

Pulled Up Short with Stanton Wortham

Are prisons separate from society?



In the course, we did an activity that I took a lot away from. The p





**David Sellers 2013**

Yes The theory of justice that we embrace as individuals or as a society is a hurtful one. It's punitive. In the east, through studies I've learned from Inside Out, they practice a community resolution form of justice, where a group of the community comes together, and they don't just deal with the issue of the victim, or they don't seek to punish the perpetrator. They don't even use that type of language. They don't use those labels. They see it as a harm that affects the whole community and that's brought about by something lacking in the community, an

**David Sellers 25:26**

Very well put.

**Stanton Wortham 25:28**

How do you think about the notion of individual responsibility? So if people do perpetrate something that has a victim, does that mean that we don't think about punishing them at all? Or we punish them, but we also have a community response? Are these two things mutually exclusive?

**David Sellers 25:44**

Well, I would say that they're not mutually exclusive. In my view, in my perspective, an individual who perpetrates any type of social disobedience. They are either operating from hurt or harm that they themselves have experienced or been victim of, which then would meet the criteria for some form of crime.



professions but it's everyone's concern. It takes all of us to actually bring about the kind of community safety and justice that that man