



The Stats Don't Lie!

The Prison Policy Initiative analyzed the recidivism rates associated with various initial offenses and found that statistically, "people convicted of any violent offense are less likely to be re-arrested in the years after release than those convicted of property, drug, or public order offenses.

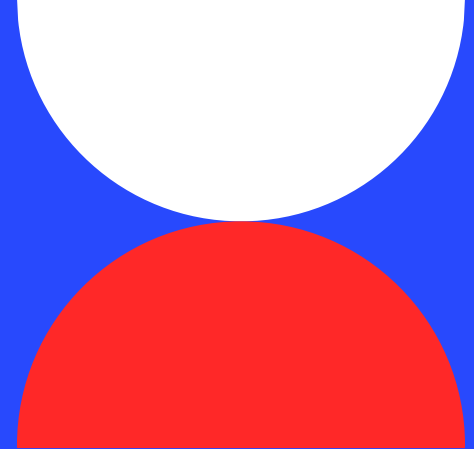
Sources:

[Mass Incarceration: The Whole Pie](#)

[BJS fuels myths about sex offense recidivism, contradicting its own new data](#)

The Stats Don't Lie (cont.)

- In comparison to all the other crimes, where over 67% re-offend, **ONLY 3.5%** of people on the registry actually re-offend, the lowest recidivism rate of ALL crimes!
- According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) 2014 report, [Recidivism of Sex Offenders Released from State Prison: A 9-Year Follow-Up \(2005-2014\)](#), people convicted of sex offenses are actually much less likely than people convicted of other offenses to be rearrested or to go back to prison.
- 95% of all sexual offenses are committed by someone who is NOT on the registry!
- 90% of sexual assault victims know their abuser.
 - **30-40% of victims are abused by a family member.**
 - **50% are abused by someone outside of the family whom they know and trust.** (Source: [Finkelhor, Shattuck, et. al, 2012. Updated Trends in Child Maltreatment](#))



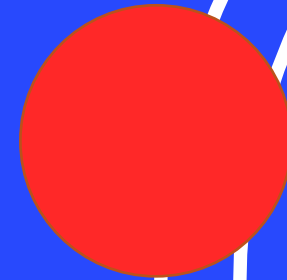
We are monitoring and hassling the **WRONG** people! We should be monitoring the following:

- motor vehicle thieves (78.8%)
- possessing or selling stolen property (77.4%)
- larcenists (74.6%)
- burglars (74.0%)
- robbers (70.2%)
- possessing, using or selling illegal weapons (70.2%)
- SOURCE: [Mass Incarceration: The Whole Pie](#)



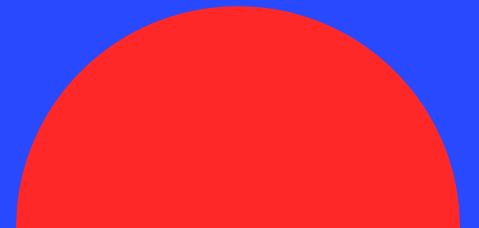
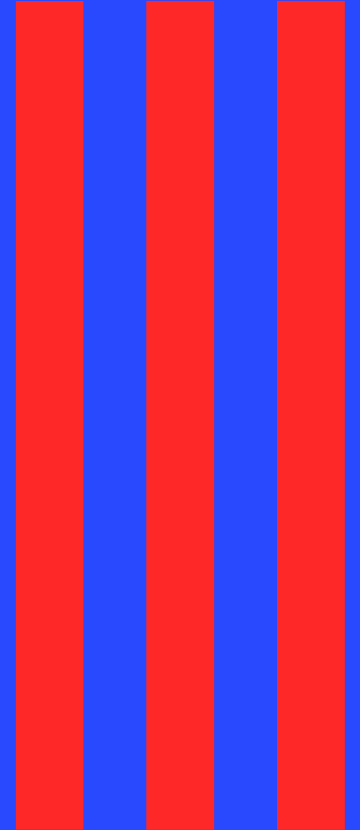
So what does all this mean?

YOU ARE WATCHING & WASTING MONEY AND OTHER RESOURCES ON MONITORING THE WRONG PEOPLE!



Inaccurate and harmful depictions of people convicted of sex offenses as uniquely dangerous career criminals causes more harm than good, perpetuates fear and wastes resources that should be used to monitor crimes that are more of a threat!

Therefore, BJS' report is a good example of how our perception of sex offenses is distorted by alarmist framing, which in turn contributes to bad policy.



Thank you

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