
**Survey Comment
Report**



Western Illinois and Clayton Work Camp 2023 MQPL Survey Comments

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Introduction

Western Illinois Correctional Center (Western) is a medium-security male prison within the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) that housed 1,637 people on March 27, 2023. The John Howard Association of Illinois (JHA) conducted a modified short [Measuring the Quality of Prison Life](#) (MQPL) survey by providing enough survey packets (consisting of the [MQPL survey](#), an informed consent notice/instruction sheet, and a privileged mail prepaid business reply envelope addressed to JHA) so that every person incarcerated at Western had an opportunity to participate in the voluntary and anonymous survey if they chose to do so. JHA received 648 responses to the MQPL survey from people at Western through July 19, 2023, representing approximately 38% of the static population. Comments from seven respondents, or 15%, of the 46 people at the Clayton Work Camp, for which Western is the parent facility, are also included separately in this report. JHA visited Western in June 2023.

Below are the comments from the MQPL surveys for the open-ended survey questions followed by marginalia comments. Please note:

- All blank answers have been omitted
- Names and other personally identifying details have been redacted
- Spelling and grammar have been lightly edited for understanding and to account for possible transcriber typos

Western Illinois Correctional Center OPEN-ENDED SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q12. What are the most positive things about life in this prison?

1. nothing.
2. NOTHING other that I am alive over 25 year in prison

3. Now that the Incentive Wing is starting (it's still in "rollout" mode) I can make small positive contributions in groups or other programs...And some staff try to be good people.
4. The most positive things about my experience life in prison, is the ability to interact with new people from Different places
5. Really nothing ive been trying to leave western
6. Give You Time to Reflect on your Future Getting out
7. Watch TV, Friends & Getting Good time.
8. The ground squirrels have brought me joy over the years. But the most positive is the simple fact that this prison is still better than Menard Correctional Center. Staff, Administration, Nepotism among staff, no staff diversity with the majority being white, lack of privileges or privileges being cancelled without any reason, and a lack of LGBTQ+ staff.
9. Nothing because even though they have classes here that can help you, if your sentence is short they tell you that you can not get into classes because you only have two years left on your sentence in other words the waiting list is to long
10. We can participate in programs
11. nothing here. Seriously. you're in your cell all day.
12. It frees you to find out exactly who you are inside, what all you can endure and how strong you really are. Because if you cant or dont you may crash out and get hurt hurt someone or just lose your mind in here.
13. There is None They play us out of all our stuff want Let us get what we got coming to us end Been Feeding us ham & beans Hot Dogs for a whole month now
14. I am a positive good natured person Despite this Negative environment other than that their is no positive things about this prison
15. yard
16. yard gym
17. None really. Racism and white Nationalist behavior is every where, Black and Hispanic men are overwhelming target by white staff. our Personal Property is mixed all up together when being Sent to Seg.
18. "Nothing"
19. Not far from home & window in cell
20. nothing
21. The Harassment, sexual abuse and derogatory Name The guards commit Toward me. I have even been depantsed.
22. You do get more yards and gym now, which help people stay active and healthy
23. They Have To Feed You, Give You A Room With Power & They Can't Kill You On Camera & They Cant Physically Assault You Without A Valid Justified Reason.
24. Not Any that I can think of.
25. Getting to know yourself without the influence of drugs or alcohol.
26. None Western has no diversity amongst staff they all stick together even when they know somethings wrong or being done to harm inmates they have an (extreme) racist culture with security staff towards colored inmates.
27. Nothing Positive Here in Mt. Sterling, officers and staff are Very Racist
28. I can't think of none thing
29. None
30. None!
31. I get to read
32. This prison school, and visits.

33. Nothing I feel like always committing suicide but always tell myself I gotta remain strong for my family I shouldn't be in this prison is horrible and cruel
34. This is prison very little is positive
35. Commissary. LTS movies (new), LTS programs
36. T.V
37. Some of the officers and staff treat you with true respect and an equal as much as they can within their job parameters. The programs run by LTS.
38. None
39. N/A
40. I can focus on the things I want to do while in my cell
41. There's a window in the cell, able to pray in congregation during the month of Ramadan.
42. yard, commissary
43. I seriously can't think of any positive things for us.
44. Focus on getting my freedom back
45. Nothing
46. None
47. Being able to continue in my education
48. Nothing
49. There is nothing positive about this prison.
50. They Try To Bring programs, The staff Do Try
51. There are nothing positive about this prison. unless your in programs or school or work. besides that life here is inhumane!
52. That they give out good time.
53. None.
54. mental health.
55. me and my faith
56. learning to be patient because you have no choice.
57. You get good time, double contracts if your in an incentive wing, other then that, I have been here 4 years and still waiting on school.
58. I do not, find one yet nowadays. I think, we can find even one yet, nowadays.
59. you get the opportunity to go to yard and the gym to exercise. That helps release stress in a positive way. More activities equals less stress. Less stress equals safer prison.
60. There is no joy in being caged up in this warehouse for human beings!!
61. That you get a meal three times a day, you get paper toilet.
62. nothing
63. access to hygiene, shower, laundry, soap.
64. none
65. The food is better than Menard, the library access and getting a chance to walk a lot
66. la lectura de libros. **[TRANSLATED FROM SPANISH: reading books]**
67. yourself and what it is to help yourself.
68. nothing
69. I see people go home everyday that's it!
70. us inmates trying to stick together.
71. ima be honest there are no positive things in this joint
72. No positive things
73. there are some quiet days
74. it give me time to read, learn, & set goals & plans to reach those goals
75. is fixing whats broke! Everything

76. Enjoying the little phone time we do get to be able to talk to our loved ones.
77. TV, music, and D&D, also magic the gathering
78. nothing this place is hell help
79. I can see a different side of white people each shift that makes me dislike white people and white law enforcement and IDOC staff. Black men are being targeted in Western #2. If you complain about a health condition over 3-times it is highly seen you will be sent to a outside hospital. It may take months it will be done.
80. I can't Think of anything
81. If I leave staff/inmates alone 100% of the time, I'm left alone 95% of the time
82. If you your time wisely you can learn from your mistakes and be a better person when you came in.
83. Time for Self Improvement, Time to Read, Teaching Myself to heal, Time to teach myself the law, civil/criminal. learning who is with me and who is Against me in life.
84. The way our phone rotate for everyone can use it on dayroom time
85. can't think of anything!
86. There is no positive anything about this prison it's hell here
87. Honestly it would be school but they only offer certain classes and a lot of it is only book work if they had school courses that allowed hands on courses school would def be the positive in prison besides that there's not really nothing left positive about prison besides working out and getting yourself healthy...
88. Nothing Its Bad
89. Staying outta trouble counts now, A little more programs.
90. Over my long period of incarceration: I've adopted "the Groundhog Day" theory (Bill Murray) movie. I thank God, I wake every morning, trying to find the positive in life, so that my day can turn out, somewhat alright.
91. Shit
92. Nothing is positive about life in any prison
93. TV, music, Dungeons & Dragons.
94. 3 cold meals + cot!
95. The time we get to spend with our family on the phone.
96. My family is in my life and they check on me.
97. Nothing
98. None
99. Nothing at all
100. Many of the incarcerated individuals are driven by the adversarial relationship between prison administration and inmates to feel a sense of community and comradery. Many of us look out for each other whenever we can. There are good people in here.
101. Cant think of anything!
102. It is safe in this prison
103. I am able to stay in contact with family and friends
104. Nothing simply because they aren't concerned with dealing with issues. They are only concerned with punishment.
105. It gives you time to figure out what's important in yo life. It gives you time to work on yo flaws -n- improve yourself if you so chooses it!
106. There is nothing positive about this prison I caught a drug case on which I was using drugs. The court recommended a program. This prison has no programs I can go through to change myself
107. It saved my life for awhile but it didn't stop the pain but what i did was not something that cause me 25 years of my life thats a positive note

108. God allows me to wake up another day to overcome all obstacles.
109. Work & School
110. The other individuals in custody around me.
111. Tablet TV work release date
112. Nothing but some
113. Better than being in a max security prison.
114. Honestly I can not think of one positive thing about this institution
115. There is no positive they are not trying to help people only hurt people.
116. TV with cable, Tablets with the music, games and newsfeeds
117. Nothing
118. Not having to, wait? There is nothing positive about this prison
119. my faith in Jesus Christ!
120. There are none.
121. No comment!
122. I get to go to chapel
123. Gym and yard. Some programs
124. There is no positive things going on in this prison. The officers hate Black People here
125. We can walk to chow
126. I wish there was something positive to say about life in this prison cause it's truly horrible honestly!
127. Nothing
128. Yard. Gym. Many bible studies. Rec. Kairos etc.
129. There is nothing good I can say about this place, it is a hell hole!
130. We get up everyday by the grace of God.
131. Time to think about life choices
132. Nothing
133. That I can go to church.
134. They have gym and yard on time every week They also have a nice chaplain and church services
135. None
136. None! If your white with any kind of sex case you treated and tormented—worse than any one here, alive, no matter how minor it might be compared to (Richard Speck, Gacey or Dahmer)
137. there are none here
138. you are not dead
139. Nothing
140. Nothing
141. The only positive thing I can say about this place is it used to be a great place to get an Associates Degree in Liberal Studies.
142. The only positive about this prison is hopefully you get a transfer or release. There is a prejudice culture down here.
143. Nothing
144. None
145. Nothing
146. nothing!!
147. Social Opportunities
148. Nothing at all
149. NONE
150. You are not Dead

151. None
152. Time to study.
153. nothing
154. the new counselor has addressed needs that I have, after talking face to face.
155. none
156. There's never positive this about prison unless your working or in some type of program
157. Getting commissary
158. Religious Programs Yard time Staff response time
159. I really thought hard and I can't find any positives
160. This is difficult. I want to write something here, but truly there is really not much. They 'seem' to try, but there are way too many wasted days here to staff shortages and the shakedowns or investigations.
161. They have at Western CC an excellent chapel service that is Christian based with numerous bible studies, outside volunteers coming in, including Kairos and Residents Encountering Christ 3-day retreats.
162. I can call back to back on the phone, instead of having to wait 35 minutes for my pin # to reset after each call.
163. trying to fight to live another day
164. Time to Pray & talk to the Almighty Father GOD!
165. The tablet that only works half the time cause customer service tells us for every single problem "These errors are related to network issues and will be resolved once the connection has better quality" or "We will continue investigating this issue with our provider."
166. Know how to become a better person
167. That I'm alive and have some type of hope
168. We get a dayroom.
169. Schooling (if you don't have a lot of time)
170. Some classes such as Drug awareness, inside out Dads, inner circle
171. Nothing at all
172. Myself, coming from a max security prisons I would say the opportunity given to contact family & friends thru phone calls. I'm able to do it on a more consistent basis due to the fact that I'm allowed to utilize the phone more often.
173. It's very hard to say! But I guess it would be when I can speak to my loved ones on the phone or video visit.
174. Nothing at all who enjoys being in a cell 22 1/2 hours a day and come out 26 hours later no one and this is a medium facility max comes out more than we do real talk. This is inhumane commissary once a month not enough to eat out you box don't eat cafeteria food.
175. There is nothing positive. We are in the cell most of the day and there is barely any programs to do or hard to get into.
176. I'm allowed to walk to the chow Hall/cafeeteria, for breakfast, lunch, and Dinner meals. I'm allowed to walk to call passes without an officer/staff personally escorting me. The tension between gangs is not always high. I come from spending 9 years in Menard C.C. and these things I've listed is opposite to there.
177. nothing good
178. They are starting to have more program.
179. 1. Excitement about new programming that will be offered. 2. Some of the administration and staff encourage positive change for the facility. 3. A small start toward restorative justice approach.

