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The New Jim Crow

Objectives:

- ☐ WWWBAT summarize the main points of the excerpt
- ☐ WWBAT analyze the validity of the author's assertions, and make connections (T-T, T-S, T-W) in order to contextualize her points
- ☐ WWBAT synthesize her premise, with Angela Davis' text, and our other research/resources about the Prison Industrial Complex, mass incarceration, and institutionalized racism

Chunk #	Evidence (quote/paraphrase/summary)	Analysis
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Guiding Questions:

Chunk 1: What is Michelle Alexander's assertion? How is she comparing our penal system to "Jim Crow"?

Chunk 2: What was the War on Drugs, and how was it propagated (which means to spread or promote the idea of something -- similar to propaganda)? Why might people be prone/likely to talk about conspiracy theories, in regard to this issue?

Chunk 3: Comment on the racial dimension of mass incarceration.

Chunk 4: Comment on the apparent decline in prison population, and the surprising -- and counterintuitive -- inverse effect in the past several decades.

Chunk 5: What is at stake if we do nothing about this social issue? What parallels does the author draw, to invoke its importance?

Chunk 6: Comment on how the “current system of control depends on black exceptionalism” (Alexander 14), and connect to Obama and/or Affirmative Action. Describe the difference between the “prison label” and the “prison time,” and the various effects on people’s abilities to be active citizens. What solutions does she offer?