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FOLLOW THE MONEY

As we know, the U.S. penal system is a massive industry. It cages over 2.4 million people, with an additional 5 million controlled under probation/parole. Its estimated annual turnover is \$74 billion. What the companies which make up this industry do to get this money range from prison management, to providing medical and meal services, to private probation operations and the supplying of surveillance apparatus. Additional areas in which for-profit companies are expanding their involvement include prison banking, facility construction, information technology, and prison labor.

Many of the companies involved with making money from prisons and prisoners are very small, with relatively few publicly-traded ones. Among the companies listed below, the American Friends Service Committee recommends the following 6 for divestment: Corrections Corporation of America, G4S plc, Hewlett-Packard Company, Providence Services Corporation, the GEO Group, and Sodexo SA. By sector of operation, the main companies are:

>Facility Management:

Corrections Corporation of American of Nashville TN, Geo Group of Boca Raton FL, G4S plc of Crawly United Kingdom, Management and Training Corporation of Centerville UT, Emerald Corrections Management of Lafayette LA, LaSalle Management Company of Ruston LA.

>Youth Detention and "Treatment"

Abraxas Youth and Family Service--a subsidiary of GEO, Boca Raton FL, G4S Youth Services--a subsidiary of G4S, Management and Training Corporation (see above), Youth Services International of Sarasota FL, Cornerstone Programs of Englewood CO, Mid-Atlantic Youth Services of Emlenton PA.

>Medical and Mental Health Services

Centene Corporation of St Louis MO, MHM Services of Vienna VA, Correct Care Solutions LLC (formerly GEO Care) of Nashville TN, Corizon Health of Brentwood TN, Armor Correctional Health

Services Inc of Miami FL, Emerald Healthcare Systems LLIC a subsidiary of Emerald Companies of Lafayette LA, Wexford Health Sources Inc of Pittsburgh PA, Naphcare of Vestavia Hills AL, California Forensic Medical Group Inc of Monterey CA.

>Community Corrections

GEO Group, Correctional Alternatives Inc (parent company CCA), G4S plc, Avalon Correctional Services of Oklahoma OK, Aspen Education Group--a subsidiary of Acadia Healthcare of Franklin TN, Community Education Centers Inc of Colorado Springs CO.

>Supervision & Surveillance Equipment

3M Electronic Monitoring Ltd of Odessa FL, BI--a subsidiary of Geo Group, G4S plc, Omnilink--a subsidiary of Numerex Corp of Atlanta GA, TrackGroup Inc of Salt Lake City UT, Alanco Technologies Inc of Scottsdale AZ, Dräger Safety Inc of Lübeck, Germany, Satellite Tracking of People LLC of Dallas TX, iSECUREtrac LLC of Lexington KY, Sentinel Offenders Services of Irvine CA.

>Transportation Services

G4S, TransCor America LLC--a subsidiary of CCA, GEO Transport Inc--a subsidiary of The GEO Group Inc, Emerald Correctional Management, Emerald Companies of Shreveport LA, In-Custody Transportation Inc of San Dimas CA, Black Talon Enterprises Inc of Napa CA, Prisoner Transportation Services of Nashville TN, U.S. Prisoner Transport Services Inc of Melbourne FL.

>Prison Phone Services

CenturyLink Public Communication Inc of Monroe LA, Global Tel*Link Corporation of Mobile AL, Securus Technologies Inc of Dallas TX, ICSolutions Advanced Technology, Keefe Group Inc of San Antonio TX, Telmate LLC of Ontario OR, Pay-Tel Communications Inc of Greensboro NC, NCIC Inmate Phone Services of Longview TX.

>Prison Food, Commissary & other Goods

Aramark of Philadelphia PA, The Compass Group PLC of Chertsey, Surrey, U.K. Sodexo SA of Issy-les-Moulineaux France,

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Main companies in prison food etc, cont.
Hobart Corporation of Glenview IL, Keefe Supply Company of St Louis MO, Bob Barker Company of Fuquay-Varina NC
>Prison Video Visitation

CenturyLink PUblic Communications Inc, HomeWav of Virginia Beach Va, ICSolutions Advanced Technology, Keefe Group Inc of San Antonio TX, Renovo Software--a subsidiary of Global Tel*Link of Mobile AL, JPay and Primonics TeleCorrections, subsidiaries of Securus Technologies of Dallas TX, Telmateof San Francisco CA, TurnKey Corrections of Hudson WI, Sierra Detention Systems of Brighton CO, Sydaptic Inc of Waco TX

>Private Probation

Providence Services Corporation of Tucson AZ, Judicial Correction Services--a subsidiary of Correct Care Solutions LLC of Nashville TN, Sentinel Offender Services of Lawrenceville GA.

RESOURCE: American Friends Service (AFSC) Committee, 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia PA 19102, 215-241-7000.

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Keep sending us address changes and renewal requests to get the yearly holiday card/new calendar each January.

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We depend on our readers' donations & thank you for your support! Mil Gracias!



Where Have All the Soldiers Gone?

U.S. "special operations" military forces deployment are at an all-time historic high: this year, "special ops" have been sent to a record 147 countries--75% of the nations on the planet. This is a 145% increase since G.W. Bush's presidency. It means that, on any given day, U.S. forces are on the ground in 70 to 90 different countries. The U.S. military is now involved in more than 90% of Africa's 54 nations. What they do there includes: construction, military exercises, advisory assignments, security cooperation and training missions. There were 674 missions carried out across Africa last year. This was a 300% jump from previous years.

The U.S. Africa Command claims that there is only one base on the continent, Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti, where, at the new drone base at Chabelley Airfield, they're running at least 16 drones per day. They are conducting the war in Yemen and in Somalia. There are also drone bases in Somalia, Chad, Ethiopia and Niger.

There are also now 11 "contingency security locations" in Africa, which can be ramped up quickly, in addition to "rapid response forces" in Spain and Italy. The U.S. has funded troops in Kenya so it won't have a large number of troops on the ground there.

MORE NUMBERS

In 2014 the richest 80 people in the world held as much wealth as did the 3.6 billion poorest people--half of the human species. (Source: Oxfam)

In the U.S. in 1965 the income ratio of the chief executive officers of the Top 350 firms to that of their workers was 20-to-1. By 2014, it was 296-to-1. The wealthiest 0.1% held 22% of U.S. wealth.

No somos los silenciados

Un tribunal federal apeló al principio del noviembre contra la orden ejecutiva del Obama que protegería a 5 millones de inmigrantes indocumentados contra una deportación. Un panel de tres jueces de la Corte de Apelaciones en Nuevo Orleans se opusiera el plan de Obama. El programa hubiera permitido inmigrantes indocumentados pudieran solicitar un permiso de trabajo por tres años y estuvieran protegidos de una posible deportación durante este periodo. La decisión fue de 2 contra 1.