

Reentry, Health, and Trauma: Justice Beyond the Victim-Offender Dichotomy

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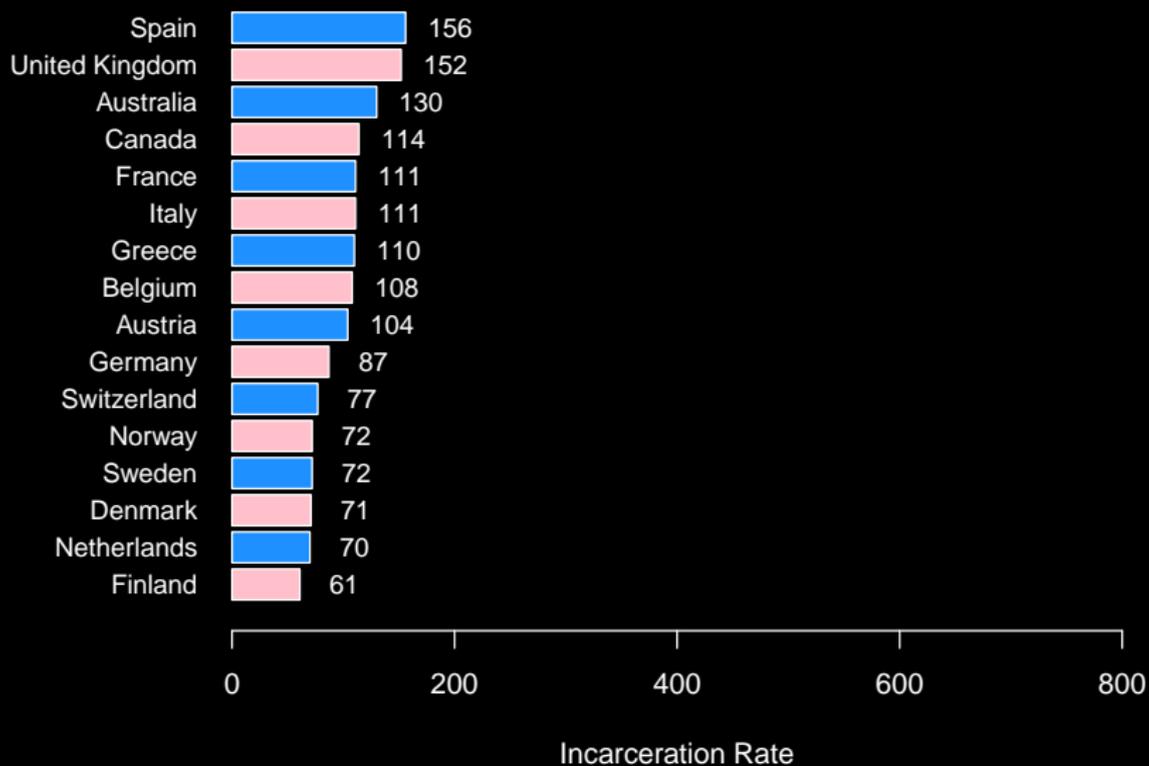
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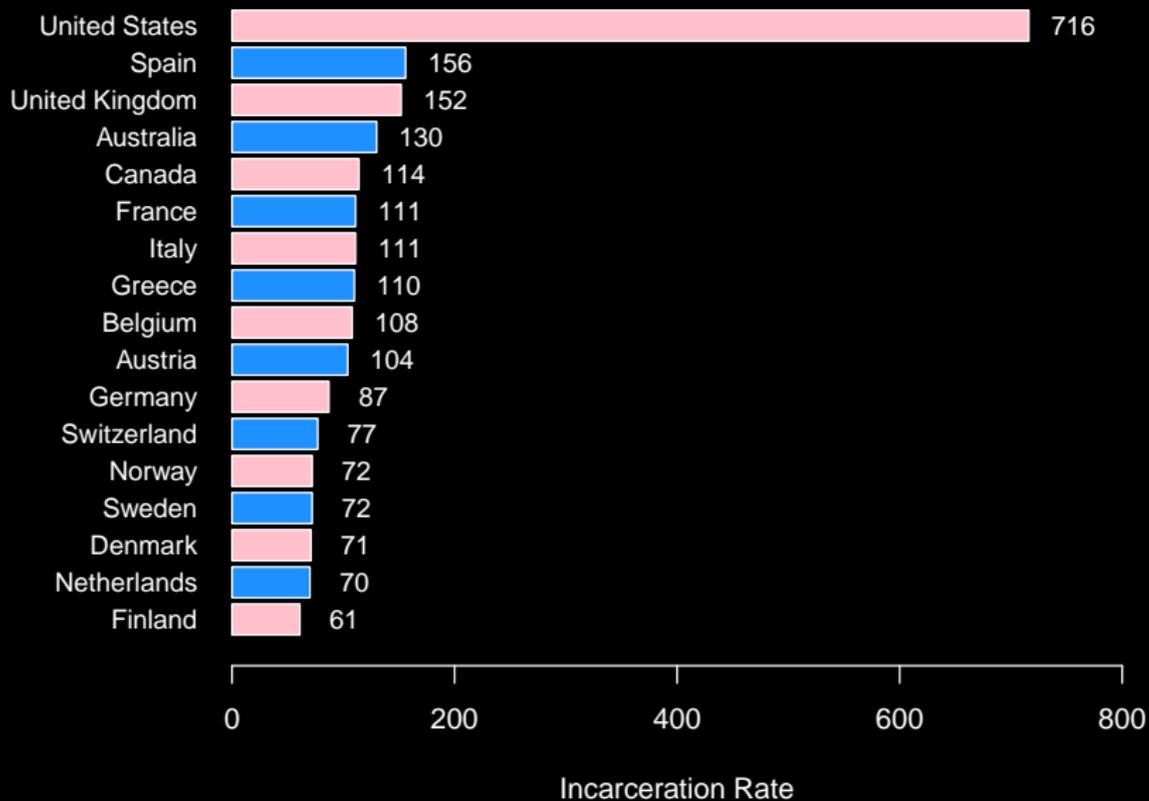
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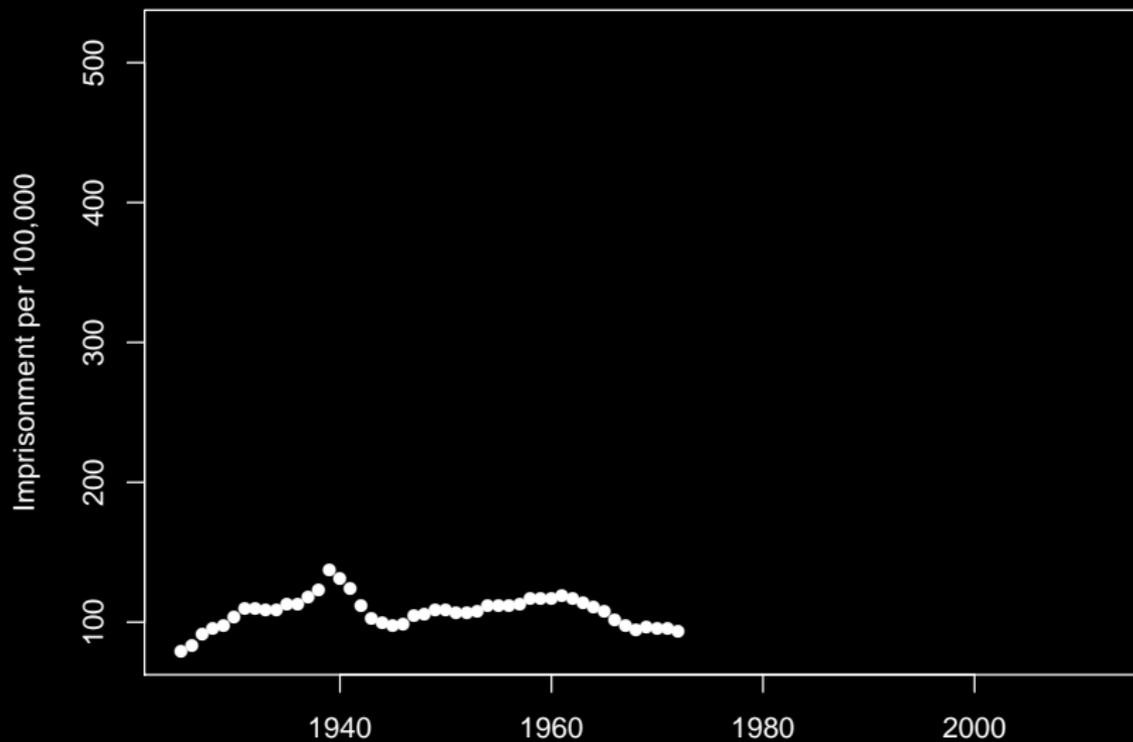
