



Prison Break: Why Conservatives Turned Against Mass Incarceration (Hardback)

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Oxford University Press Inc, United States, 2016. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 235 x 156 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. American conservatism rose hand-in-hand with the growth of mass incarceration. For decades, conservatives deployed tough on crime rhetoric to attack liberals as out-of-touch elitists who coddled criminals while the nation spiraled toward disorder. As a result, conservatives have been the motive force in building our vast prison system. Indeed, expanding the number of Americans under lock and key was long a point of pride for politicians on the right - even as the U.S. prison population eclipsed international records. Over the last few years, conservatives in Washington, D.C. and in bright-red states like Georgia and Texas, have reversed course, and are now leading the charge to curb prison growth. In *Prison Break*, David Dagan and Steve Teles explain how this striking turn of events occurred, how it will affect mass incarceration, and what it teaches us about achieving policy breakthroughs in our polarized age. Combining insights from law, sociology, and political science, Teles and Dagan will offer the first comprehensive account of this major political shift. In a challenge to the conventional wisdom, they argue that the fiscal pressures...



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