180. Nothing
181. The system they have for assigned use of telephone usage.
182. Yard 4 times a week.
183. The positive things about life in this prison is that you get to workout 4 days out of the week, and dorm 2 for most of the time have hot water that stays on
184. Honestly? I don't know...
185. To be honest, I've been here 6 months and still to this day I haven't seen nothing positive for guys who have a lot of time. Not if you have short time, something under 2 yrs your able to go to school and get in some programs. im still waiting to get my GED.
186. You get a chance to call your family.
187. Church and the lord. supper being able to sit at the table with friends and eat. telephone if you can ever get it.
188. Chapel services and chapel bible studies—christian
189. To be honest nothing! I've been to five other prison's and this is by far the worst.
190. Participating in religion services.
191. Nada en Absoluto. [**TRANSLATED FROM SPANISH:** nothing at all.]
192. Time outside of cell
193. Being able too still get to go to yard + gym and use the telephones to call family and friends.
194. Being able to go outside to the yards & gym consistantly to blow off steam
195. They are now trying to provide classes for individual with a lot of time
196. Going to college.
197. Nothing
198. You know you got a chance to correct your mistake, & try prove your self. If given the opportunity.
199. Being able to breath air through a window
200. Nothing really. But people need to stay out of prison.
201. education is provided for some
202. Education is provided.
203. Most of the time the food is ok to eat.
204. There are none.
205. I don't no
206. Nothing, it's hard to get in any programs or school, There is no help with recidivism & people have been here years waiting for transfer.
207. The dayroom, and being able to use the phone every now and then. Receiving yard, and gym.
208. The mental health is good
209. That I can continue to get back in court via pro se. Try that out for size
210. NONE
211. I honestly cant think of one thing foo to say about this facility
212. Nothing at all. Im treated like a slave and belittled everyday here in Western Illinois Correction Center. I wish there was positives.
213. school
214. The school programs if you are able to get in the classes
215. It has opened my eyes to things I never experienced before. In doing so, it has made me a better person. It has opened my eyes on how to never treat people.
216. Nothing

217. The guys in here understand that the only real help your going to get is from yourself because IDOC is only focused on how much money they can get for us. So not of us have found ways to better are self through classes in the mail or other means.
218. The movement, yard
219. Have a window that can open and close
220. NONE
221. There are none
222. Nothing
223. Nothing!! Waiting on Release Date!!
224. I plead the 5th Amendment
225. Going to dayroom.
226. Although a max-level, you can walk yourself to passes, unlike menard. LTS has offered more activities & such but getting on the list is a pain.
227. Aint no positive vibes here. You gotta make sure you stay positive on your own these people think we all animals
228. School Education when its available!
229. God Keeping me alive
230. The food dont taist bad, there just not enough. And we dont get enough time to eat it.
231. I yet to find anything positive about western illinois correctional center to be very honest.
232. I cannot speak for all Illinois prisons. But Western Corr. Facility is the one of the racist prisons in the whole state of Illinois. The keep us locked in these cells all day long ostracized not helping individuals in custody do anything out in society. There is nothing positive for real being in this prison. Close it!!
233. Nothing
234. I try so hard to be positive about (life) in or out of prison, but this (prison) seems to be one of the worst prison in Illinois: commissary—limited, medical—impossible to be seen. Staff highly disrespectful, and un-careing.
235. If someone chooses to look at them selves and figure at whats wrong them selves mentally or emotionally if facility has resource but this facility does not. Takes the time better yourself education & physical of the facility has it & this facility does not have school.
236. Nothing! This is the worst prison in IDOC
237. Only IF a person in prison choosed to, a positive thing can be building your perspective on life by reading, because there is NO programs or TRUE outlet to do this
238. You get to see how you dont want to spend the rest of your life...and a reality check comes into perspective for some
239. Seeing Family (Pictures, visits & Etc.) talking to Loved Ones... Trying Not to stay Hungry 24/7. Trying to stay outta trouble an just waiting on your court date.
240. For me other inmates are mostly positive and helpful for new people such as myself
241. Close to Home
242. It to much racial acts, It's very very racial. Not fair on most things and job assignments every job assignment is given to short timers
243. Nothing
244. I wake up in the morning
245. Better food than other Maxes.
246. Communicating and visits with Loved Ones
247. The only thing good is when you got 50% that's it.

248. I can't say there is any from my point of view. This place is terrible needs to be Shut Down!
249. I sadly literally can't name anything.
250. It gives you a chance to reflect on your life choices because the time spent in the cell
251. To transfer out of (WICC)
252. If you have a short time of incarceration you can get your life together, develop a plan for upcoming freedom, classes, college, etc. but if the time sentence is long you lose hope & faith mostly
253. The most positive thing for me is that from what goes on in prison it makes you want to do better in your own mind & heart
254. Nothing
255. The only positive thing about this prison is that on most days you're not denied yard or Gym if they feel up to giving it to you or have enough staff
256. It's close to home for me.
257. NOTHING!!!
258. Absolutely Nothing! What so ever?
259. Lockdowns are never longer than a couple days. And there is plenty of recreational movement.
260. You have a dry place to sleep at night. You always have food to eat
261. When I'm locked in my cell the officers can no longer bully me like they do when I leave my cell.
262. God wakes me up everyday!
263. You can work hard on yourself and become a better human-being.
264. After being here it make you want to never want to come back to prison
265. you age well!
266. Nothing is positive about this place.
267. That I will someday go Home
268. when springfield come down here that's when things get done right
269. Having music to listen to or having a tv to watch or going to yard for a nice workout
270. yard
271. Its truly hard to find positives for this prison. It's a medium prison + we have one dayroom a day. Its near impossible to stay in touch with family + kids as video visits are hard to set up. Phones are on count (by gangs) need phones on tablets.
272. they move people every 6 month to different housing unit
273. Having a in person visit, with family and friends
274. Being able to use the phone at least once a week
275. Nothing. I was told because I only have 15 months Im not eligible for any programs or school. And I've been here since **[early 2023]** and still haven't seen the counselor or doctor and they always cancel everything. (doctor, law library etc.)
276. none
277. church services
278. The most positive things about life in this prison is they making us do all our time here they not tryna let you transfer or get any good time here.
279. What little schooling they have!
280. N/A
281. Time to think, if not too much time to think.
282. None
283. I'm on the incentive wing.
284. I live on incentive wing.

285. God let me live day by day and get strength to keep dealing with this cruel, brutal, tortured life!
286. That we can have video visits to visit our people.
287. I'm still alive.
288. There is nothing positive about being locked up away from family and friends
289. You get to sit and think about what got you here and realize that you are a person who deserves a second chance at making a better life for yourself when you do get the opportunity.
290. absolutely nothing we need to have more dayroom time so we can talk to our familys
291. Doing time positive for release, going to school and working, church and receiving good time
292. You have time to think plan a better life once released, and repairing relationships with love ones.
293. The chapel—I go 4x weekly, + am known by face, name + reputation by staff, volunteers + inmate participants alike as being consistent, sincere, knowledgeable and—I hope!—joyful, respectful, kind and helpful. Also, now when cellies get along well, they stay together even thru moves.
294. Sleep
295. Nothing I want to change, enter programs etc., but have no chance of getting the help I need. Especially for being a drug user and first time in prison
296. You learn who your real enemys are!
297. Going to school, being able to work, go to church, go to gym and yard and eating.
298. Nothing!!!
299. Earning Good time and talk to your loved ones
300. I haven't seen any yet, only been here (7) Seven months
301. Nothing, because if you have life sentence like I do, I am always getting put on the bottom of any education program I sign up for.
302. Nothing!!!
303. Nothing, They offer nothing but 22 & 1/2 a day cell time nothing offered but seg & c-grade wing. And mace in your face and petty strict rules enforced on us
304. I wake up every morning.
305. Not A Fucking Thing
306. Prison are more safer than outside of prison
307. Im still alive.
308. Learning what stress I can handle
309. That I wake up Another day under Gods grace even though I am denied my religious freedom to possess my chain & cross and my wedding band that all meet the IDOC requirement to have in my allowed property under \$50.00. Instead I am required to answer the question "why do you need your chain & cross & ring to practice your religion?" There is rule - mandate - or policy that says I have to answer a question in order to receive and or have such jewelry items. Also why haven't JHA asked us about our religious experience here????
310. The Chapel services. The bible studies. Other Chapel programs
311. The Chapel Services. The Bible Studies. Resident Encounter Christ. Kairos. Chaplain **[NAME REDACTED]** made sure **[ILLEGIBLE]** maintained the right chapel services.
312. The incentive wing here
313. Yard & Gym time out Each week
314. Prison teach you what's important in Life, and that is family Life to short to be sitting in Jail.

315. None
316. 1. Library, 2. Maintenance, 3.
317. If you're truly trying to mature as a person & be better prepared for your return to society, and especially your family, you can position yourself in the programs they do make available if you don't make trouble.
318. I've been gone a long time, so really there is not one to me.
319. Look this aint enough paper to state all the real about this W.I.C.C. Bar-Bee-Que joint! Very little to no positiveness to report! Good positive past turn up here at the blink of an eye, if you sleep or got your head turn you'll miss it! And the chances of it coming back for a second blink is rare to never, so nothing positive to report. No Im not just saying this to be an a-hole cause Im locked up! Its that Im Afro american and its 85% Afro Americans incarcerated here and 99.9% white COs, with 65% of'm bias, why nothing positive comes from that!!!!
320. I have God always!
321. There is none.
322. The relationships with the other incarcerated is the only positive thing here! I have been incarcerated [20+] years, [10+] in Max, and this is the worst prison I have ever seen. The staff is 100% of the problem here.
323. The food and that's it.
324. At times it can be peaceful, but certain officer are constantly trying to keep BS goin on to keep this place on lockdown and get hazard pay increased
325. Maybe waking up in the morning "everything else sucks"
326. Warden [NAME REDACTED] have tried to do somethings, to slow Security has to much Power. You can't make decisions on Assumptions—with no track records
327. None I've been to other Correctional Centers in Illinois and this (Western) is the worst
328. There is nothing positive about this prison at all.
329. Nothing!!!
330. None
331. We get a lot of rec time and LTS programs our cable (when it works) is good. We have some outstanding staff.
332. Zero/none
333. Nothing
334. Absolutely nothing!!!
335. The way this prison is ran is setup to help you fail
336. You Learn your Lesson
337. nothing
338. Being Alive to keep fighting for Freedom
339. God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit Living within me.
340. N/A Nothing about prison is positive
341. There is not one thing positive about life in this prison
342. The phone system they use seems to work okay. Few problems/fights over phones.
343. Chapel Service
344. Closer to my family...
345. I am still alive
346. People with time left can still take college courses + don't have to sit around + do nothing because other prisons do closest outdates.
347. Chapel service/Christian ministry
348. Exercise
349. Nothing At All!

350. That there is a little over 50% of staff here at Western that will take there time to LISTEN to your problem, and situation to see how different I am from other inmates and to see how wrong our justice system is to put victims of CRIMES like me in jail, and to help me deal with this injustice, and this matter of injustice.
351. Nothing
352. that we have time, free time to really gather your thoughts + goal and build a better version of yourself if that's what you focus on.
353. Nothing At All!
354. drugs are easily accessible
355. The Lake Land classes (vocational). Some of the programming available to me compared to when I was in Menard where none was available.
356. NOTHING AT ALL!
357. Not a thing
358. Nothing at all here U have to work on yourself, theres No Help to support better circumstances!
359. At least we still can buy a \$244 TV
360. That I have an outdate [DATE REDACTED].
361. none
362. Not at all.
363. I Have A out date
364. Honestly there is nothing positive about this prison
365. To be alive
366. School programs
367. The inmates are smooth & chill. Inmates only
368. Nothing
369. Nothing.
370. The way they treat you makes you don't want to ever come back to Jail
371. yard and gym, cant say school or work they give school, programs, and Jobs to people with 100% and 85% but won't put 50% in anything when we are the only who can get good time credit.
372. Nothing. No programs to earn Good time
373. Talken to the brothers in here
374. Helpen out the other brothers that need help
375. nothing
376. None
377. The yards, movement
378. NOTHING
379. You have a chance to use your time to study or learn trades or other skills that you were not able to learn in the world, although you will have to learn them on your own. (not many classes offered here)
380. Phone rotation daily every 3 cells
381. You have time to educate yourself.
382. I have not seen a positive thing in this prison in the six years I have been here.
383. N/A
384. Im still breathing.
385. They recently opened a Honor dorm that gives me access to programming and a extra gym. It is supposed to make things better for the people on the wing. It has yet to be seen.
386. The overall atmosphere of this prison is safe.

387. It use to be all the programs, Hopefully it will be so again soon once the covid restrictions are Lifted.
388. 1. Time alone to work on Personal Projects. 2. Short-timers are job-milled out with Good time.
389. much safer than outside of prison
390. some of the Guards are good People Not many, But some will cut you some slack and treat you with the right respect as a human being.
391. Nothing at all. This prison make you Hate White People or person's in charge.
392. They have instituted more L.T.S. activities.
393. NOTHING
394. Nothing
395. One day I can transfer (been Approved 8 months)!
396. Warden walks around on the wings regularly which is once a month
397. Alive Health
398. They allow you to go to Chapel
399. water start
400. Positive there is nothing positive about prison were treated like animals the only thing I look forward to is being FREE!!!
401. Nothing at all!
402. The tv and the tablet
403. The physical layout of this prison.
404. Showers phones but they need to put the phones on the tablets
405. The Phones to call Family. They just started an Incentive wing/Honor wing but a lot of officers make it Hard because they want it to Fail, but am going to do my best to Keep positive + make this work.
406. You must be Joking? There are good prisoners and good officers and staff.
407. Cell size compared to where I came from is larger
408. Nothing but chapel
409. there isn't any
410. Nothing! The only positive thing that I can truly think of is the religious services that they have here and that's about it.
411. You don't have time to think about nothing else. Except to try to stay alive in prison.
412. School
413. Mail, visits, commissary, phone + yard + Gyms
414. None. As a recent arrival I haven't seen the Doctor. I haven't seen the eye doctor. I saw they dentist, but it's been a month and he hasn't addressed the situation.
415. It gives you so many reason not to come back not in a good way.
416. There is nothing positive this prison gets worse every day. Nobody will ever see how bad it is because any time somebody comes they have to set an appointment by the time that they get in the prison everything runs right until its safe to go back to the normal lazy inhumane degrading routine they have for us + do not kill human.
417. Over the **[20+ years]** of my incarceration learning about yourself, and knowing who really cares about you!
418. nothing
419. I have a good celly, for the time being.
420. I know there are some but nothing comes right to my mind. I would say I'm some what close to my home town.
421. They do offer some school and programs for those individuals that actually SEEK to invest their time into.
422. yards and gym.