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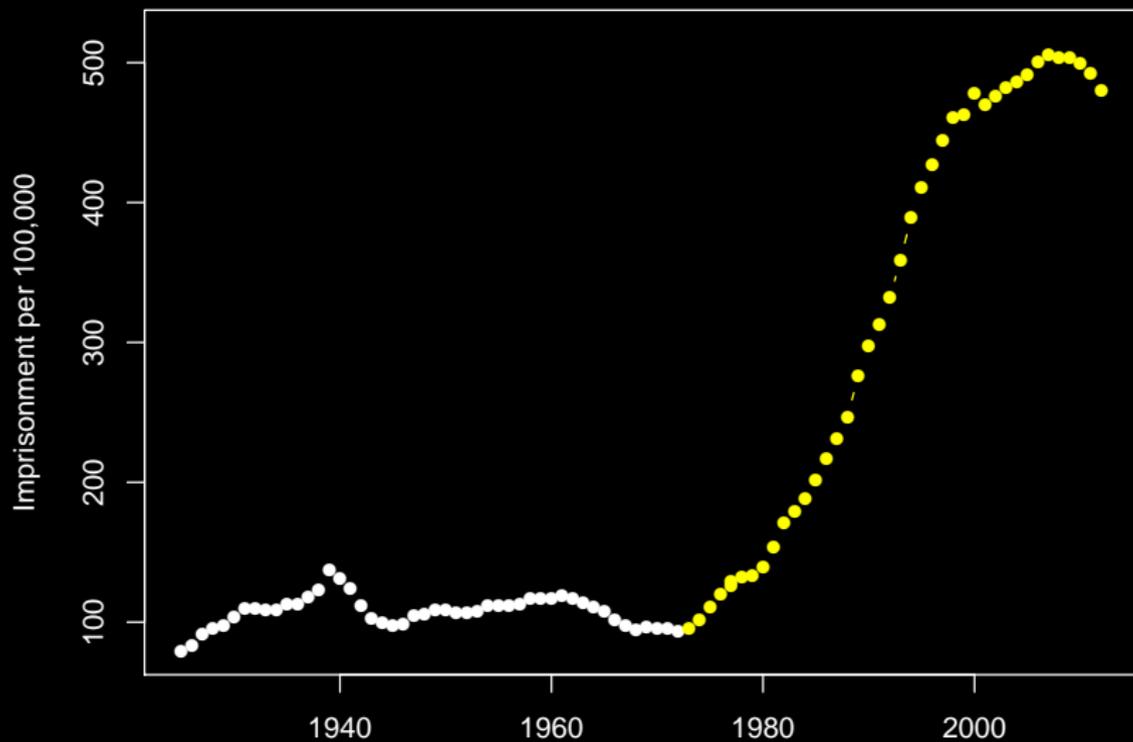
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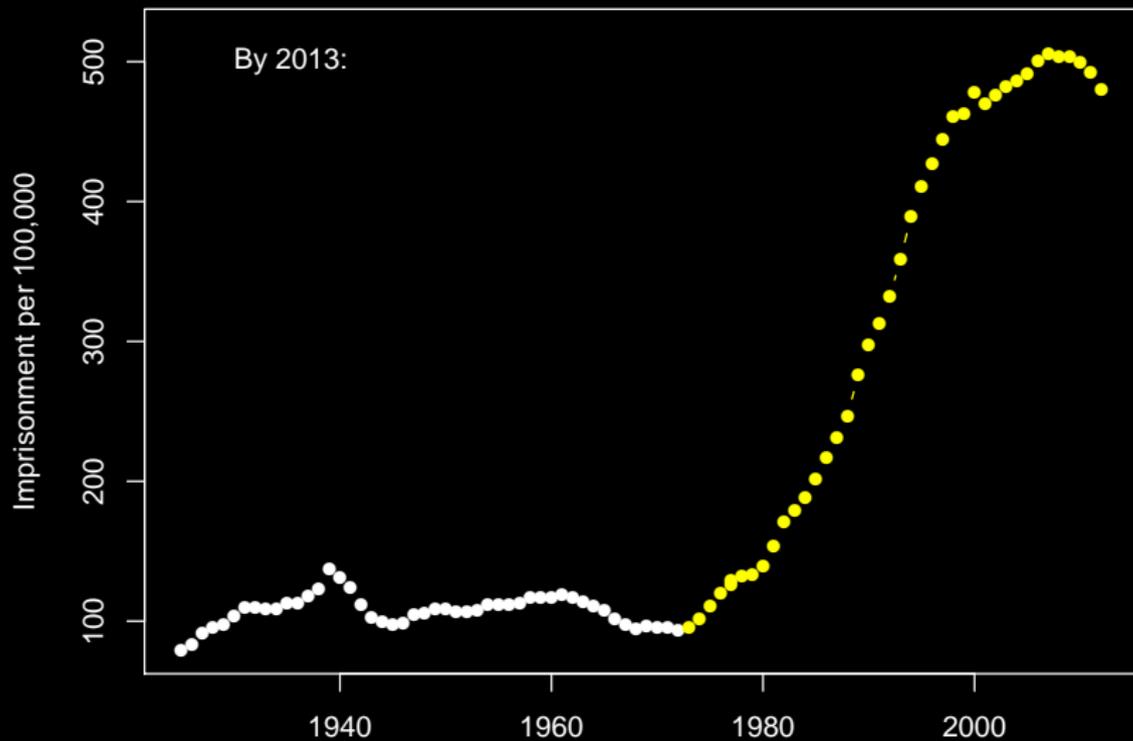
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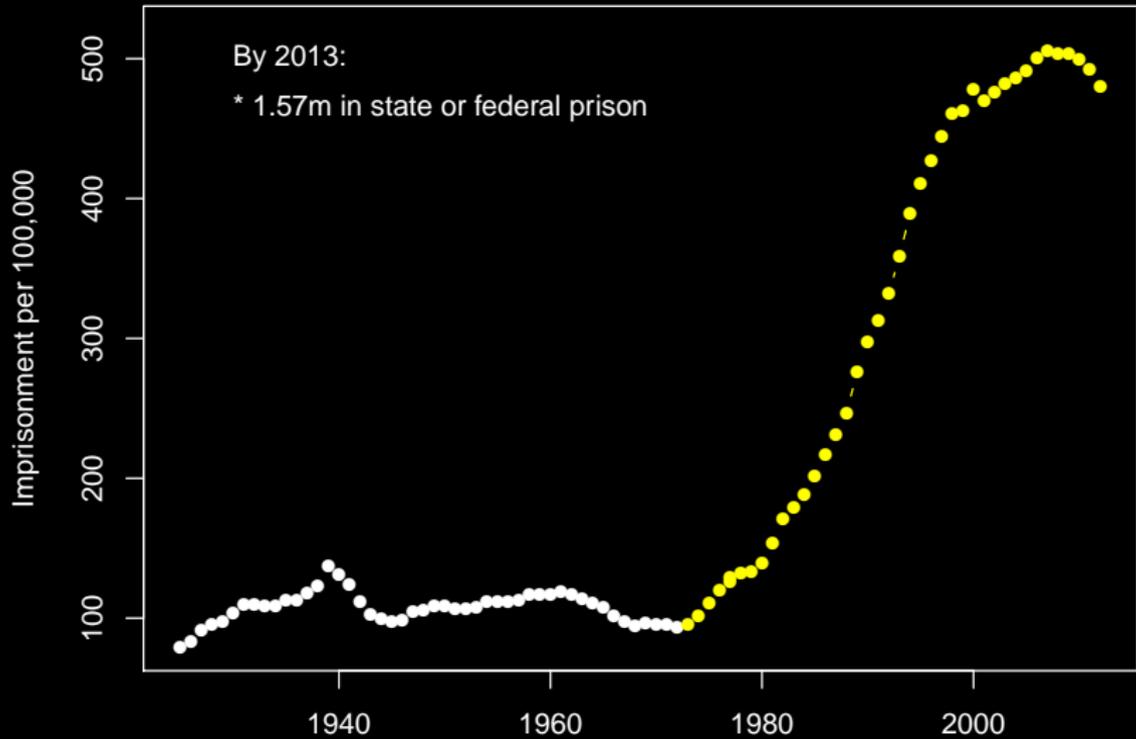
