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Why are Aboriginal people over-represented in the criminal justice system?

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Sample 2 Question 16(a)

Within the criminal justice system Aboriginal people are over-represented due to the high percentage rate that face Aboriginal people. It may have impacts from ~~then~~ education and unemployment rates. But one of the factors that face Aboriginal communities ~~are~~ is the fact that 1 out of 3 Aboriginal youths are more likely to go to prison than graduate high school.

An Aboriginal student is 20% more likely to ~~get~~ ~~be~~ go on to higher education, so what is their to do with an education? For most Aboriginal boys drugs and alcohol are their escape goat.

Aboriginal women have a 38% chance of incarceration opposed to the 21% of Non-Indigenous Australian women.

Within the criminal justice system

corruption such as racism is more common ~~common~~. A ~~common~~ with reference to the 2003 Redfern riot. As a young man Thomas 'TJ' Hickey was chased by police which led to him crashing his bike and being impaled onto a fence. He was sadly killed in the accident. Police shut down Redfern's main street, being Evellegh Street. The movement by police angered young Aboriginal people, which cause a riot against police. Over 40 police officers ~~are~~ were injured. So was this an act of racism within the criminal justice system? many people do believe so. But the act of violence that was encouraged just led to more complication for Aboriginal people.

Many institutions aka 'jail' have large Indigenous population. The over-representation of Aboriginal can be appointed due to the large death's in custody of Aboriginal people.

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the domestic violent person within the relationship as well.

A quick survey in 2005 was done which showed Australian prisons are filled with 65% of Aboriginal people. In New Zealand 82% of prisons were filled with Maori people.

For young people there is the Juvenile justice system which is also populated with Indigenous and Maori. The Maori traditional culture is seen upon an act of mis-use as pride within gangs are used to uphold criminal acts.

Although Aboriginal people have higher rates than Non-Aboriginal in both countries of incarceration nothing justifies a criminal, which gains more racism and stereotypes within communities.