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When the ages of prisoners are considered, the age group that spends the most time behind bars is 20-24 years old, which is the median age for college students.

Fact: 25% of the world's prisoners.

Fact: The US has 5% of the world's population, but 20% of the world's prisoners.

Fact: You daunt make any decisions, everything is fixed.

It's a problem when the age group that...nothing, every mistake in correctional systems (complete self-closure, scheduled everything is only with yourself, the only thing you have is responsibility).

BASTOY prison, Norway, 1982

Prison 16%) compared to 43% of U.S prisons.

Prisons in Norway are considered more humane and have lower re-offend rates.

When a prison consider as successful? When the rates of re-offend are low.

When a prison consider as unsuccessful? When the rates of re-offend are not low.