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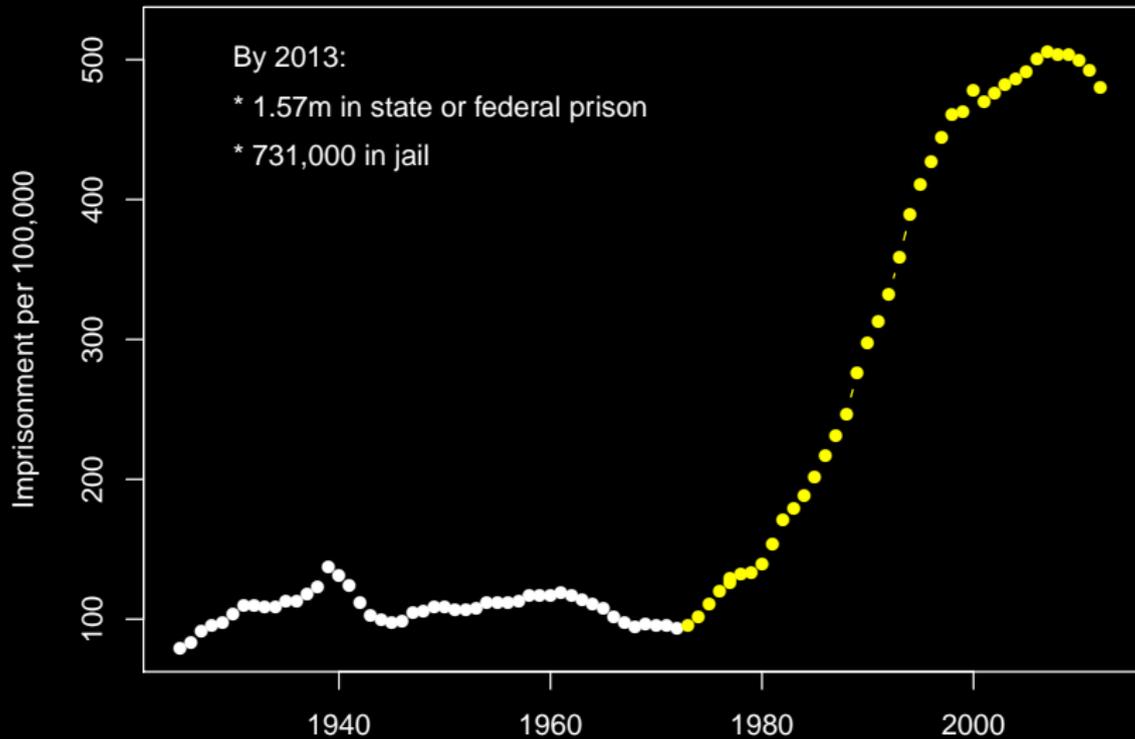
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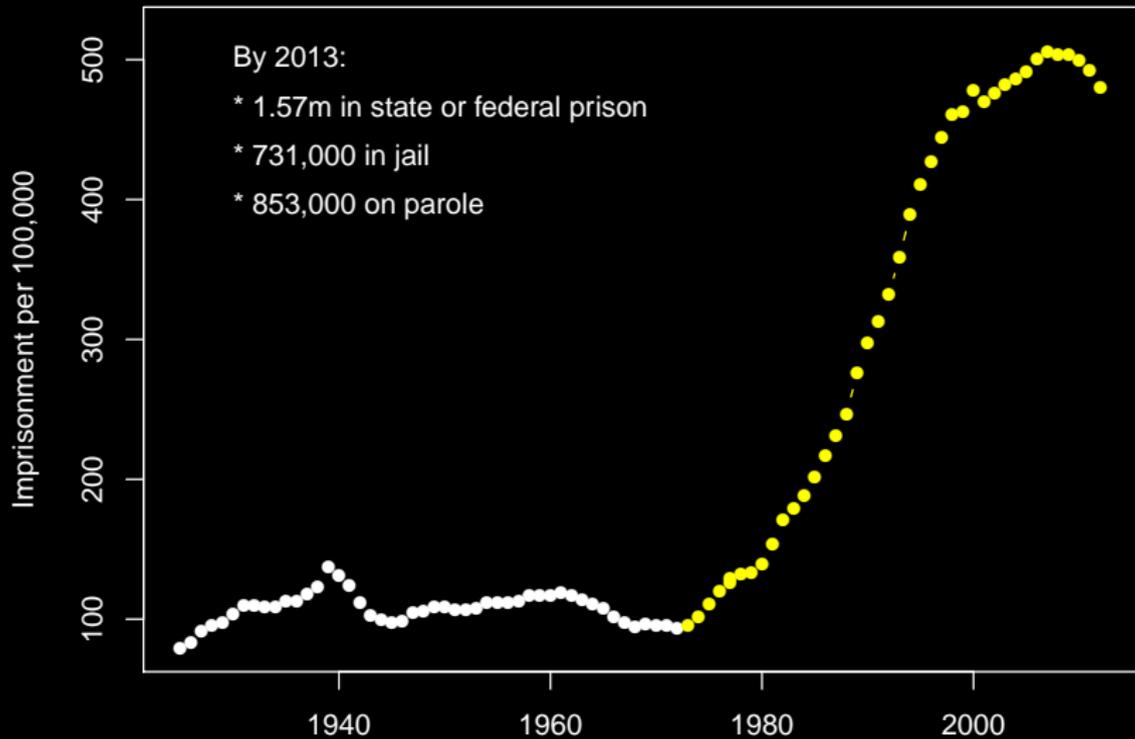
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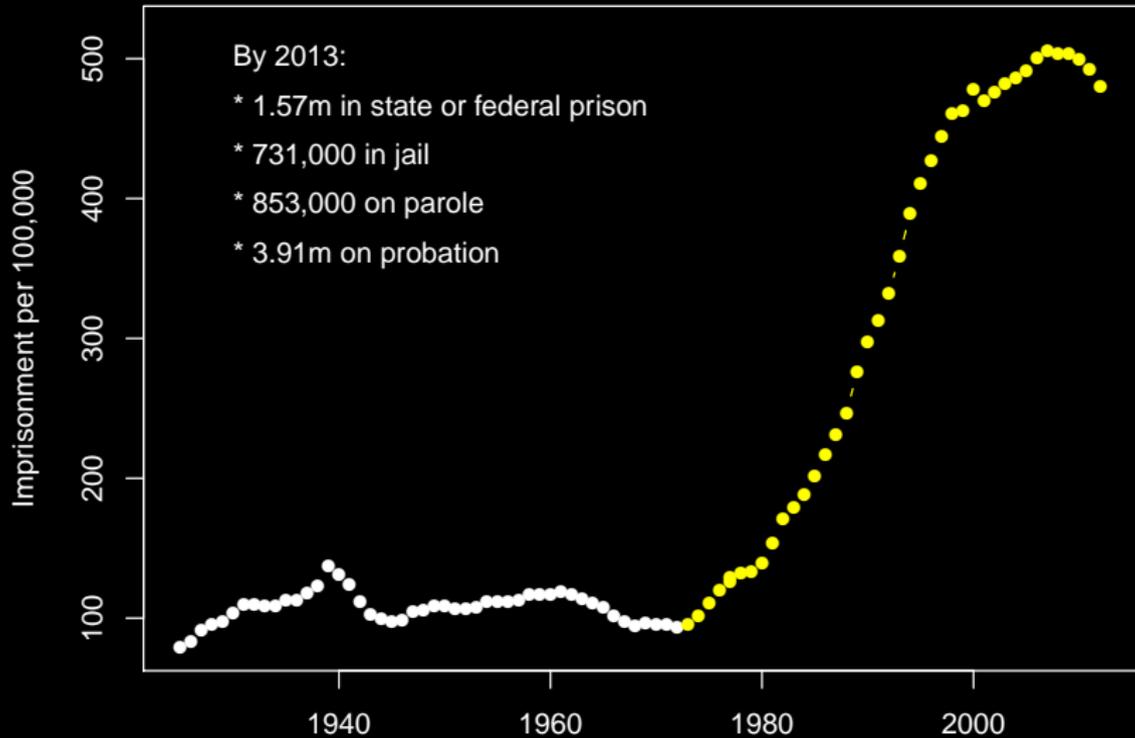