423. to be honest there is nothing positive about this prison, they are violating all our rights & taking our privileges
424. In this prison at Western Illinois nothing is positive besides your outdate.
425. Their isn't anything positive about life in this prison.
426. Theirs talented individuals but they cant utilize it how they want to
427. 1. There are a few staff members who actually care about individuals. 2. Outside people who come in for group meetings and religious services
428. There is not any at all!
429. Nothing
430. Nothing positive but that person if he is rehabilitating himself for his release.
431. Nothing
432. I wake up.
433. Nothing But it do make you regret what you did to get here how cruel the staff are.
434. Nothing Im in prison for a crime I didn't do
435. The positive is this prison do run law library regularly therefor you can study your case.
436. Yard and gyms
437. Nothing in a prison that separates a man, or a woman from there family could be positive.
438. 1. They give out soap, and laundry soap. 2. everybody gets a chance to use the Phone
439. Nothing
440. really not much when you are in a very negative, and stressful environment like Western Illinois, anything feels hopeless really.
441. There are none that I can think of.
442. Nothing
443. None
444. Nothing, the thought of leaving
445. There is no such thing. Here is not a positive thing
446. Nothing at all!
447. can't think of anything positive here!
448. To be completely honest I haven't had a positive experience since I've been here.
449. A few COs that are super people and go about their job to help you. Not much else. They do seem to fix toilets/sinks and showers fast.
450. little violence
451. commissary
452. nothing
453. I like that we are able to go out to yard or gym almost everyday here. Something I wasn't accustom to.
454. Not much, cant wait to get transferred.
455. ?
456. Reading Books
457. Yards being out our cell, and a Job if you can get it.
458. When I feel, I get a good cell, and we can talk, laugh, respectful and considerate.
459. Hard to say, it takes mental to goes by each day to be dealt with staff and incarcerated. Once you have mentality could have a positive things come your way or otherwise it's a downfalls.
460. God wakes you up everyday!
461. The incentive program, it is inmates helping inmates. The problem is that many COs want the program to fail and one doing everything possible to derail the program.

462. No don't have anyones we past to much in to cells its hard get a education or programs their could changes our minds cells break dreams and nightmares coming soon even if we have a dream to get a release the system get on charge to put our back to the bars again
463. None
464. They have some school programs and have some Athletic programs.
465. coming from another prison I think is the food.
466. The Staff doesn't Beat the hell out of you on camera.
467. There's nothing positive in this prison staff is really bad we don't get nothing right.
468. Nun to be honest this is my 1st time being in prison and there's nothing here to get me ready to be out there with people No school No programs Just doing time.
469. only you as an divine self aware individual make it positive. Only we can overall correct self!
470. Paying no taxes. Ill be around D. Trump so I can kick his racist Ass!
471. For me, a work assignment and 4 days on, one day off recreation schedule.
472. Been intelligent, positive, hopeful of bein free one day.
473. Having everything taken from you helps build you up to do the right thing so that when you get it back you know how to keep it. Never let em take it from you again
474. They don't do stuff to you on camera
475. I can't really think of any.
476. The food tastes better than where I was
477. There's nothing positive besides looking forward to being home with family.
478. live to see another day
479. you get to take a shower everyday & you get the phone during the week.
480. We're allowed to be active for the most part. We have yard a lot and there are some people allowed to attend school.
481. The everyday movement, going to dayroom, yard, and gym. In the maximum facility I was in, I wasn't getting/coming out everyday.
482. I live better in prison then I did while out there
483. We get rec activities 4 days a week because night yard started
484. getting visitation rights
485. Chapel
486. I wish I could put a better answer for this question. Move everyone close it down!
487. The Chapel program here.
488. None Get someone down here. We need help.
489. Life here makes you work on your self to get back home and maintain a better life.
490. A chance to reflect on your crime
491. I was able to earn a college degree + vocational certificates.
492. The new Healthcare staff treats us as people where as before they wouldn't even look at me
493. Following institutional rules, getting involved in academics and planning for a brighter future upon release.
494. meeting new people and build a bond together
495. You get treated better in Segregation.
496. Gives you time to think and analyze you life and predicament. Also gives you a 2nd chance to be a better version of you!!
497. Nothing there's no school, programs, yard, commissary and staff provoke dangerous situations
498. It allows you the time to get your mental faculties focused, which allows you to make better decisions

499. I get a chance to talk to my people almost everyday
500. It shows you this is a place you don't want to be at.
501. Friends Family
502. We get yard more than twice a week now that Covid has passed
503. The starting of an incentive living program, but even that is met with some resistance on part of the staff. Like they're against any form of positive rehabilitation.
504. Plans to stay out once im free, you don't want to be here! Especially for a crime I did not commit.
505. Time to reflect on what you did and appreciate the things and people that matter most in life
506. The beautiful Warden **[NAME REDACTED]** and **[NAME REDACTED]** who Im madly in love with all my heart.
507. various programs + schools
508. When I get to use the phone; having quiet time to relax and either watch tv, listen to music, read, write, or draw; having some snacks to eat after going to commissary; being able to get a nice long sleep; and enjoying the nice weather either through the window, during the walk to chow, or on the yard (where I like to just walk laps and maybe talk with a friend or two from another wing about an interest we share that I can't converse with any others about cuz it's not a common prison topic many really know.)
509. that I wake up everyday
510. Nothing
511. There are no positives in Mt. Sterling/Western CC
512. Getting your body in shape
513. You get to see people go home, so you witness hope.
514. Nothing
515. I'm able to focus and study on my own. I'm able to control **[ILLEGIBLE]** I spend my time.
516. The inmates are minding their business, not harassing each other.
517. You get to learn who you really are
518. nothing at all they call us n*****s
519. Nothing
520. I can order educational books if I want to learn. I now know 100% I want to do good & be the perfect citizen.
521. There is none
522. You learn to make decisions based of REAL priorities.
523. I currently don't see very much positivity. Besides the fact that I used to love getting home from work and plopping down in front of the TV for awhile. Now, after it being my main option of entertainment I could never watch TV again and be fine with it.
524. The opportunity to receive good time
525. cake with icing
526. Going outside (meaning getting out the cell) and using the phone, we barely be able to have family schedule video visits! And the Plexiglass is still up in the visiting room, why is that?
527. There are a handful of COs that care, and will help. The same with nurses
528. The food is decent. The schedule is consistent.
529. Being able to walk to passes unsecured (alone)
530. I am able to attend Muslim service and call and talk to my beloved family.
531. Having an outdate or goal to strive toward
532. yard and nothing else

533. playing chess, card, go church, the yard
534. Sad to say—but the crazyness of the outside world—such as the senseless shootings
535. Its nothing positive about this prison.
536. not having to deal with the outside
537. When you are able to talk to you're family
538. That we get to go to yard or gym for an hour and a half being that we are locked in the cell for approximately 22 hours and a half regularly, in the absence of yard or gyms.
539. Nothing in this prison is positive.
540. The most positive things in Western Illinois CC is that they have the chance to go to school or work here even if it is only for a select few. Also the opportunity to do activities in the gym or yard.
541. Nothing, it only gives you a desire to never come back
542. There really is nothing positive about being in a racist prison where they have killed a person. And they tell you if you're dealing with another inmate that has mental issues that you have to fight one another in order to be moved from a dangerous situation.
543. Knowing that I am going home.
544. That the COs have control of prison not inmates and school and work is available and I like how they run the phones with early dayroom.
545. nothing
546. Phone, commissary
547. My attitude. The system does zero to help individuals move forward. I choose to better myself and grow daily.
548. I have good friends.
549. I have met many good people. A few decent staff.
550. going to school or having a job or visits
551. There isn't
552. To think about what I've done to come here, and to come home and let "People know what is going in IDOC!!!!" Being lock-up in a cell for 23 hours a day is "Inhumane" This need to change.
553. That you get to sit in your cell and watch tv while watching the staff favorite pick inmates run all over doing drugs with staff.
554. Cable, food, shelter, heat
555. NONE
556. Nothing.
557. Receiving mail from family/courts. Going to commissary + eating/hoping for up to date food at reasonable prices. Yard. New tv channels & movies. Seeing Black staff & nurses
558. It really isn't none the police control you disrespect you and do what they want to do.
559. We go to yard every other day
560. I'm only sure about the other individuals in custody that helps keep me positive, not the prison
561. Haven't found anything yet
562. I haven't found any as of yet.
563. Not a single thing comes to mind
564. visitation & recreation
565. We get 1 hour of yard/gym at least 3 times a week
566. Nothing!!
567. Single man living accommodations! If you can manage to get one.

- 568. Temperature is usually comfortable
- 569. Nothing
- 570. nothing at all need to close it
- 571. NONE!
- 572. there's nothing positive about life in this prison or any Prison you visit.
- 573. Work
- 574. Nothing at all! The staff are extremely bias, racist, mean & very disrespectful the inmates. They deprive us of everything that we have coming to us or cheat us out of whatever they can. Inmates don't get to proper hour & 45 minutes for yard or gym.

Q13. What are the most negative things about life in this prison?

1. This prison and many others in IL Took chanel 15 off or TVs witch is BET , the only network that show black content. They say and do things to black people here to let us know that they do not like us.
2. Some officers abuse of authority. We are move From one cell to another. with guy I don't have nothing in common and sometimes we have to Fight. I am paying a medical bill **[thousands of dollars]** For Fighting my cell mate I asked to get move I was ignored
3. Staff are able to act with zero accountability. Any CO can write me a ticket for ANYTHING, wether I actually did it or not, and I WILL be found guilty and sent to, at minimum, the C-Grade Deck. Some staff are honestly just bullies.
4. Guards beat inmates to DEATH!!! 3 Guards killed 2 inmates in 2018. Western Illinois Correctional Center proper healthcare is NEVER given!!! I was left with scabies and ringworm for 3 years before proper treatment started, then H.C.U. stopped treatment in the middle, for no reason except cruel + unusual punishment!!!
5. Staff conduct and the fact that there are more ways to punish us than to actually help us. And how staff make Rules and inforce them the way they see fit or please.
6. The police are mean its like they get a kick out of messing with people bullying
7. It's Too Racist.
8. Too much time in the cell & CO plus people with a lot of time.
9. Overhaul the staff and bring in new hires as replacements. Or close Western Illinois C.C. indefinitely. You would think an inmate being killed might affect the atmosphere here. But it and the 3 former CO's convicted are largely covered up. I've been at Western for **[5+]** years. I've written more grievances in that time than I can count, and now I am about to file a lawsuit for ADA discrimination. Because I do not trust using institutional mail to send this, I went through one of my attorneys. Incidentally, I have and will continue to contact JHA on my own accord, but nothing is going to change at Western if we as inmates here keep getting met with inaction from the outside. Public exposure would go a long way toward making actual improvements.
10. The Cos the way they treat you. For instance **[STAFF NAME REDACTED]**
11. Staff treat us like less then animals (**[STAFF NAME REDACTED]**) in this house But its a culture Here. they've killed people here. now they Just treat all of us Like crap cause we dont want to do or say something to get us killed too.
12. staff misconduct, retaliation, racism, gangs.

13. The hostile combative and degrading and oppressive conditions and treatment by security staff. And inadequate programs, education and reentry opportunities.
14. They Throw all The stuff away They sell you on commissary & putting they Hands on us For no reason
15. Lack of Respect for Basic Human Rights and Dignity. Administrators and staff alike think that they are the Judge Jury and Sometimes Executioners
16. commissary, food, counselor, program, school, Healthcare, ADA Help
17. groups, schooling, assignments & chances to earn good Time. Also lack of response from staff when wrote
18. The racism! Black and Brown men are talk down to and while all the whites that work here are not racist, many sit back and don't say anything when their Fellow Guards are wrong.
19. The staff
20. Security staff is extremely racist, physically aggressive and confrontational. All staff is completely indifferent to inmate medical emergencies and any inmate request for help of any kind.
21. police always harass and are racist
22. Total staff Replacement.
23. no schooling for people with alot of time, stay on the waiting list forever because short time people always get first in the field. Also forever in your cell not enough time to move around and enjoy being outside your cell.
24. Everything! They Kill Us/Beat Us & Just Lock Up In A Cell 22 1/2 Hours A Day Sometimes Even Longer Than That.
25. CO's are spiteful and carry out "Rouge" Justice if they feel personally offended, Even if NO rules are broken.
26. Having racist people in charge of almost every aspect of your life and with the power to make your life miserable for their entertainment
27. everything staff is all white men and woman their overly aggressive and threatening towards inmates even killing and assaulting multiple inmates.
28. Staff is Negative Toward Minority, Not One Black officers Here—This Place is Horrible And Very Racist
29. We only have Dayroom once a Day and other medium security Prisons is open back up like before the pandemic when it comes to the dayrooms at least. And we shop once a month
30. Can use the phone enough, can't get in school only one teacher, commissary is bad.
31. Officers are very vindictive, petty & Racist! Administration & staff 99% White or Caucasian
32. I have 1 year to do and I live in prison around guys that have to do 70 years or more
33. There's a cultural disconnect between staff and the incarcerated and it leads to high racism decisions by staff to the incarcerated.
34. is cruel and horrible staff Dont care about the people sometimes I feel like Ill be better dead please help **([NAME AND ID REDACTED])**
35. It need's more job's. We really need phone's on the tablet.
36. Medical staff
37. The most negative thing I can think of is that we only get 10 Bucks state pay that aint enf to Buy Higher stuff cant even get By without help from the outside. The staff is Just as Bad
38. Commissary. Staff. Inmates.
39. This is a Roach Motel, you get in But Cant leave

