well I won't even say egregious, but it highlights

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: the the problem

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Diana Block, she/her, CA Coalition for Women Prisoners: for of the other types of violations.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Yeah, thank you, Katie, for this question. You know, I think one of

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: not. I think I know that one of the reasons that it was so important for us to bring these issues to this forum is because the experiences of incarcerated women have been largely invisible in this sort of environment, I mean

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: in 2,011. The special rapporteur, addressing violence against women came to the Us. And noted that there were high levels of sexual violence against women in prisons.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: But there, Hasn't been a lot of focus on women in detention. And so this this is one of the reasons that, you know we wanted to share this here, and have made a commitment to continue to raise these issues in a variety of forums, because, you know, I think

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: one of the significant sort of outcomes of this is recognizing that we want to ensure that when we're talking about equity and equality for women that were inclusive of all women. Right that we're not forgetting about particular groups of women, especially noting

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: as diet as Diana sort of alluded to a little bit when she was talking about victims compensation that oftentimes within

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: women's, advocacy groups there's sort of this division between those who you know, work around victimization of women and those who work in relationship to

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: incarceration. And the reality is that we can't really look at those as separate things right. We have to to sort of look at them together. So thanks so much for that question, Katie. Any other sort of questions, or

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: you know, whether in chat or via raised hands that you'd like to share before we close out today.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Okay.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Okay. So let me just sort of wrap everything up. you know. There was a question about information related to today, including the slides. We'll post

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: that information on the event page at the the Forum. So our event page in in the Forum. whatever

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: platform.

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so we'll post those there. We really want to thank you for joining us today. We think that this is an issue that has been largely invisible. So often stories of those who are incarcerated or formally incarcerated, and their lives become really invisible, especially in a society that has the largest carceral system in the world.

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and this, of course, is on the backdrop, as we talked about before, of the eroding rights of women to bodily autonomy in the Us.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: And so we think it's really critical that we work really actively towards dismantling the systems of oppression that perpetrate right. These types of abuses, and at the same time make them invisible.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: So you know, as we close, I just wanted to call your attention to some of the ways that you all might be able to take action. Certainly the students worked really hard to develop some recommendations.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: including, for example, the for Sterilization group, who, you know, recommend that as a a society that we recognize that incarcerated women are entitled to the same level of health care as women who aren't incarcerated.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: That we prioritize, informed consent that we ensure that these women have access to their medical records. and that we simplify the application process to maybe provide them with some means of reparations, although, as Diana and the students pointed out, it's a very limited means.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: And then the you know, criminalization of Survivorship group made some recommendations around really the application of a gendered lens

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: in all criminal justice, adjudications to follow the Bangkok rules and avoid incarceration for all women. Specifically, those who are experiencing gender based violence or have experienced gender based violence

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: to commute the sentences of incarcerated survivors. And you know we heard of the work that Ccwp is doing, related to the

dropping of life without parole sentences. So these are all recommendations that were made.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Ccwp has a variety of campaign campaigns that Diana pointed out. I dropped a link to their website in the chat box, and those include contacting

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: victims of for sterilization in whatever way we can really being fully engaged in the outreach, so that even though we have this very limited amount of time, we can do you know the best that we can to to provide access?

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: And then, you know, Diana highlighted. The organization survived and punished, which is a community led program that advocates for the decriminalization of self defense to gender based violence.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: and They have a variety of commutation campaigns, some of them in California and others around the the country and other States. So we encourage you to go to their website and check out their materials.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: All right. Well, again, thank you. And what we ask as we end here is that you just really not turn away from this, that you'd be willing to look at these issues in the face, and to engage fully in the dismantling of the systems that have created them want to thank all of the speakers, Diana Kimberly, the students and their contributions, and definitely Abby.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: who was monitoring us in the background. So thanks so much, everybody for attending, and we will, you know, again, include some more materials on the event page.

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L. DENICE LABERTEW She/Her/Hers-WLN & CSUN: Thank you, Everybody.