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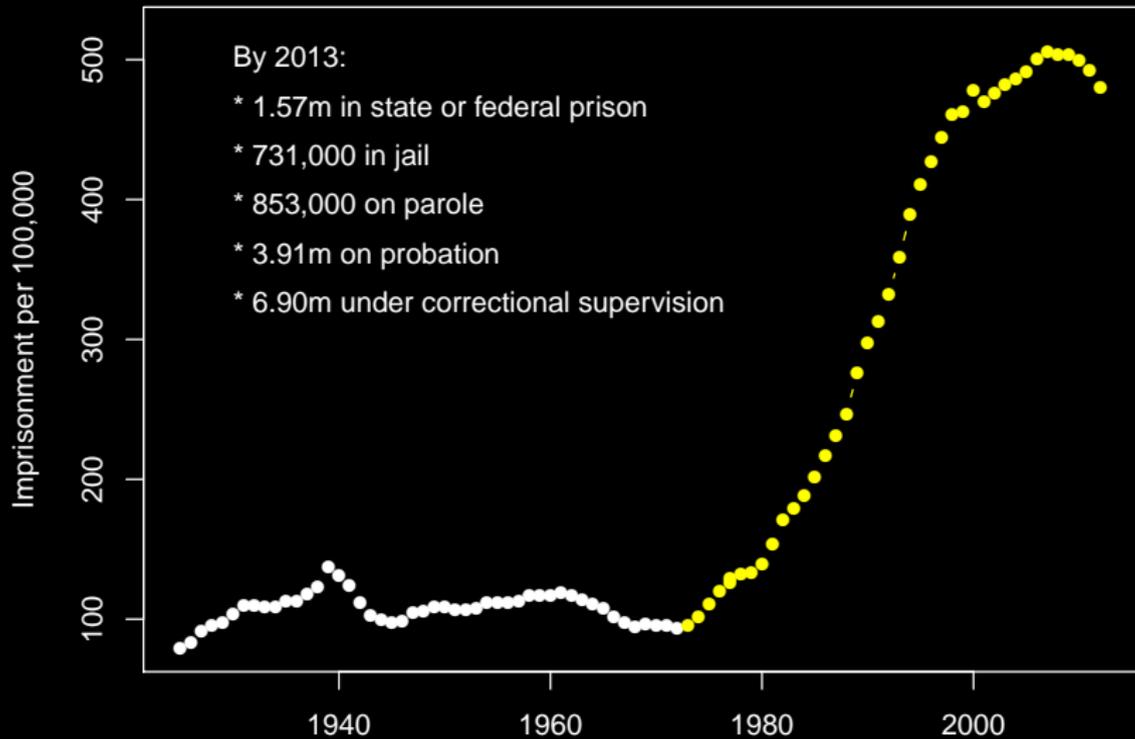
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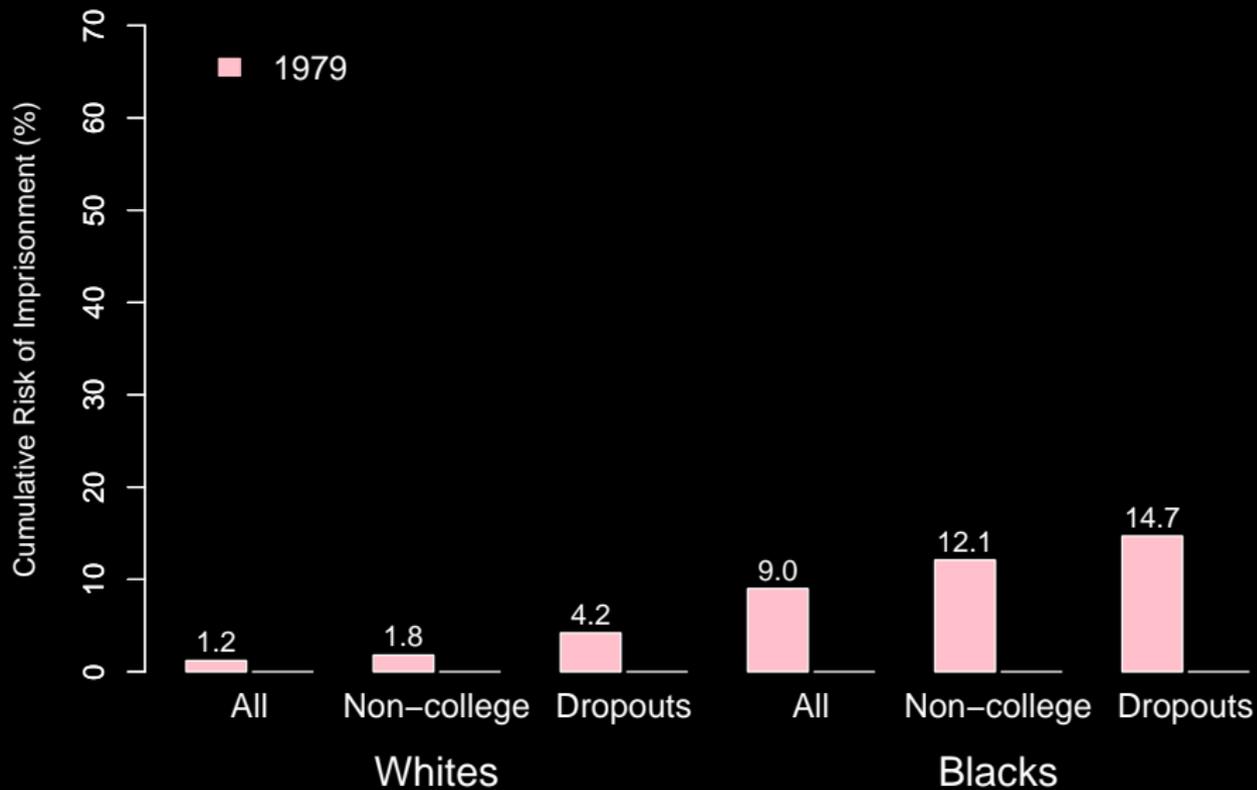
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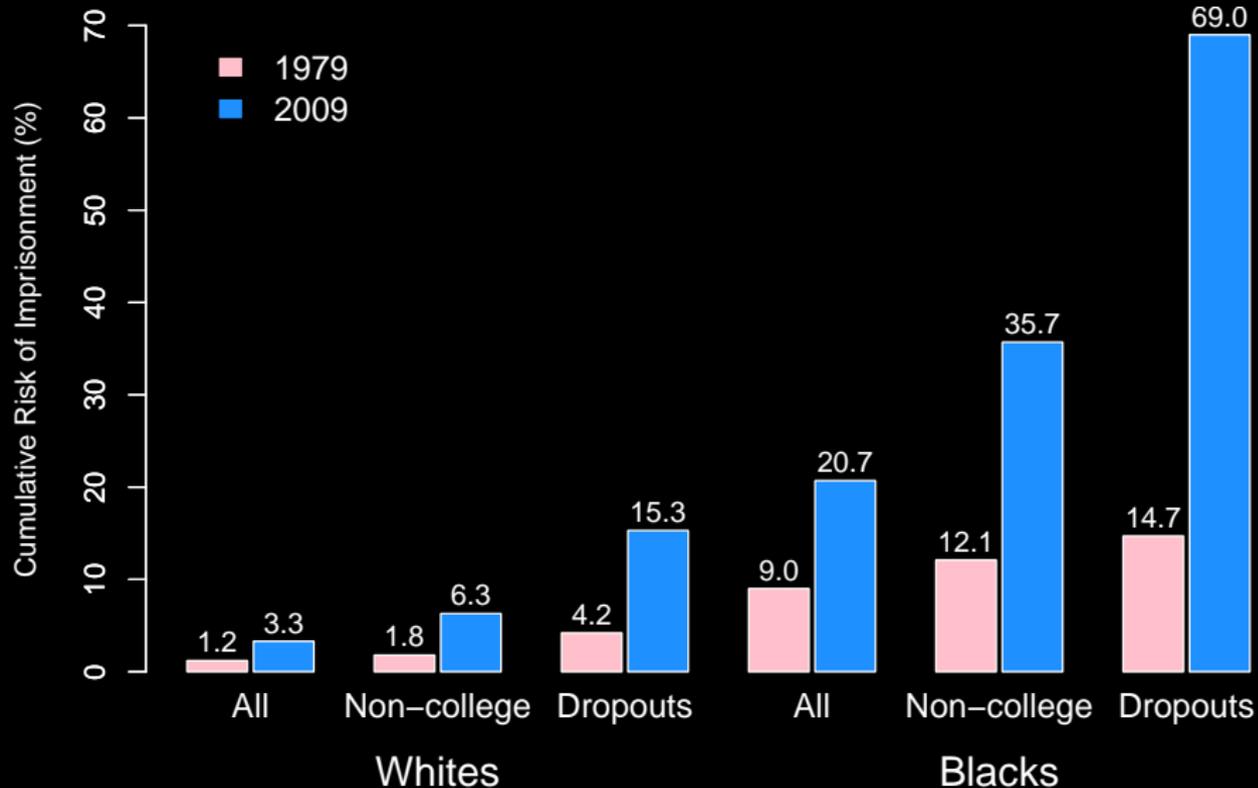
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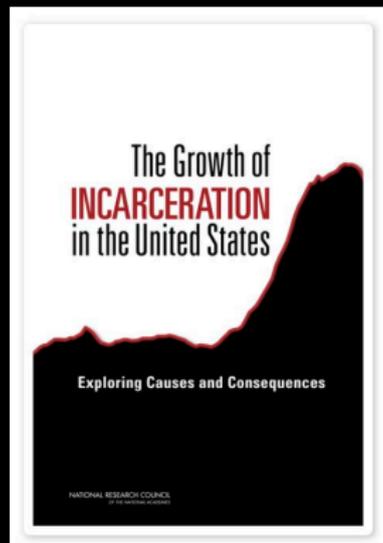