40. No ventilation system works. The only way to get some air flow is by our windows. That is year-round. No air conditioning. No good pest control. The ants get into your food by crawling through the cracks in the walls or heater along the wall. The exhaust vents don't work so no circulation of fresh air or sickness. No transfers are done for those of us who've been approved. Always a food shortage in the kitchen where it doesn't line up with the menus.
41. The CO's call us Bitches, Dumb-asses, stupid etc.
42. Caged up in your cell all these hours. The way staff talk and treat us. Can't get in school if your outdate is not within 2-3 years of release.
43. 1. The Klan runs this prison, and they make sure inmates know this. 2. we are fed food that I have never Eaten on the outside while staff enjoy Fried chicken, pizzas and other items from the inmate kitchen. 3. Some staff make up rule violations by lying on Disciplinary reports. 4. They have instituted an unconstitutional practice of placing inmates on a wing where They are being restricted from audio/visual, commissary, recreation restrictions for being on C-grade status. Even after doing segregation time.
44. Horrible Video Visit connections, Lengthy time lapses for Emails, Limited Access to Phone/Family, Lack of Programs, staff treatment, Too much time in cell, Photos only taken on weekdays on visits, Mental Health staff non-existent, no cleaning supplies, no access to bedding in clothing, verbal abuse by staff, etc.
45. Not being able to see your loved ones when you want to.
46. the racist officers, who truly don't have a clue on how to relate with other races of people.
47. The staff as of right now
48. Everything
49. Childish and Racist staff—all staff
50. The bad influences + peer pressure. Always being affected by others actions. Not being with my family.
51. Bull Shit.
52. Prisoners are not valued as human beings.
53. They Don't Have enough staff members, only 1 school Teacher, it takes them an entire week to Do a Building For Store
54. The staff treat incarcerated people unfair. its hard to get into programs. We only get Hour and Half out our cells. They use a Drug test that is highly inaccurate to punish incarcerated people without sending it to a analytical laboratory to confirm it!
55. They Don't give out no cleaning supplies. They don't want to give people jobs.
56. Everything. The officers are racist and are very disrespectful verbally and physically.
57. officers
58. the disregard for humanity, were staff likely treat animals with more ethical policy's
59. Being disrespected by staff and its like you cant literally do anything because it's a lose, lose situation.
60. being locked up in the cell, the majority of the time, how the officers treat you, you almost have to beg to get something done.
61. The restrictions about communication opportunities with close friends and family members By too many restrictions.
62. The staff go out of their way to make your time hard. This is not an exaggeration. They go out of their way to make our time hard.
63. I know that I have been convicted for a crime, but I am still a human.
64. the officials

65. staff is so disrespectful, food is always cold, and its so little not enough, we put in requests for things and never get called. Showers are so dirty, dayroom is always late, commissary is always out of things, healthcare is very bad, all weights are broken
66. The state is letting these officers kill people, harass people incarcerated with no consequence. They killed someone in 2018 that should have never happen!
67. The minority of staff that are hateful have undue influence over the others.
68. Everything is negative.
69. they rarely answer the door buttons unless called out on the call pass which is dangerous when the button could be asking for emergency help. You have to be 2 years or less to get into college classes or a trade no matter if you have a GED or diploma and want to go to school.
70. soportar de griteria **[TRANSLATED FROM SPANISH: enduring the shouting]**
71. neglecting individuals in custody who have lengthy sentences who need to be in the top order of rehabilitating programs.
72. staff
73. No opportunities (School or Work). Safety inside and out of cell
74. the officers, the food, the movement
75. We are locked down 23 hour a day no programs no schools nothing to help with changing or better our minds just making us depressed
76. White men watching over Black men. White men first time ever dealing with Black men.
77. disrespect from some staff. unlogical rule making purposefully use rules against inmates slow to get things done unless its locking us in cells
78. knowing you let your family down.
79. worrying bout someone else.
80. The way 'all staff' treats incarcerated people is inhumane.
81. Everything but Q12, also they restrict tarot cards, and other religious items for no reason.
82. the staff does there best to make your time hard.
83. The white officers always target black men for pat-downs in cellhouses and outside of dining hall. Officers are quick to send black men to segregation for the smallest disagreements or resistance, white men can show the same disagreement and nothing is done. Officers have no social skill when dealing with inmates and its a lack of assistance. It is a guarantee that they'll deny you assistance or any help first playing the confusion game; ask the sergeant—The sergeant says ask the lieutenant, the lieutenant will say ask the sergeant or wing officer. When we go to recreation officers are outside in crowds looking to see who they will send back if our id card isnt held high enough.
84. 1. They Don't have enough programs To help you reform for society. 2. when you Try To do something positive To help you reform They Take it from you. 3. They do not Let you work if you have a sex case related. They Treat you Like nothing
85. When I arrived **[5+]** years ago I received very poor bedding and at this point my mattress is disintegrating and my mattress cover is shredded, one white sheet has holes rubbed in it, and my pillow is still a rubber rock. New arrivals come in with perfect bedding. My rites to clothing go unanswered and writing a grievance only invites retaliation in the usual form of being moved to another wing or house.
86. STAFF/Nothing to Rehabilitate No Programs for people with Time
87. Reality/Racism/Violence/Separation From Family Member, The Destruction of Family.
88. the staff you can never go talk with one of them about a issue with another staff member even if they wrong

89. Healthcare, and the grievance process! The food is not very good, and not enough food is on the tray
90. Wasting your life, watching life pass you by. Being away from my kids
91. almost everything about prison is negative from the way your treated to the way your fed how being talk to as if your not a human like everyone else in this facility. And for some guys safety is a concern that this facility takes advantage of.
92. CO pick on old men
93. To judgemental on hiring you b/c of your case. The staff rather protect people that tell than reg population!
94. THE STRESS!!! Either coming from staff or individuals that just seem to make life challenging, prime example: workers/assignments, miss out on yard, dayroom, showers and the list goes on. Every other Med. facilities share 2 dayrooms, here there's only 1.
95. Psychological trauma is the number one issue in prison
96. They restrict Tarot Cards and other Religious items for no reason. And Staff are extremely disrespectful.
97. Not being with family, friends, or thinking about what I have lost because of being charged with something I am innocent of. I have had money to get some help for one day, to get an affidavit, that would help me maybe get back to court + help me prove I am innocent. I have wrote to over 100 attorneys + at least 25 detectives + had 2 detectives say they could help me + gave me a base rate, + when I wrote them back, they never wrote me back. So you tell me how I should feel, when no one wants to help me. I'm on blood pressure meds, + have been without one for about 3 weeks now. N.P. was mad when I went to see her, + said their is no reason for me not to have this. Now, I have wrote a grievance, + put in for sick call, + my blood pressure is sky high again, + I could have a heart attack and die. This place wouldn't care, they get to go home every day. So, I spend my time thinking about what to do to try to get someone to help me. Once I have all my info, I'm filing a law suit on healthcare here. Then, I just heard they fired some staff from commissary, because they come up about \$1,000.00 short from inventory. So maybe this will tell you that this place needs a new warden.
98. How incarcerated people are treated inhumane and staff doing provocative things so we can be excluded from earning good time to get home to our family.
99. Warden **[NAME REDACTED]**, she does not know how to run a prison.
100. Everything
101. The administration & officers think that all convicts from Menard C.C. are looking to be violent. They fail to realize that these people were on 23&1 this little bit of movement is more than they had in years. They are being aggressive & eventually it'll backfire. What does a person with 80 plus years have to lose. They wont live long enough to do the time.
102. All of it, especially staff and offender relations. Poor commissary items, and the high prices.
103. Staff in general are not required to perform their assigned duties. LTS and commissary especially are severely incompetent and indifferent. Our current warden does nothing to reign in officers.
104. Healthcare we receive is poor! The grievance process don't work for us!
105. The officers pick on certain people, they feel like since we are incarcerated we are scum. and they will put you in a position to do harm to them
106. the officers are racist as hell!
107. The staff and administration aren't concerned with fixing problems.

108. My life is in the hands of others. A nice amount of them others are racist against blacks + hateful of Chicagoans. They lie on you - n - get away with it 98% of the times.
109. Everything is negative these officers here are majority racist and everytime you interact with them they are disrespectful and rude for no reason.
110. The staff and people who you have to deal with everyday
111. The ideology of how they train and move about treating people here. Your more oppressed than anything and treated low then i've never went thro the disrespect i've coming to this place. They feed officers way better than inmates and officers don't got funding. Mostly hot dog almost everyday or pork. Alot of ones don't eat pork, alot dont eat hot dogs, store once a month so you so hungry.
112. Drugs & chaos
113. The demeanor & language directed towards us from officers.
114. Dietary, commissary, inmates unorganized, The Fan
115. Lack of respect from staff, horrible commissary & that we only shop once a month
116. The way staff treats inmates like they are beneath them. lack of higher learning
117. The response to individual healthcare need, no wing for older inmates, drugs are everywhere and people using them aren't separated from those who have been drug free, disrespectful and inhuman treatment by staff is acceptable, and no independent oversight is available.
118. No matter how hard you try to better yourself by programs, school, work they do everything not to let you earn good time or try to better yourself they only want to keep you locked in a cell, also medical is horrible
119. Commissary & limit of \$50. C.Os. just run in your shit whenever they want. Being locked in a cell all day.
120. You are not treated like a human being in any aspect.
121. The staff
122. The evil Attitudes, And unprofessionalism by the CO's
123. everything, from treatment of staff, to very small portion of food in dietary, to bad healthcare treatment, to commissary, to living conditions. Its all terrible.
124. Double celling! Gang Activity!
125. Negative staff negative inmates
126. Schooling - for people with long sentences. Treatment of inmates. Communication with family threw video visits, tablets and phones.
127. all of the officer here, are part of the k.k.k. an they not scared to let you know, in one way or other. an the warden is part of it.
128. Phones
129. You stay in your cell all day you don't get good clothing, food or cleaning supplies to clean your cell some officers are racist and you only go to commissary once a month and the mail slow slow it's ruff!
130. everything
131. Needs change when you need to walk due to feeling unsafe, being put in another cell and new cellie starts: Poking-prodding-questioning-threatening you, you then try to explane situation to adjustment committee and then sanctioned fm. A-grade to C-grade is unfair. Ultimit told your guilty period...
132. They feed us hot dogs at least 7 times a week. Food rations are sufficient for a child, maybe. Half of the officers here are degrading, combative. They tend to screw up yard/gym schedules frequently. Noone has been getting transferred despite being approved for years. Items that are supposed to be distributed are not. We go to commissary once a month. Commissary is always out of items despite us rarely going. Counselor rarely here when she's scheduled.

133. Staff's attitude and treatment of prisoners
134. Time to think about life choices
135. Everything
136. The most negative thing is having to be around the staff that work here.
137. I have been lock up for 30 years and I am not getting any help about what to do when I get out prison
138. Everything
139. Everything in this place!
140. every because everything you say or do the inmates will use against thing you same as CO's Inmates will tell police and police will treat you bad
141. 1) everything 2) food 3) time in cell 4) officers 5) disrespectful with dietary and commissary
142. Everything
143. Commissary once a month, Racist guards, 1 hour and a half out cell for dayroom
144. Western Illinois, uses the phone and food (from both commissary and Dietary) as control mechanisms.
145. The way the officers treat the inmates. Its never friendly incounters with staff. Healthcare staff always upset, never can see or get the truth out of the counselor, warden never come around to see how his staff is running the facility.
146. The officers and staff
147. The most negative thing happen **[DATE REDACTED]**, the warden walked two of the only a few Afro American **[FURTHER STAFF DESCRIPTION REDACTED]** off ground fired due to a white **[FURTHER STAFF DESCRIPTION REDACTED]**, provoking a argument but **[THAT STAFF]** didnt get fired! Biasness! The minute two Afro American wardens got the job 2022 all the black tv programs, Gospel music stations, okay meals, half okay commissary items, rec schedules, barber shop service, all mysteriously vanished!! Which both wardens said that they didnt know it had been these immediate changes when they came, Until constantly hearing and seeing it themselves. That it appeared, it was their doing, when it wasnt! And so soon now they gone and still is the mentioned programs
148. Staff treatment of Inmates Poor healthcare
149. The way staff treats you
150. The staff
151. your treated like your not human!!!
152. Inadequate ventilation in the cells during the summer months, the occasional degrading/dehumanizing comments by security staff. Lack of mental health availability.
153. The way this prison is ran overall. The prison will always hold an inmate accountable for his action but staff is held almost always unaccountable for their actions.
154. Food, Time In cell, Officers, commissary and dietary
155. Everything
156. 1. Everything 2.) Food 3.) time in Cell 4.) Officers 5.) Disrespect w dietary and commissary
157. Everything about Western and how these CO's Act toward you
158. It's a disciplinary prison and has a lot of people who do not have to be here. I, have never been disciplined (no tickets) since being in IDOC so why am I still here? (10 years in IDOC)
159. Police here
160. I was transferred in the middle of a medical hold. I have been waiting for approved medical tests since 2021. I have been told I've been put on a list again! 90% of the

