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Prisoners

We want them to have self-worth —
 So we destroy their self-worth.
 To be responsible —
 So we take away all responsibility.
 To be part of our community —
 So we isolate them from the community.
 To be positive and constructive —
 So we degrade them and make them
 useless.
 To be non-violent —
 So we put them where there is violence all
 around.
 To be kind and loving people —

So we subject them to hatred and cruelty.
 To quit being tough guys —
 So we put them where the tough guy is
 respected.
 To quit hanging around losers —
 So we put all the losers under one roof.
 To quit exploiting us —
 So we put them where they exploit each
 other.
 We want them to take control of their own
 lives, own their own problems and quit
 being parasites —
 So we make them totally dependent on us.

Judge Dennis Challeen
 Supreme Court, USA

