

**SAMPLE**

# Mass incarceration:

What is it and why should we care?

**ACLU**

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION  
FOUNDATION

Ohio

# THE ATLANTIC'S MASS INCARCERATION VISUALS

SAMPLE



What do you notice about time periods and the number of U.S. prisoners?

(Hint: remember the time periods after 1970s)

# THE ATLANTIC'S MASS INCARCERATION VISUALS

**SAMPLE**



What impact do you think this has on communities?

# WHAT ARE SOME REASONS FOR MASS INCARCERATION?

**SAMPLE**

- ▶ Prison privatization
- ▶ “War on Drugs”
- ▶ Mandatory minimums/sentencing
- ▶ Compacting issues (i.e. bail, plea deals, etc).



# PRISON PRIVATIZATION • WHAT IS IT?

**SAMPLE**

- ▶ Selling/ contracting a public prison to a private, third-party (e.g. company) and allowing them to operate the prison.
- ▶ Why is this an issue?
  - ▶ Makes prisons operate with a “business” mentality