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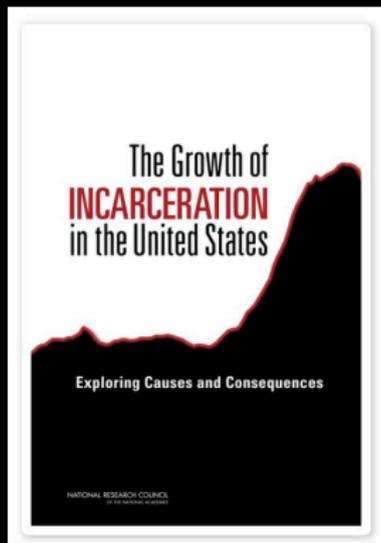
Key Finding

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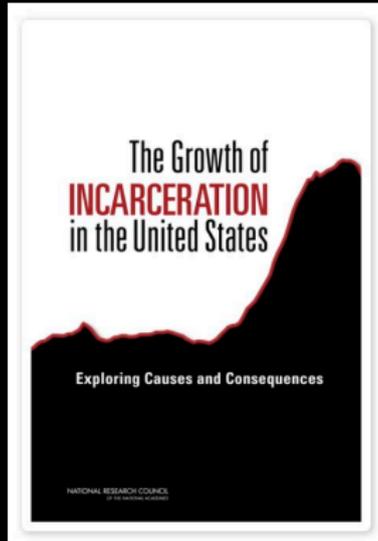


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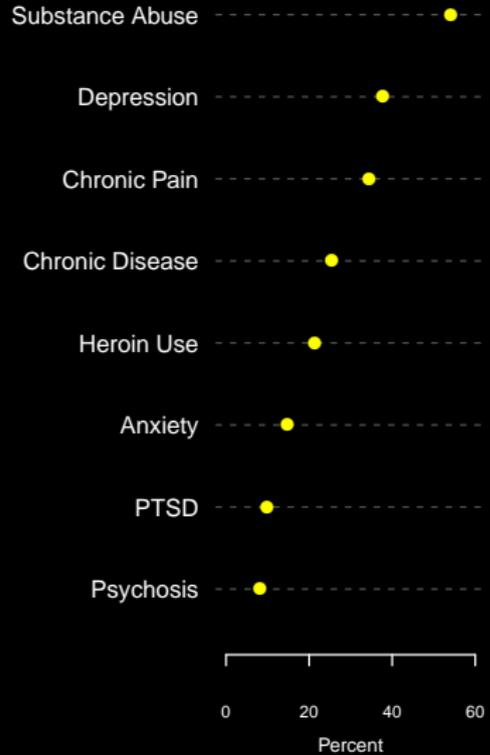
