Prison Abolition, and a Mule

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By virtually any measure, prisons have not worked. They are sites of cruelty, dehumanization and violence, as well as subordination by race, class and gender. Prisons traumatize virtually all who come into contact with them. Abolition of prison could be the ultimate reform. Georgetown law professor Paul Butler explores what would replace prisons, how people who cause harm could be dealt with in the absence of incarceration, and why abolition would make everyone safer and our society more just.

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