

## Inmate Labor is Real

Most Americans are aware of the Inmate Labor system. The Arizona Prison Chain Gang, Orange Coats picking up trash on the side of the highway, all of these are reverends that we commonly refer to, but have you seen the other side of the American Inmate Labor System? Besides making License Plates and Book Binding, real inmate labor is taking American Jobs through perfectly legal legislation unknowingly. Jobs are not only leaving America, but they are also staying in America going to a different labor force, the American Justice Criminal getting paid less than \$1 per hour.

The most famous tout in Inmate Labor has been Whole Foods deciding to not use Inmates for any of their products.<sup>1</sup> After all their 'Whole' message that they reinforce through media propaganda does not imply anything that would not induce positivity, like paying coffee growers a livable wage or actually hiring inmates to work in their stores after their time is served.<sup>2</sup> Here the target market for Whole Foods spoke against the establishment, and the corporation changed their ways. Is it possible that other companies can do the same?

Two of the largest companies in the world use inmate labor in the US more than any other company, McDonalds for Frozen Food Processes, and Wal-Mart for manufacturing.<sup>3</sup> Even Starbucks uses Inmate Labor for packaging of holiday coffees.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.takepart.com/article/2015/09/30/prison-labor-whole-foods>

<sup>2</sup> <http://abcnews.go.com/Business/foods-suppliers-defend-prison-labor/story?id=34258597>

<sup>3</sup> <http://atlantablackstar.com/2014/10/10/12-mainstream-corporations-benefiting-from-the-prison-industrial-complex/2/>

<sup>4</sup> <http://elementarygenocide.com/12-major-corporations-benefiting-from-the-prison-industrial-complex/>

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Thus it is no surprise that the most profitable industry employing mass incarceration is food packing.<sup>5</sup> Additionally Nike has moved some of its manufacturing back to America, making specific Jordan shoes known as 'Prison Jordans'.<sup>6</sup> Coherently I see that working as a prisoner at Nike can teach one manufacturing, sewing, personal skills, and many other self-motivating factors that are needs outside of the prison walls; however, with the changing global labor force it is only a matter of time until these jobs are needed for the law abiding citizen. The justice system should be rehabilitating these prisoners, not giving global companies an alternative and cheaper labor solution.

With changes taking place in the global labor force every day and old laws being kept while others are put in place with politicians that are purchased, even President Obama said in his closing speech that new updates must be put in place to the old systems that the people use, and voting is the best way for that change.<sup>7</sup> Companies give what is demanded of them by the public, perhaps more or less easily than the government sometimes. As always, it is up to the citizens to demand real change; among keeping up with ever busier daily life, while maintaining happiness. An easy answer has not come up to change any of these issues, but electing the correct representative can be a good start.

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[http://www.salon.com/2015/02/22/9\\_surprising\\_industries\\_getting\\_filthy\\_rich\\_from\\_mass\\_incarceration\\_partner/](http://www.salon.com/2015/02/22/9_surprising_industries_getting_filthy_rich_from_mass_incarceration_partner/)

<sup>6</sup> <http://urbanintellectuals.com/2014/06/05/americas-addiction-to-slavery/>

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.usmagazine.com/entertainment/news/president-obamas-farewell-address-livestream-live-blog-w460359>

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