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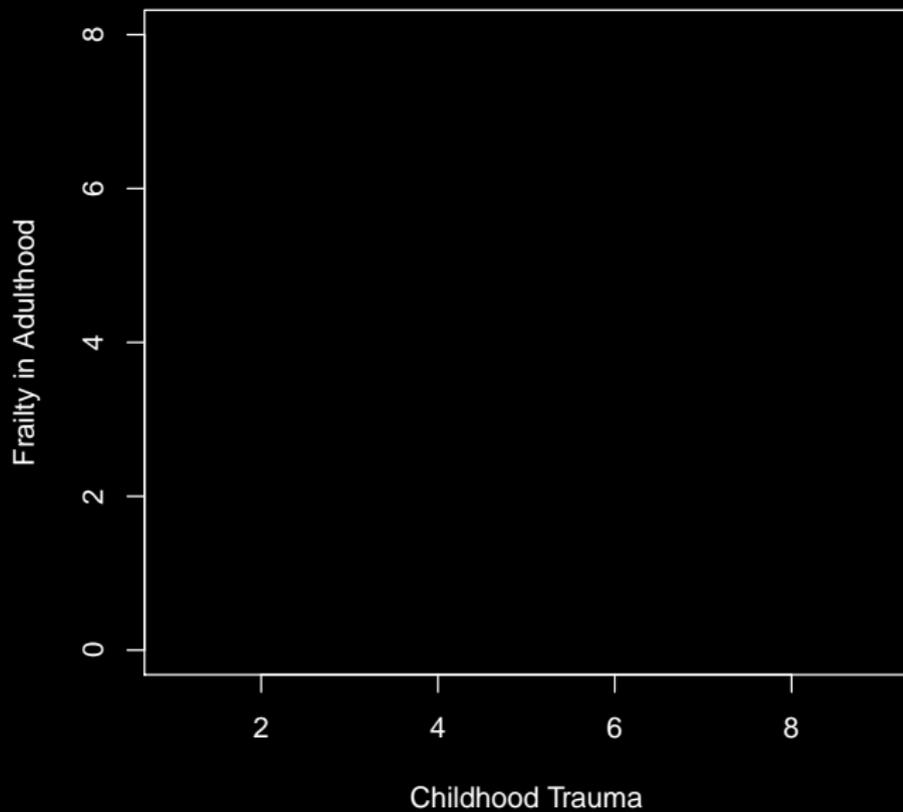
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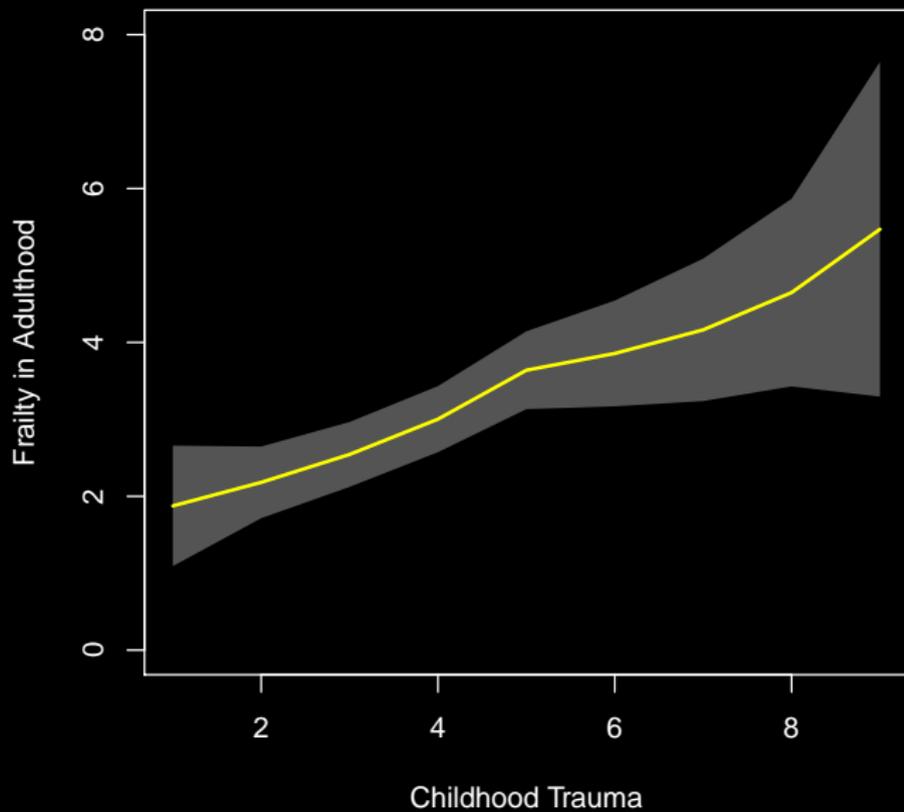
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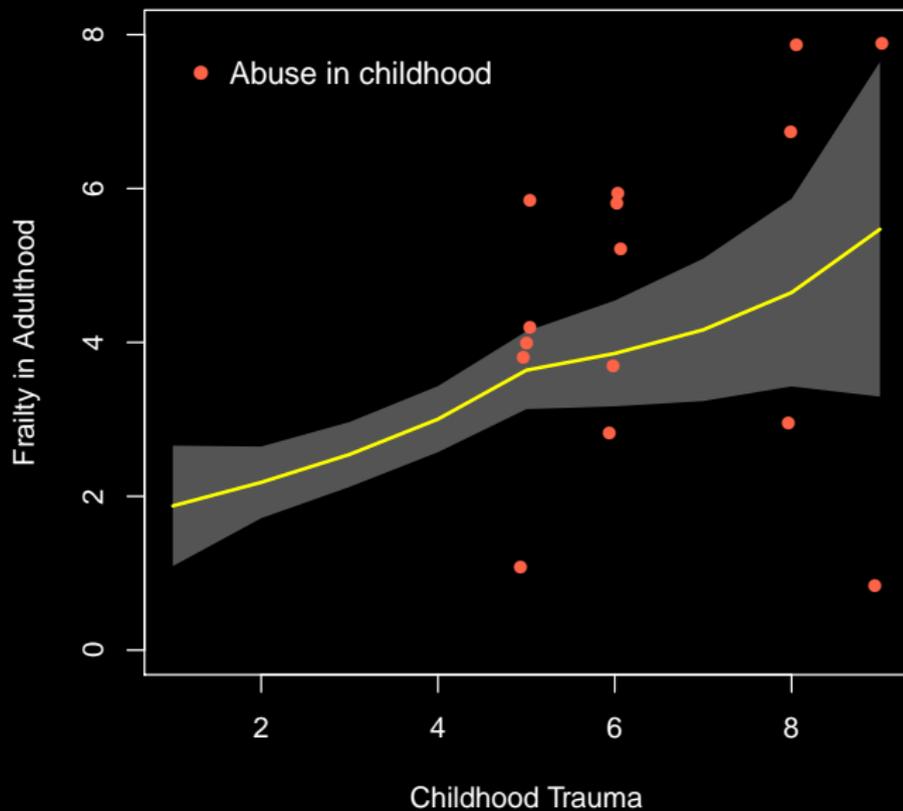
