

## **Public Perception of Corrections: The Dark Side of the Force**

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What causes a normally law abiding individual to attempt to smuggle contraband into a correctional facility? Is it because the general public has such a poor perception of the correctional setting? This study will examine the public's perception of corrections. This study reviews past research and compares that with current research to attempt to establish how the public's perception was formed and if it has changed in recent years. Outside stimuli which influence the public's perception of corrections will be reviewed. Possible ways to attempt to change the public's perception of corrections will be discussed with examples of successful strategies that have been employed to create a positive influence of corrections in the public's eye.