- CO's Don't like there jobs and there attitudes are taken out on Inmates. W.I.C.C believe that they can make there own I.D.O.C rules, the CO in property thieves
161. If you have a lot of time, you can no go to school, or work around here. They say you are put on a waiting list. If you have short time you go ahead on the list
 162. It takes us two long to go to the store and the spending food limit should be more
 163. Be bothered in the singular closed cells.
 164. the integrity and conduct of staff. Not all but most are rude, disrespectful and inhumane in the way they Judge and treat inmates. Just the other day I seen a white CO waring a all black hat that said I hate Blank People and nobody told him to take it off or repremand him. Any good CO's are scared to lose there job they do not say Anything
 165. I am treated very unfair. You are Penalized for any and everything. The staff treats me like an animal and not a person.
 166. 1) Chaos. Costly tactical units that create mountains of costly paperwork, grievances, and some lawsuits are overused. 2) Medical: severely understaffed. 3) Mental health: severely understaffed. 4) Commissary: slow, limited product choices and availability. 5) Food: often served cold, small portions. 6) School: one teacher only. 7) Too many moved nightly 8) Lots of broke items. 9) TV reception is often not good.
 167. Staff conduct towards inmates healthcare and mental health is run very poorly, understaffed and getting medication refills or prescription renewals are always delayed for weeks + months. Inmate personal property is always getting stolen, thrown away or coming up missing when placed in seg due to staff misconduct, neglect of duties to secure inmates property properly and to not let inmate porter/workers steal or handle other inmates property unsupervised.
 168. The tone most staff speaks to us with—it's a demeaning tone that's disrespectful. A lot of them have no experience or interaction with Black people until they started working here, so their frame of references are stereotypes, which influence the way they think about, speak to, & treat us.
 169. Locked down too much
 170. The I.A. and the CO's don't give you protection in here
 171. Sky high commissary Items, other cells toilet water comes into your toilet on the Lower Levels During Flushing, not given new clothing as Needed, healthcare, Let People Die when the problem could have Been Timely Caught & Corrected due to proper testing- Timely.
 172. I've been incarcerated since 200X. My outdate is **[DATE REDACTED]** and I have been trying to get my GED since "0X". But because I'm not 2 or 1 year short they wont let me In. I could have graduated college by Now An I still dont have my GED. and medical
 173. Staff and not having a lot of time out of the cell also not being able to talk to your family
 174. Staff abuse their authority, the food is horrible and not enough, we spend to much time in cells, we don't go to commissary adequately (once a month & cosmetics count towards the \$150 limit), they shakedown too much when there's no legitimate cause to do so, I get harassed a lot, staff behavior is always unprofessional, atrocious, unfair...you name it!!! Dr. & healthcare passes/access is disregarded and cancelled all the time!!! Poor response to mental emergencies (Dental care is non-existent, it seems like).
 175. Us people with a lot of time get treated like animals and like we dont deserve a chance to go to school or any privileges. Even though our security level is medium or minimum!

176. Staff conduct the way staff speaks to you treats us like animals and does not notice situations such as fights bullying and Drug use
177. Staff all together
178. One of the things would be getting into school, because I have a lot of time left on my sentence, Im not considered a priority to put in school. So those individuals with much shorter sentences and eligible for good time go to the top of the waiting list for school and usually occupy all the seats in school.
179. The lack of incentives for good behavior & the lack of respect/professionalism by the staff. (From top "Warden" to bottom "security/medical staff")
180. Wellbeing in a cell all day for 22 1/2 hours and then being sent to a disciplinary prison when you have a new case with no disciplinary tickets and then they denied my good time do to my past. BIAS
181. The staff treat you less than human and provoke you every day
182. Most of the staff I've encountered seem to go out of their way to be an asshole, i.e., make you late for a visit, make ignorant comments, abuse their power. Aside from that, I'm not a priority for school or work because of my life sentence.
183. everything special staff
184. Some of the staff.
185. Nitpicking about the rules. Verbal abuse and being dominated by staff when trying to resolve a problem. Harassment
186. The CO
187. The guards are racist. We need to get out of our cell more.
188. Short staff, cold food because Warmers don't work, no school no positive programs 22 1/2 hours in your cell
189. They don't have a teacher for mandatory ABE for more than 6 mo's, the food stays cold because the warmers do not work & staff and inmates make Trays ahead of time allowing flies, hair & spit to be on our food. 22 1/2 hours in your cell. Can not join programs always a waitlist
190. The disparate treatment on punishment, employment, & staff treatment. If you are a sex offender, all are against you, staff share your case amongst each other, punishments are harsher, you cannot work (they will deny you a job even if you behave perfectly).
191. Staff is never on the same page...there are some bully CO and Sergeants. I work in the kitchen and cant shower until my dayroom at 8 pm I work from 5:30 AM to 11 AM there is nothing here helping my mental health.
192. How staff treat incarcerated people with little or no respect.
193. What ever the officers says you did you will receive a ticket because they lied on you because they do not like you.
194. Real bad medical, the dentist when he pulls teeth he breaks other teeth and roots filling out; any filling he put in come out fast, they don't ordering meds on time you got to order it three or four time. Food some time spoiled, trays have very little food on them. All employs hate us. only getting to shop one a month
195. The ways + methods used by staff, to antagonize and harass inmates. on a "minute by minute" daily basis. They make it their life mission to not get along. We are treated like Terrorist! I've been menard, stateville, Pinckneyville and now here at w.i.c.c. western mount sterling—This staff is the worse of them all. I've been locked up 20 yrs.
196. Time out of cell and maintaining meaningful relationships with loved ones. What I mean is here we're only given 1 1/2 hrs. out of cell a day for dayroom and there's six phones for 28+ people so you go days w/ no contact and messages run 3-4 days late same as snail mail.

197. Show of force and intimidation; deprivation of healthy dietary; deprivation of healthy food, appropriate hygiene products and miscellaneous items on commissary; Prices are ridiculously high on products that are needed, and most of time they are sold to selective individuals in custody. Fans are 6' blades, insufficient to cool off in a close proximity. All is designed for the stress, depression and frustration. "File a grievance or sit and cry or shut your mouth etc."
198. Que ay sargentos que provocan situaciones con internas solo para mandar a "C" grade unit Aki matah a personas los COs probocan a nostoros **[TRANSLATED FROM SPANISH: There are sergeants who provoke situations with inmates just to send them to "C" grade unit, here they kill people, the COs provoke us.]**
199. (1) Staff conduct towards inmates (2) Cell placement (For example, my cellie has severe mental disorder but nobody will move either him or me despite complaints)
200. Being surrounded by racist staff members and weak Warden, who let it exist.
201. We only get a hour + a half out of our cell a day that's to shower make calls that's not enough time with 30 people needing to do the same thing
202. How the officers talk to you treats you fair and respect they try to belittle you.
203. They do not care about the quality of our living condition
204. Kids getting high wasting their life
205. Everything
206. CO's mindset, nothing positive to do! In cell all day can't see your family or friend
207. The whole prison system and how the run things in the form of adding rules as they go along and degrading us.
208. Everything negative about prison!!
209. staff misconduct racist poor mental health
210. Staff misconduct. prejudice. poor healthcare.
211. (1) Boardom nothing to do; (2) staff conduct to inmates; (2) No cleaning supplies; (4) Commissary is always out of stuff and is garbage mix match items; (5) Do not provide state issued t-shirt, socks or boxers or adequate clothing for winter; (6) medical care is crap; (7) every department within this institution is poorly managed and unsupervised; (8) People disciplined with C-grade are segregated from population and population privilege and activities that are not apart of C-Grade sanctions (i.e. yard time, gym, or seeing general population & inmates)
212. Too much time in cell. Not enough jobs or school opportunities, staff are bullies and change rules.
213. No programs, no school. ABE, GED & college all have waiting list based on out-date.
214. The food in the dietary, **[ILLEGIBLE]** putting ice in a **[ILLEGIBLE]** bag the most littleist thing you do like giving someone a noodle, whereing gym shorts under your pants. Petty things. Not enough programs.
215. Healthcare is bad. Relations between the guards and inmates is no good, we don't get out of the cell as much as we should.
216. These cells suppose to be at least 50 sq feet per inmate not under 25 sq feet for to persons in the cell violating state law.
217. Unprofessional staff, poor food and improper amount of it. Filfy dietary nasty porta-potties, garbage on the ground, extremely poor healthcare, this my opinion about the commissary—its price gauging and we only go once a month no disinfectant for cleaning our cells, always short on recreation time
218. The food situation is very bad and unhealthy. The mental health and healthcare is the worse ive ever seen—when you file a grievance here nothing ever gets done. Its always considered moot. The commissary is the worse and most expensive Ive ever seen. plus we only go once a month and there are unreasonable limits on everything.

- The counselor's don't know enough to be counseling. The officers wont do anything to help anyone, only like to punish people. I could go on and on. This is the worst place Ive ever been. It makes me want to kill myself but if I tell someone I will be put in a cell naked with nothing at all and all my stuff will get stolen by the inmates that have access to our property in receiving. I tried to get transferred to a mental health facility but was told theres no way I would quality, even though Im schizophrenic, hear voices and see things that aren't there. If i had more time and wasn't so close to my out data i would hang myself in my cell while my celly was gone to yard for an hour and a half.
219. The COs try to instigate every chance they get. And they try to talk like african americans do try to be funny and racist. They are going at HUGE inmates of C-grade and there finding pieces of paper in room and lying on people saying its K2 just because they dont like that inmate. I feel helpless.
 220. no support/help
 221. The way the Guards and Staff treat incarcerated people They have even murdered people hear more than once.
 222. In this prison you are always angry. You get in trouble for things you do. (rightfully so) But its the things you don't do. You can do everything right and get in trouble because of the feeling of superiority these COs have.
 223. The staff
 224. STAFF!!
 225. How the staff treats us n the lack of food we get
 226. staff keeps all donated items for themselves or just the inmates that work in the kitchen get these items, use to be different. **[ILLEGIBLE]** that work in the visiting room think they have to **[ILLEGIBLE]** get a visit.
 227. Depression
 228. They treat you like crap
 229. everything
 230. not being able to transfer/wait time is 1-3 years! If they let you transfer. hot dogs everyday at chow/horrible food. Only get commissary once a month! cant get into school if you have alot of time! even if you can get good time!
 231. staff conduct, commissary, dayroom time, living condition, bedding, phone, mail, jobs, programs, state pay, mattresses
 232. The corrections officers talk to individuals in custody in an aggressive and highly demeaning manner. They also choose to threaten individuals and write unnecessary tickets rather than talk calmly and explain unknown rules to individuals in custody.
 233. Disrespectful staff. Excessive force. Cruel & unusual punishment. Poor food. Piss-poor medical attention. Nurses dont deliver meds on time. Nurses forget meds i.e. cant count, med. emergencies are 99% ignored, commissary is ALWAYS out of items (i.e. cellhouses get different/varied treatment, Im in 4 (the last) so its always a problem). MHPs are a joke, mental health is a joke, cant get new clothing & linens, grievance procedure is a joke, grievance emergencies take up to 10 mo for a response. Inadequate schooling/college because their are "short timers" (people with brief sentences) they get priority on all opportunities. Even if you did 40 yrs. & you got out in 1, your outdate determines educational opportunities i.e. the system rewards you by outdate NOT ambition to improve yourself. Sex offenders cant work here. Snitches get rewarded. Staff indiscriminately throws legal/privileged items in the trash, especially tact-team (I just lost over 20 items, 1/2 was food worth up to \$25, others are items they NO longer sell so its like intentionally punitive confiscation. When COs confiscate items during shakedowns that are legal to possess, they DO NOT record item taken on a shakedown slip, so the burden of proving theft is insurmountable. Law library was

- 2x/week, now its 1x within 2-3 weeks. People w/o covid vax may get tested every week but people with the vax that get covid are NOT tested NOR isolated, i.e. favoritism to the vaxxed.
234. We cant get no help, as far as bettering our selfs. Jobs or school or drug programs. you just gotta sit here & do time. They not helping us get ready for the world.
 235. Healthcare, dietary, and 50/50 on staff everyone is not bad!
 236. Officers do what they want
 237. Staff, that really enclues medical and dental and mental health
 238. western illinois correctional center is a unhealthy unsanitary and is a age prison and should have been closed.
 239. As I said, they keep us ostracized in here and then tossing us back out in society as if we got lost, and just so happen to find out way back out in society. Illinois prisons are not giving out any tools to help individuals in custody get out and stay free. Especially Western Correctional facility. The other bad thing about here is racism seen even in 90% of the staff here. They are racist as fuck putting frankly.
 240. Lack of Transfer
 241. We're notified from the (menu) they feed us whatever they want to and theres (only) 2 or 3 different servings on the trays, and very limited amounts of food. Theres very limited amount of things to do at this (prison)
 242. The guards and the way to get away with everything they do to us in here even beat us and take and steal and eat our purchase items on shakedown & no results when grievances wrote on them. The filth in this place & no resources to keep our cells & area clean at all. You can check the video footage to see that they do not pass out any cleaning supplies. The hostility the guards have toward inmates & the bullie mentality. This facility is known for even killing inmates and having the code of blue to try to cover it up with false IDR & witness as co-workers look it up a CO LT & others just not found guilty the 1st time
 243. They refuse to transfer Goodtime offenders ASAP. no programs enough for goodtime off. The warden does not help to early release only short-term/goodtime offenders. No dental hygienist for cleaning of teeth at all. Staff are bullies and verbally abuse us all the time.
 244. The officers create a hostile environment, their social approach when dealing with incarcerated people contradicts their training. The escalate issue versus de-escalating them. They become supremely spiteful as well.
 245. Officers talk to you any type of way. You are not able to have constant contact with your family.
 246. Poor healthcare Poor Dietary, Lack of professionalism by staff, lack of law library for deadlines, etc.
 247. Grown People (the officers) walking around looking to start a problem
 248. Not enough time out of the cells
 249. Staff
 250. Racial
 251. too long cells, no activities, bad food
 252. Waking up
 253. can't see commissary so we have to use best guess
 254. Staff at all levels Warden on down have a oppresser mindset, they don't try to have a open dialog. They treat us and talk to us as we don't matter, they don't give us all our time on the yard or dayroom everyday. Audit the cameras, the cameras don't lie.

