

Prisoners (1)* (August 15, 2013)

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We are all rapists and murders, that all we do, everyday,
rape and murder each other.

We are all unrehabilitable , irredeemable, born evil.

We are all ignorant and mentally ill-worthless.

Yes, we are all these things, but not in reality...

Only to you,

You, the media, who refuse to report objectively, or do any
investigating of your stories or your predispositions.

You, Hollywood, who refuse to portray us in any other
manner.

You, Prison Industrial Complex, who profits off of these
myths and our misery.

And you, guard unionist, who has no compunction about
wasting taxpayer resources and making society
less safe in the quest for job security for yourself
because you can't find another overpaid position
for your unskilled, uneducated labor.

And you, everyday citizen, who refuses to question such a
waste of resources and human capital, or your
own prejudices, and deliberately remain ignorant.

And you, hypocrite Christian, who blindly repeat and support
those ignorant stereotypes to self-righteously have
someone to look down upon while you ignore a
core tenant of your faith.

And you, prisoner, who refuses to work harder to eradicate
the stereotype imposed on you, by rehabilitating
yourself and doing something worthwhile with
your life.

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