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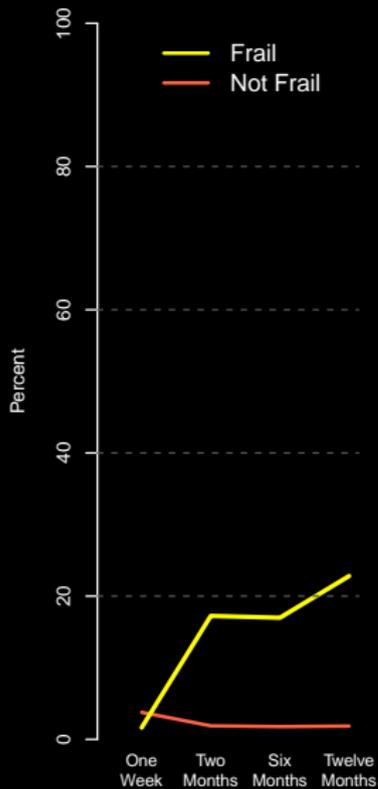
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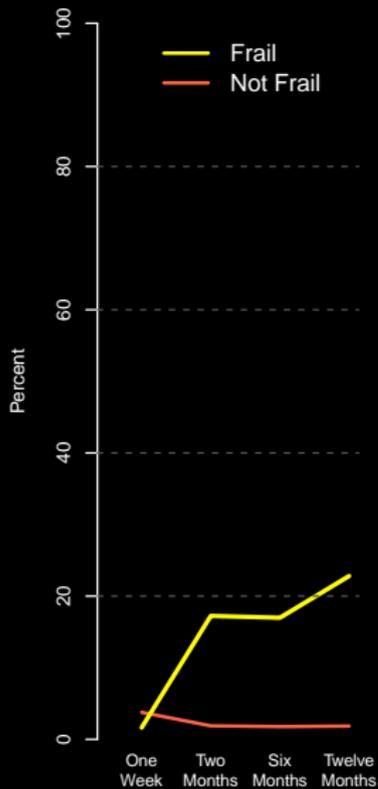
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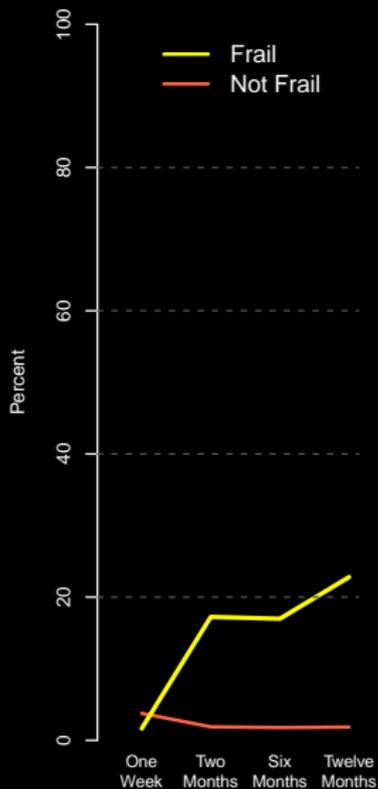
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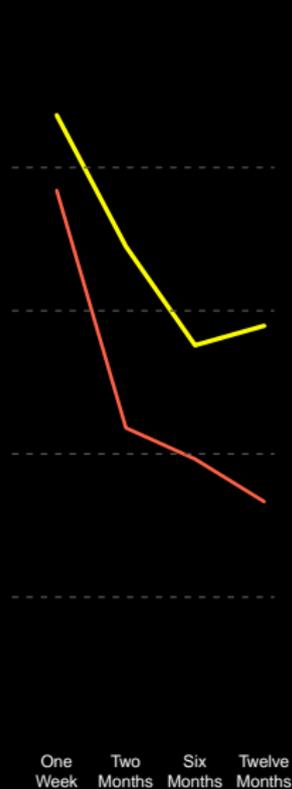
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III. Stories

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Life in the Year After Prison

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Peter's Story



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