255. The staff. 85-100%. How the staff put or blame you for anything and right you a ticket. How they love to right a ticket and put you on C grade and not put you in school, programs or work.
256. The way they treat us and talk to us as well as excessive discipline. They don't care about our health or wellbeing and healthcare service is terrible. The nurses are even handling us any type of way and calls us over there when they want. It's just sad. I ask officers questions about important things and they brush us off like it's nothing. The counselor like there inexperience they tell our family anything whenever they call and ask about our living conditions. It's like a living hell!
257. Staff are terrible and cruel people and run this jail poorly. Like we jews back in the Nazi days.
258. 1. No cleaning supplies. 2. Have to wear old torn up clothes. 3. Windows are Dirty + have mold. 4. Healthcare is subpar. 5. Dental is subpar. 6. Go weeks w/o meds. 7. Law library is not sufficient. 8. Sleep on bad mattress + pillows. 9. High prices on commissary. 10. Toilets go from 1 to Another. 11. air quality is bad
259. The guards are very confrontational and unprofessional an have no communication skills
260. Staff Conduct They can get away with any thing because they have a family member in every department.
261. Loneliness, the death of loves and you can't go to funerals, travel distant for family visit
262. Hoping that I awake & rise up until Im release from prison
263. The staff here are very disrespectful. The staff here are hateful and they act very evil toward us in prison. The staff here don't know how to talk to us and they treat us like we are nothing like we are not humans.
264. The most negative things about W.I.C.C. no chance of earning E.D.S.C. unless you're working, No school teacher for A.B.E. for over 6 mo's, can't join programs because of a long wait list, staff rarely help
265. staff
266. Staff behavior & commissary
267. Being in prison!
268. We are definitely not treated like human being here in this prison at Western Illinois Correctional Center Mt. Sterling. We are constantly being disregarded by staff. The conduct of the officers here is very poor to stay the least. For the most part the officers are uncivilized, rude and very disrespectful. The officers conduct here at this prison is unbecoming? They lack training and discipline
269. That this prison does not actively seek and hire individuals to the academic classes so inmates can get a college degree and/or certificate for vocational classes. Lastly, that if you sign up for classes, you will get pushed to bottom of list because short-timers have precedence to enroll.
270. Prison gangs. Staff with bad mouths
271. There are no competent mental health members so I ignore my condition so they can't use it against me.
272. being in a box with another man or someone you think is a man.
273. Living in a walk-in-closet (cell) with Another man.
274. Being treated unhuman & being around staff that are racist and boldly let you know that they are racist, calling you boy & monkey
275. The racism in these prison with the guards toward black prisoners!
276. The staff. We're in these cells all day there is only 6 phones on Tiers and the yards and they keep the dumb bells weights locked away so we cant use them in the gym.

277. We get treated like less than humans. I feel that we have to be degraded by staff and belittled in order to get what we need.
278. They do whatever they wanna do no matter if its right or wrong
279. gangs running the phones and the drug use that happens
280. staff
281. Visitation is hard to obtain. Hard to use the phone. Only 2 yards a week. No hygiene items are distributed except 1 bar of soap + 1 roll tissue. Grievances often get thrown away. No Accountability
282. The staff killed two Black people within 2 yrs. They beating them to Death. And they talk to all inmates to belittle them except the one that work closely with them...
283. Not enuff staff doing there job of pushing the rules upon those who over look the rules!
284. How the officers talk to inmates
285. Ive been trying to get the job or get in school or anger management or anything for that matter. Everybody here is 10 years or more I only have 15 months that's scary, at anytime Im scared for my life. I shouldn't be here
286. the food + most the staff.
287. cant go to work or school, it hard to do anything productive. They feed us polish sausage like 15 out of 21 of the meals a week.
288. That the staff doesn't treat you like a person instead they treat you as a inmate that doesn't matter
289. Seeing the staff get better products and treatments on food services, stores and clothing items etc...!
290. The staff killed two people down here within a year and they talk to us any kind a way.
291. Drugs. Gang control
292. The staff from top to bottom are unorganized and they treat the inmates unfair. The staff members are the real crooks!
293. can't get a job because they keep giving the same workers the jobs over and over and over and don't rotate them.
294. staff, food, commissary
295. that I have been and trying to change my life and now that Springfield provide a program for inmates that is been good for at least 2 year the Warden **[NAME REDACTED]** acted as a retaliation against this good inmate by shaking us more destroying our personal item in the cell, threatened us like trash
296. The to CO's team up against inmates & always take the other CO's word without looking into the situation first.
297. Staff.
298. Being isolated
299. None of the officers in this prison want you to be rehabilitated and they do everything to make your time miserable and keep you from bettering yourself and actually making a change.
300. locked in a cell all day
301. receiving medication at 4:00am in the morning, no respect from certain staff, only 1 1/2 hr out the cell, no complete help with healthcare, humane, dietary. Canceling call passes.
302. Treated unfair and less then a human being, and lied too.
303. Jobs are unavailable to men w/ any sexual offense on their background, except maybe as a wing porter—but then some staff members use that info against them, strongly discouraging others from applying for a position. So there's a classism -by- crime culture.
304. food, staff, commissary, healthcare

305. no school, gangs, locked in cell 23/1, no classes to help better myself
306. Being controlled by hateful Racist people!
307. food, staff, in cells 23 hrs a day, always canceling call passes, waiting too long for certain responses.
308. Drugs, Disrespect, lack of caring
309. The CO's
310. How some staff talk to you, and how some staff will ignore you!
311. The CO's they are so disrespectful to us. The compliance check at 7:00 am every week. They wake you up, and make you move thing from one back another, and your in your cell sleeping. And the CO talk to you so disrespectful early in the morning. So they can write you up.
312. Co's, Medical
313. NO programs for people with a lot of time. No parole programs
314. They tell us they hate us they told me I hope you all die here they refuse to provide me with ADA stuff I need or medical care when I need it
315. U can't get nothin' done here and the staff are really racist and not helpful at all they are very disrespectful, they want us to do right, but they won't do right.
316. Staff Treatment, far as disrespect, the way they talk to you, and abuse of their authority, and racist views!
317. Most ripped off the money from inmate on purchase items and foods
318. They don't give me a chance to grow or better myself, & am degraded.
319. always worryen and always treated like Shit and never the same Rules. Having to worry if I am going to be the next one they Kill
320. That we can not enjoy our rights afforded to us by state & constitutional bill of rights. That it is more about racist here than other things. That we are seen as hoodlums & thugs here? That we are sent here when we have not caught a disciplinary transfer to be sent here at all.
321. Everything except the chapel services & bible studies
322. Everything other than the chapel programs.
323. The staff they talk to people like they don't matter
324. It's Hard to get things done and be Seen as a person with Value.
325. You can't get nothing done, staff treat you like the scum of the world.
326. Staff, food, education, good time
327. 1. grievance process, 2. Healthcare, 3. dietary (has improved but still not in compliance), 4. commissary
328. Majority of staff here judge you by someone else's actions, and some of them portray very racist energy & abuse their authority at any chance given...
329. How the prisons are run by people how do not care for anyone but themselves.
330. CO's, staff
331. being white
332. The staff thrive on making sure every aspect of life here is the worst you can experience. All staff!
333. Commissary sucks, the officers are racist, you only have dayroom once a day. The officers disrespect you all day. You have to write healthcare a million times to see the doctor.
334. Poor counselor contact—no help whatsoever
335. The staff & wardens they hate inmates especially blacks
336. No programs—College available to Longer term Inmates certificates—nothing to do. No jobs—some folks own jobs. Commissary 1-Every 35 plus days—Severe Limits. High stress No Healthy Items

337. Everything, from every day Living to commissary to dealing with issues personal and facility related
338. The staff are hateful and racist
339. The prison officials are the most disrespectful, arrogant, bullheaded, and racist group of people I've ever encountered in the [15+] yrs I've been in prison. The medical care is horrible. And the Grievance system is a farce.
340. Everything
341. Dietary is dirty and underfeeds us. Commissary is abysmal and slow. Some staff are argumentative and cause unneeded conflict. Our warden is dismissive and indifferent. Our ventilation, water and cleanliness is terrible.
342. Dehumanization, Murder (by staff) of a prisoner, racism, exploitation (commissary), unprofessional staff, violence by staff
343. everything
344. This prison has (nothing) for guys whose been gone for a long time & don't know how to treat us
345. Schooling is impossible to get in. Programs are non existent. CO have killed people here.
346. Don't always have enough supplies at commissary, spend to much time in the cell, the CO's use bad language at inmates. The staff put their hands and feet on inmates. During summer it feels like over 100 degrees in the cell house.
347. Being here, how they treat you
348. Been lock up
349. Looseing family and friends
350. Too much time in the cell. The food they serve us, but not them selves.
351. Because of your time you are not allowed to get into programs or school to better yourself. Locked in cell 22.5 hours a day. Food sucks, commissary prices are high and the staff has too much control.
352. Racism, staff against us for no reason
353. Staff is aggressive.
354. Drinking water the staff doesn't respond to you when you push the button Inmates approve for transfer are not being transfer out right away not enough programs for inmates to better themselves writing serious tickets for no reason Adjustment committee is not fair
355. Cant use the phone. The food is horrible. I got food poisoning. The staff favor white inmates blatantly.
356. Water, food, staff, inmates, no dayroom, healthcare
357. Locked away 23 hours a day. So depressing. Not to mention most of the COs are very rude. Need some type of manners class or something.
358. Staff conduct, we do not receive the basics here no mattresses, no clothing, no bedding, I have grievanced these things and still have not received them. Only new sheets.
359. Negative CO
360. Racism—Hatred of Minorities!
361. The most negative thing is that this institution is excepting inmates that Springfield sends that don't check out their past behavior. Their should be more vetting to check out inmates, because we as good inmates have to get punished for the behavior of other inmates actions. We have institutions for them (Menard, Pontiac, Stateville, and now Lawrence)
362. Stereotype issues

363. Not having your freedom or your love one's at your side and not being able to do what you want when you want.
364. Being Locked up
365. It took me 6 months to see a doctor, drugs are everywhere, food is disgusting, maximum security inmates at Lawrence C.C. get more dayroom time than I do + I'm a medium, staff abuse their authority. Staff often assault inmates, staff will mace you for anything.
366. Where do I begin... Most staff are disrespectful + hostile. It's hard to get into programs/School making rehabilitation hard. Inside the cell more than 20+ hrs. a day. Adjustment committee is not impartial or fair.
367. The officers + Being locked down all day. The overall way the prison is being ran to break us then to Better us
368. Anything & EVERYTHING you can think of, living situation, phone status, dietary food, commissary, staff conduct, dayroom rules, treatment in Seg House wings, everything is threaten by giving tickets and Seg time unfairly. The phone pins have not been working since March 10th 2023 in RHU. Even on A grade it is April 2nd 2023 the phone is still not working, staff is constantly saying they fixed it but continue lying. they been giving us this hot dog like substance, crammed into this latex sleeve like substance, we don't know what kind of meat it is but it's gross, we've had it at least 15 times in the past 9 days. On Wednesday March 29th 2023 we received this "sausage" for Lunch & dinner with only cabbage & a few carrot pieces 2 banana this is not acceptable. We were left starving from dinner time at approx 4:15 pm until breakfast at [ILLEGIBLE]:15 am thursday which was only 2 boiled eggs & some "grit," a piece of bread. They are feeding us very very poorly which is a concern for my health as well as the health of others in the entire jail or prison facility down here @ Western Illinois Correctional Center.
369. They have a bogus drug indicator called "Sirchie Narc II 2c Reagent Test Kit" which is only about 64% accurate. I'm in seg house unit because they found a piece of torn paper which was a state issued trust fund balance given to me on the prior day by the CO's in mail from the state. They "tested" it & stated it came back positive for "synthetic cannabis"? "Intoxicants" which is bogus. [STAFF NAME REDACTED] falsely claimed that it was drugged laced & escorted me to seg.
370. Everything they don't help with shit in this prison
371. Most negative things n prison, staff, chow lines, being inside the cell all day
372. You are confined in cell 22 1/2 hours a day, and if your "single cell" status it can be like your entire time is in Segregation. You have nobody to talk to, laugh with, or anything.
373. C-grade deck not being able to use phone at all.
374. Everything
375. Everything!
376. They treat people (Black & Mexican) unfair
377. Everything! Mostly the officers, they threaten & intimidate us also abuse their authority. Physically & verbally
378. Staff
379. C-grade unit because the punishments are to severe, no phone calls and no t.v and tablet that I paid for (personal property)
380. Healthcare sucks! Law library sucks! Staff is Rude & looking for trouble every day. Warden is Rude as well. Food is bad not enough time to eat.
381. Racist Officers. Do what they want with no consequences. Antagonize inmates. Make rules as they go the hierarchy just goes along with them.
382. Racist antics and comments by staff.

