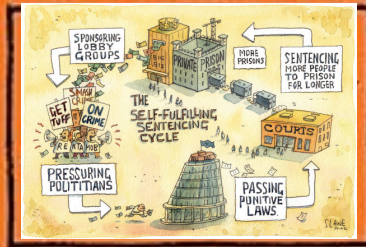




The Corrections Corporation of America (CCA), founded in 1983 by Thomas Beasley, T. Don Hutto, and Doctor Crants, pioneered the modern concept of private prisons in the United



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Private prisons operate as a businesses which leads to the concern that this system may prioritize filling beds over rehabilitation and reducing recidivism rates.



## PRIVATE PRISONS

The Cycle of Expansion and Incarceration

### POLITICAL INFLUENCE

In just one year, GEO group PAC spent:

- \$518,390** on political contributions
- \$730,000** on lobbying<sup>4</sup>

GEO Group was part of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), which drafted model legislation for some of the most aggressive war on drugs policies that increase prison populations.

### TAX BREAKS & REVENUE

GEO received **\$63.5 million** in the Real Estate Investment Tax Trust tax break in 2012.

GEO Group had **\$1.69 billion** in revenue in 2014.<sup>5</sup>

According to the SEC, 33 major financial investors own 2/3 of CCA and GEO Group. These include:

**Wells Fargo, Fidelity, JP Morgan Chase, Morgan Stanley and State Street Corporation.**

### MASS INCARCERATION

The number of federal prisoners held in private prisons rose by

**↑ 784%** between 1990 and 2010.<sup>1</sup>

Private prisons currently control **90%** of immigrant detention centers.<sup>2</sup>

### COST TO TAXPAYERS

**\$39 BILLION**

Since 2000, the Bureau of Prisons budget has **doubled**.<sup>3</sup>

The Federal Immigrant Detention budget has grown to **\$2.2 billion**.<sup>4</sup>

That means each detained person costs taxpayers about **\$159 per day**.

Year	Budget
2000	\$3.88
2014	\$6.98

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