Violence of the Law, English 1102

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Coaching Children of Incarcerated Parents

Preston Smith:
During my freshman year at Georgia Tech, I took a course called "Violence of the Law" (English 1102). I became interested in examining how the law enacts violence upon citizens in order to maintain control. Through reading literature, Supreme Court opinions, and prison theory, I came to see the disastrous effects of the law's violence.
The following year I volunteered to work with a nonprofit that has served children of the incarcerated in Atlanta for 30 years, "Foreverfamily." As a member of the Georgia Tech track team, I coached the children every week to run a 5K in Piedmont Park, and mentored them to develop leadership skills at a subsequent weekend-long event.
People of color are incarcerated at an exponentially higher rate than the rest of the population (Coates, 2016). As an African-American male, I am seeking to research and increase awareness about the disproportionate impact of incarceration on blacks.

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