383. Majority of the staff treat all inmates as if we are cattle or it's their job to punish us on top of the punishment we receive from the Judge
384. officers and their hostile attitudes and round responses to our questions, being brushed off when we say we need medical help or anything honestly
385. too much drugs K2
386. The staff
387. the staff
388. The staff treat inmates horribly. The food is horrible. There is only a few teachers and only 1 Dentist.
389. Improvement of staff
390. Try to see my family. My brother and just a few days ago now my mother can't come see me. On my mother it's a mistake on their part.
391. STAFF
392. Not being able to assume any real responsibility—raising children, paying bills etc. Having another human that is your equal dictating your every move. Being away from family.
393. Racism
394. The way the staff treats the inmates
395. Everything. The staff conduct in WICC is horrible and it starts with Warden **[NAME REDACTED]**.
396. They don't care about anything.
397. Outside of this Honor dorm it is next to impossible to get a job or get into school. I have a lot of time left to do and am shut down because of my time/crime. I haven't been able to do much positive in the past 10 years
398. No incentives for workers. No detail phones/showers/yard. Healthcare and dental is horrible. No accountability for staff misconduct. Staff does not respect other staff and is not organized.
399. Not enough phones (most problems are caused by the phones). Most COs need to learn how to temper their communication. Food served here has consisted of some type of "hot dog" every other day. Healthcare sick call is always a hassle. Visits suck!
400. 1. The IQ's of the other inmates. 2. Other inmates constantly comparing this facility to medium or minimal level facilities. 3. Difficulty in being admitted into Educational Programs. 4. Lack of opportunities for Long-timers and Lifers.
401. 1. steal our money and helping Prison getting richer. 2. Helpless from reaching the system for innocence prisoner.
402. A lot of the Guards are very disrespectful. They don't feed us enough. They give us enough food to feed a kid Not a Man. They move us around too much cell to cell. The Prison store is always out of stuff.
403. See Answer Q12. it's the same.
404. The rules change, everyday, dependent upon which staff member you encounter.
405. All staff takes retaliatory actions against inmates for writing grievances. They never let inmates speak. Medical care is always slow. The dentist don't clean teeth. One dayroom.
406. Everything
407. The unprofessionalism of staff, their need to always agitate, irritate & humiliate inmates. They've murdered 6 people, got convicted for one out six Officers that lied to protect own are Free w/No cases & all got raises. Meanwhile grievances go unheard.
408. Bad reports on officer Just pile up. Officers feel invincible.
409. Mark in the boxes

410. We are locked down to much. The food is bad, and the phone situation. And the CO's are not friendly
411. The way staff treat you
412. We only can talk to our families for a short amount of time. We come out once a day for 1 hour 30 mins & everyone wants to use the phone but there only 6 phones available
413. How the Co's can get away with talking to you in a crazy way. And the Co's can beat the shit out of you and you suppost to take a ass whuppin every time you don't listen to them. The accommodations!!!
414. They completely treat you like shit it's as if your not a grown man you're a dog in there house.
415. Im in the cell 22.5 hours every day with only 1/2 hours to come out
416. Lack of respect by staff. Poor sanitary conditions. Poor food. Lack of snow/ice cleaning on sidewalks during Winter months. No senior citizen wings. No rec. equipment on yards. Lazy staff
417. Scary staff, they killed someone in 2018.
418. about 40% of guards are disrespectful, guards/staff don't listen they just yell at us to try to make a problem.
419. All of it. A waste of life—No ability to add to a positive society. Or others or self. No contact.
420. Poor operation
421. Every thing
422. Here you get nothing to have coming and its hard for your family to see you
423. The staff disrespect us. If you get a ticket you are always guilty that's it! The system is not fair. If you have a problem with an officer and you write a grievance to complain, they retaliate against you. Not only that but they show and read the grievance to that officer. They let and allow gangs to take over as well as taking over the phones. If you don't get along with your cellmate, they won't move you. But will constantly move people around everyday causing you to be in a cell with someone you can't get along with and run the danger of fighting with your cellmate and or getting murdered. We need people to come to Western Illinois Correctional Center in Mount Sterling, IL this is not a good prison.
424. Is hell there's no other way to describe it.
425. CO and Healthcare
426. Lockdown
427. I've been here **[3+ months]**, **[2+ months]** in seg for someone else's actions where the Adj. Comm. Did not investigate. I haven't had a TABE test so no enrollment in vocational programs and because of seg no job for another 6 months. Time in Gen Pop is the same as seg.
428. being locked up most of the time and disrespect from the correctional officers.
429. The food is always undercooked or bad we get barely any milk. It's a bunch of carbs. We sit here in our cell 23-1 and get fat and unhealthy. They don't have good exercise equipment they have barely any programs. They write what they call hook up tickets all the time. The treatment is horrible I've seen COs mess with a Chinese guy over that spy balloon incident. We are not human at all here. Please believe that. And they don't care to transfer you out
430. How Prominent and Racial Bias these State Prisons are towards minority "African Americans" Specially! It's unbelievable.
431. my time

432. COs are disrespectful, and try to pick fights with inmates, stating "I need a new truck." Healthcare is a joke. The only way to get to see a nurse practitioner/Doctor is to write Grievances/+Lawsuits!
433. The staff is awful to inmates.
434. Staff. The way the prison is generally ran. Overall this prison has an extremely negative energy to it, and I have been to 5 different prisons.
435. Disrespectful words and behavior by staff for unjustified reasons. They will make up their own rules (that is not in the rule book), enforce them, and give you a ticket if you don't comply with the usually degrading made-up "rule." Inability to speak to fellow inmates during dayroom if they're not on the same floor as you.
436. because of disciplinary reports, they have taken all our avenues to contact our family members & the staff continuously treat us & feed us like animals
437. Everything. They put their hands on people whenever they feel like it and talk about peoples loved ones.
438. The most negative thing about life in this prison is that the officers are not equipped to deal with the individuals in custody needs.
439. The staff is disrespectful. The food portions are very small. Disciplinary is unfair. When it rains it enters the wings. There is more white COs/staff which narrows the decisions.
440. 1. Animals are treated better than the incarcerated people. 2. The healthcare that is given to incarcerated people
441. Blacks out number 10 to 1 even more here.
442. We are not people to the staff. Also they don't respond right or never respond to Emergencys in cell (the button)
443. Thers so many that I can't write them.
444. Everything from lack of programming all the way up to the warden
445. They don't treat you as a human being. They don't know how to talk to you without abusing their authority. They use unnecessary punishment. They don't give you the opportunity to communicate on the phone to tell your family you're alright once you get in trouble. They don't give you your mail all the time and don't tell you what for. And as long as you're on this C-Grade wing they give you no calls, no yards, no gym, no commissary. They have a white guy referring to himself as indian which leaves you unjustly judged at the adjustment committee.
446. Staffs action, dietary, commissary, dayroom, jobs, school, everything
447. the inmate don't like to clean themselves. They like to not shower
448. The negative is that we only get 1 1/2 per day and that during that time out you have 25 to 32 inmates out trying to use the phone, when there are only 6 phones. Its not enough time or phones to get everyone a call. Therefor a inmate had have to go 1 or 2 days without a call.
449. The racist officers/Dietary food/commissary. The Disciplinary system
450. 1. Most inmates do not file complaints and grievances to avoid retaliation against inmates by officers. 2. The healthcare here at Western, IDOC is very poor.
451. The COs (Staff). The treatment. The extended time in the cells.
452. Staff conduct, treatment towards individuals in custody. Lack of cleaning supplies, lack of clothing and sleepingwear, NO schooling or college courses, lack and careless about our contact to our family friends visits and messaging gtl
453. Staff/officers and inmates that bully others.
454. locked in cell 22+ hours a day. The staff are racist.
455. Every Aspect, no opportunities, No Schooling, NO clothing, Staff sucks
456. The staff are all White, there are no black staff the [ILLEGIBLE] is off down here. They have a few black people like nurses/one Teacher. The color of odds are 10 to 1 ratio.

457. Living with pedophiles
458. The most negative thing is the Abuse we have suffered from the Abusive Judge, and the system of Abusive government, against our fellow men the government is at WAR against their own people
459. They treat us like dogs they have no respect nor consideration for us being man
460. We are not treated fairly by staff! The grievance process is broken, because it is not a fair process when it comes to incarcerated people!
461. The disciplinary system. I've been in my cell for over a month without yard or a phone call. Also the conduct of some of the officers is unacceptable. I've been degraded and treated like less than a human. I've also experienced racism on several occasions.
462. The amount of time they give you to eat. The little amount of food they serve. Commissary only once a month for the most part. Out of product including clothes and food at commissary. Getting ahold of the counselor. Lack of classes. Lack of product given inmates to clean our cells. A very poor job of matching up cellmates!!!
463. no smoking—we should be allowed E-cigs. No choice were we spend money on food or any other items.
464. food & staff
465. racist white males over young Black man they (whites males) are out to relive history Mississippi style
466. Not being able to be allowed to get a basic education, GED, or get into programs. Not getting out of our cells enough. Not enough phone time.
467. Healthcare, commissary not supplied right. The shakedowns and tact team shakedowns. Dietary meals.
468. They do not investigate grievances or complaints, they have this holier than thou attitude as if the officers or staff can do nothing wrong. Thereby, those in custody are doomed to preconceived notions of guilt.
469. No EPA for People with a lot of years to do to better ourself!
470. Not enough time for Dayrooms only 1 hr 30 min once a day therefore not able to maintain a good contact with people on the outside. The Healthcare here sucks to many call passes get canceled.
471. COs that are assholes they make prison time hard. Not enough programs here, school/sports
472. Staffs, programs, and some of incarcerated have theirs way to dealing with somebody who has positive things come to and mess it up for it.
473. Staff & Their Racist behavior towards prisoners!
474. The healthcare is so bad. It is as if Wexford is waiting for us to die so they will not have to spend time and money on our health.
475. Does exist a positive things in this prison?
476. Not enough access to the phone to communicate w/ family, commissary and time out of the cell.
477. Food, health service, law library, getting out your cell daily for long stretches, prices at commissary, shakedowns, destroying yourself
478. Prison staff
479. The Staff doesn't have Body Camera. Very Very small percentage of Black staff which causes more racism.
480. staff gives negative things inmate not caring about who locked up and have to live in prison
481. Everything they only like to let people they like work which is people who can't even get good time. Plus I wonder if these COs are like this outside of work
482. The staff 88% and guys have sex cases that say negative shit etc.

483. I have to be around those Racist white folks.
484. Staff/administration lack of responsibility/oversight and dietary services.
485. Lack of movement. Delay of transfer.
486. the outsiders looking in doesn't understand what we have to go through to survive in a place like this.
487. Disrespectful and Racism behavior by staff
488. The way im treated is terrible! There is no genuine concern for us and our needs at the moments of need!
489. The TV channel selection. With this much time to do, & nothing to do, it would be nice to have Turner Classic Movies at least, also Trinity Broadcast Network. There is barely enough food on the trays at dietary to sustain an elementary school child. Only 1 Dayroom a day.
490. Dealing with Disrespectful & Careless staff members
491. Healthcare, Mental healthcare, commissary
492. coming to a prison that is modern day slavery
493. Staff conduct and medical. Staff down talk inmates on a regular. This is the worst prison I've been to with regards to their attitudes. As for medical, it is completely outrageous. Sick call requests take months and you have to be dying for any "emergency" to be deemed an emergency.
494. This facility makes up its own rules, the administration or the COs don't get held accountable for nothing, and their people skills/communication skills is horrible down here.
495. Have to be in a cell, room with another person instead of being alone by my self.
496. No programs, no mandatory ABE teacher, locked in cells 22 1/2 hours a day. No mail on time or regularly, food served cold or trays already made with flies all on food.
497. **[STAFF NAME REDACTED]** she the most racist and the most negative person in this prison and me and her don't get along
498. Almost All the Guards
499. The store is terrible it keeps getting smaller/not very organized. the staff I would rather see State Police a National guard work this place. I cant even get my charger for my tablet to email my family!!!
500. This is a med. Level prison and the staff, not all mind you, treat the incarcerated as if it's a max.
501. The staff run everything
502. Not being with a cellmate that you are most compatable with and get along with when you get someone like that they get moved
503. Bringing in the tact team from other prisons who tear up your cell, eat your food, throw items away that they are not suppose to, things that has been bought from the commissary.
504. The officers running the commissary are totally incompetent + lazy + the warden allows them to shop us only once per month + run out of items constantly. We run out of soap + other necessities all the time.
505. Staff still don't know how to deal with mentally ill people.
506. Not following institutional rules, and being involved in non-positive activities.
507. the staff conduct and there racist ways to prisoner, and people of color
508. We only come out for 1 hour and half. Out of 24 hours.
509. We are treated like animals. Are given the bare minimum necessities to survive.
510. staff provoke dangerous situations, no school, dietary food is inhumane use of drug tests that read false positive 95% of the time, staff intel bullies random people that don't snitch to fill up segregation

