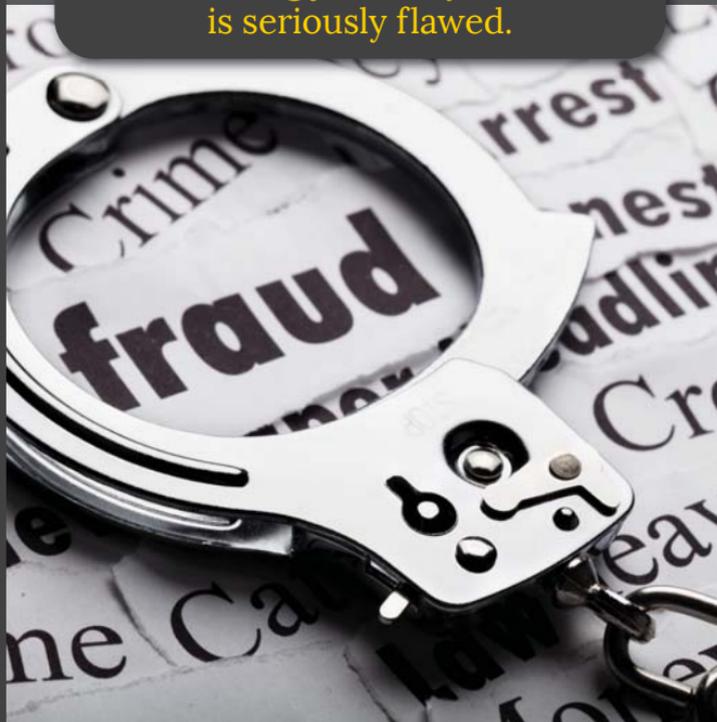


Libertarians believe that the existing justice system is seriously flawed.



CRIME & VIOLENCE

One of the biggest problems we face today is that many things that should not be considered crimes are labeled as crimes. Worse yet, many of these non-violent actions are punished more harshly than are violent crimes.

Libertarians believe that only actions that involve force or fraud should be labeled as "crimes". We believe that such crimes should be prosecuted and punished by our justice system but that actions that don't involve force or fraud should not be criminalized or penalized in the first place.

We believe that ending the War on Drugs is an essential part of any plan to improve our justice system. Millions of people, disproportionately people of color, are arrested, jailed, and given a criminal record because they voluntarily chose to consume something. Not only is it immoral for the government to decide what is and is not acceptable for people to consume, but

criminalizing drugs does nothing to reduce the scourge of drug addiction and abuse. The War on Drugs hurts the people we should be trying to help and diverts criminal justice resources away from prosecuting actual crimes committed against people and property.

In summary, Libertarians want to see crimes that are truly crimes prosecuted and punished. Libertarians also want behavior that does not involve force or fraud legalized and dealt with outside the criminal justice system. We want justice for victims and also justice for the accused and convicted. The rights of every person matter.



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A photograph of prison bars, showing a perspective view of the metal bars receding into the distance. The lighting is dramatic, with strong shadows and highlights on the bars.

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matter ALL the time.

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