511. The Racist officers.
512. A lot of the times staff don't listen to or address your situation
513. it cuts you off from family + love ones and a host of relatives and friends
514. Friends Family
515. There are not enough Jobs to go around and not enough classes to address the populations need. Also, I am last on the list of any class because of the length of my sentence.
516. Being forced to work without compensation; the staff using "security" excuses to deny us fun, positive, productive activities; trying to micro-manage and control too much or complaining from staff with new positive things are being introduced, and treating everyone like children.
517. As a sex offender, I am constantly worried about my safety, especially after finding out and being confronted by the **[FAMILY MEMBER]** of my alleged victim, which was over **[3+]** years ago, yet I'm still here because he has since left, but his gang buddies haven't. So I stay in my cell as much as possible to avoid confrontation until I get transferred—I can't avoid everyone all the time.
518. No school, no contracts, limited options for contracts and too much time in cell 21/24 hrs
519. Gang banging and drugs
520. They'll put anybody in the cell w/out consulting you. And there's a big K2 problem + if your celly smoking that stuff you'll go down w/him.
521. I, personally, don't mind it too much, but we only get one and a half hour for dayroom daily. What does bother me is that they seem to only enforce rules that require little or no effort on the CO's part. They love to yell at people over the speaker but otherwise they kinda just lounge about doing nothing all day, unless the Warden or someone higher-up is around. Also, it's hard to get answers about things sometimes.
522. My **[FAMILY MEMBER REDACTED]** had gotten her visiting privileges restricted and we had no choice but to wait the six months for it to come back because everyone she tried to contact either had no idea what to do, or would do nothing to help. She had gotten restricted because she got a warning for "talking on the phone" during a video visit, but she wasn't talking on it, just had it in her hand (not even turned on), but no one would go and review the issue. She even wrote to the warden.
523. the ppl that run this place
524. we are treated like animals always!
525. Can't get things done, not enough jobs, job training, not enough work release or opportunities
526. Mental stress "depravation"
527. Lack of mental health
528. Everything you can think of to degrade a human
529. Staff conduct, disconnection with staff, many individuals leave uneducated and are left to figure it out on their own.
530. The officers abuse their power and harass inmates of colors. I was recently harassed because of my race and an incident on the news.
531. just prison, itself in Illinois
532. They call all Black people N****r
533. everything
534. There is no LGBT+ housing here. I only get out of my cell 1 1/2 hours per day NEVER enough educational programs. There is no decent structure to help me become successful. The staff seem racist. The last Warden quit because of racism. Healthcare won't acknowledge my claim of being Trans Androgyne. The entire staff won't investigate my claims of gangs **[DETAILS REDACTED]** because they hate me for

- being gay. The Chaplain forces Wiccans, Pagans, Luciferians to file grievances & lawsuits to acquire religious items.
535. Being away from family. Seeing racism up close.
536. Racism, violence, oppression, and abuses are hidden and denied because staff don't have body cameras and they lie. Prison is a reflection of society.
537. In here we are constantly surrounded by the worst people in the world. The stress level here can get to extremes.
538. No staff follows their rules when it applies to them. Staff believe they can do whatever they want, say whatever they want, take whatever they want without any thoughts that they will be disciplined.
539. The COs are very rude + super DISRESPECTFUL! They talk to U like youre scum! That's the Biggest Problem down here. And they're planting K2 on people. If they find a piece of paper that Look like it you're getting 90 days seg.
540. The staff. Commissary. Programs. Healthcare. Property. Clothing House. The Food. Phones
541. 1.5 hours of dayroom a day. They don't have enough programs. They only have 1 teacher and they make it extremely difficult to get involved unless you are on your way out the door. If you have more than 2 years then it's pretty much out of the question. And if you can get good time they tend to keep you out of work and school programs until its time for you to leave. It seems like they dont want people to get good time.
542. They enforce self-made rules. Not rules that are in the 504 or ADs.
543. Not having college courses, not allowed to work, and the one (1) commissary shop per month.
544. Having staff members always being confrontational or argumentative.
545. everything but the visits and dayroom time
546. CO are bad, not go to healthcare, treat bad
547. Im a sex offender and the guards point us out to those that would harm us.
548. Staff
549. Being pointed out as a sex offender
550. Only coming out you're cell for 1 hour.
551. Aside from being locked in the cell 22 hours 1/2, we are only making it to commissary once a month and when we do make it items are out of stock, leaving us without. Individuals in custody with Mental Illness are not taken into account locked in cells 22 hours 1/2, this prison is being operated like a Maximum Security Prison, rehabilitation is not a priority for all Individuals in custody.
552. The prisons make up rule every day, because of laziness.
553. The most negative things in Western Illinois CC is that those opportunities to go to school or work are given to people with short time even if they don't want it and guys with long time are constantly put on the back end. There is no work or school just dedicated to long term guys.
554. Countless things, shower, food treatment, healthcare, cleanness, the list goes on and on
555. Everything.
556. The racist tension that comes from some of the officers here, but not all of them
557. Knowing that staff and administration. Try and hinder you from anything that would help me, or make my time easier, or help me when I'm released. And they try and create situations that make you act out in violence. So they can justify their actions.
558. not enough good food in commissary and we only go once a month, also, not enough good food on the trays it's not enough to fill up a 5 year old.
559. everything

560. Tooooo much time to think.
561. Warden on down. Negativity, Judgment of inmates. Absolutely nothing outside of a GED (for short timers) and Culinary. Prevention of Visitors and sign-in is very unfriendly. Take down the ridiculous plastic panels in visiting room.
562. Extremely poor medical care. Extreme waits for low value treatment.
563. Very poorly managed. Wardens exert no control over operations/staff.
564. being locked in a cell for long periods of time, Dietary food has gone down hill the last year. Not enough phones, showers, dayroom isn't long enough, too many people
565. Impowerment by staff
566. The way officers talk to incarcerated people, the food, no positive class, meaning more class and dayroom, work, etc. just everything. Healthcare is bad!!!
567. No incentive for good behavior
568. That inmates are money laundering money in store and having sex in cells with other inmates.
569. Dirty cells windows, ventilations system
570. Staff, the food, as well how clothing are old.
571. Getin call N****r.
572. Being treated unfairly racially. White ppl get better results than Blacks
573. They try in keep you here by taking time from you
574. Don't have enough programs are in cells too much of the day only have a Hour and thirty minutes out and every other medium come out twice a day with more program and yards and bias who they let in school
575. The prejudices toward us (Not by all staff but 90 something %) & their desires to cause chaos. The way they speak to grown men is so disrespectful like they're trying to provoke you!
576. Healthcare. I've been here 9 days on a transfer from **[PRISON REDACTED]** and haven't been given my meds yet and cant get an answer why
577. The jobs are scarce, school is rare and the law library goes based off of housing unit rather than order of importance. Some ex-officers were recently convicted of the murder of an individual in custody. The down time in the cell is not that of a medium security. The emergency buttons are not responded to as if it were an emergency.
578. saturated w/ drugs. staff actively thwart and discourage our contact w/ our support. staff attitude is beyond disrespectful. no medical care. staff encourage fights between inmates then punish. commissary is delayed w/ limited items when we do go. staff attitude. staff abuse. inmate moral. no jobs. no school. the only infraction not punished is drug use
579. The negative culture and herd mentality of the staff
580. The way staff talks to and treats the individuals in custody as well as the lack of medical care/mental health
581. staff treatment, locked in the cell to much!
582. Reinforcement of anti-social behavior!
583. CO staff attitude in reference to my charges
584. Everything
585. staff dont respect us.
586. Treatment of Prisoners
587. with having a juvenile sex offense in your background and not being able to be treated equally as anyone else even though you are not in prison for the juvenile case.
588. Healthcare
589. The aggressive staff on every level - No school Programs for people that are sentenced to 85-100%. Absolutely No Rehabilitation to re-enter society. The wardens

don't care about nothing or nobody but themselves. Officers & staff are very racist to blacks & mexican people.

590. That we're sent here under the ideology that we're being sent here to REFORM to be better individuals once returned back out in society. Yet the ideology they use to hold us here is so far from the truth. IDOC now is design to keep individuals coming back. If there is no REFORM in Corrections, which means to correct. Then the only term left is to use Corrections is being use to correct the Department of Correction individuals using the word Corrections as Ostracization to Ostracize people.

Q14. What suggestions do you have for improvement?

1. They have a IA for inmates, they need one for the CO's
2. That we can move in cells with guys we get along. Instead of a random guy. That is loud, or poor hygiene. or uses drugs such as K2 in my life is not safe.
3. Staff need to be held accountable for writing bogus tickets. Shakedown & compliance standards need to be re-vamped to reflect the needs of people who have been locked up for 10 or more years with a long way to go.
4. improve the healthcare system. Drop all 85% inmates to 50%!!!! Stop guards from abusing us!!!! improve food!!!! we get served rope sausage 4 times a week. Make time outside of cell!!!! CO trade our food to other prisons for rope sausage.
5. Start By creating more opportunity for inmates to make their time useful instead of wasting it in their cell and getting treated like shit for mistakes we made in life. And Removing all the staffs who feel they have the Right to threaten us or use force and get away with it. And I'm at Mt. Sterling Corr. facility and staff here often abuse their authority and talk to us how they please and get away with it. No matter the amount of grievances is put onto that staff.
6. bring in a person that can watch over the COs thats not their friend so when they do some thing wrong they actually get dealt with
7. Need more programs and officer's Here need to Stop Killing Inmates and Covering up False Statements
8. emergency buttons & people only in the cell with the same amount of time. I was raped & beat up for no reason [ID REDACTED]. Did it "Help" [DATE REDACTED]
9. We only receive 90 minutes out of cell time each day, not including trips to Dietary. Every other IDOC prison with a medium security level receives 180 minutes. In other words, Western C.C. DOES NOT GET 2 DAYROOMS. This prison needs an independent monitor on site.
10. All new staff members. They got a brother hood down here. They just beat a 63 year old man that was hand cuffed to death then buried him in a unmarked grave. WTF!
11. Better training For all CO's no matter Rank! & Letting people go to school if we have a Long time to serve in Prison
12. more freedom so we can interact and improve with groups
13. A complete rebuild of culture with staff from the wardens to the regular CO they all have this hostile slave plantation overseer mentality. with us vs. them which presents a constant risk to ones physical and mental wellbeing
14. Close This Place Down Because if you Dont They will keep Doing The same Thing They Been Doing in Go home

15. Bring in totally Different staff who Just Do their Jobs Professorially get Rid of all the staff Here at Western Correctional Center And Replace them with Fair and Better Train staff
16. treat people like Humans not prisoners
17. more opportunities to gain/show rehabilitation
18. Hire more People of Color! There's No Black Guards available in Each and Every Cellhouse. To offset the balance of Power and to over See Situation of Black and Brown men being targeted by white Racist Guards.
19. Staff should be more diverse. Electronic device on each wing to document submission of grievances. Non-IDOC staff to investigate grievances, from outside this community.
20. close it or hire diverse staff.
21. This prison is a Toilet Bowl.
22. more time outside your cell, more schooling and jobs for long time offenders, more programs, more phones, maybe phones should be on the tablet, better contact with family.
23. Commissary More Than Once Every Month. Phone On Tablet. Life Skill Groups. More Programmed Activities. Programs. Jobs. Mental Health Programs. More Time Out Rooms To Communicate With Family To Help Relieve Stress. ABE School Teacher. Officers To Supervise The GTL Messages So It Wouldnt Take 2 Days. FORECLOSER!!
24. More time out, for contact with family (via phone) and exercise
25. More avenues to improve ourselves. Either through programs, school or otherwise. Especially for long-term individuals.
26. More diverse arraignment of security staff race; assaults, and trumped up tickets to stop and to just be treated within a level of humane.
27. Stop The Hate, The White officers Treat The Black Inmates Very Badly. Very Hateful
28. Get a New Warden thats going to be more hands on and held these people accountable instead of turning a Blind eye to the things thats happening
29. Get us what we have coming to us by law, more programs, phones, out of cell time and more school.
30. Diversify Administration & Staff from top to bottom! And appoint someone (outside this rural area) to monitor or oversee the staff & functions of this prison!
31. More time out the cell and order commissary at least twice a month
32. More black and latin officers. More opportunity for school, programs, and just time out the cell with my phones.
33. to let people out the cell more and have more programs available
34. It need more job's. Industry job's for Higher Level people incarcerated.
35. Find a way to not punish the whole prison for the wrong doings of a few
36. Better training for staff/Better food/Better commissary stuff
37. Give more opportunity for Inmates to get into programs. Train staff better. more yard so people can burn off more energy
38. More Respect From officers. More positive programs. We only shop once in a month. Can we Have Real ink pens we cant have pens to Wright for legal + post conviction Business
39. 1. Install new blower systems and ventilation system in all housing units to help out when it is 90 degree weather outside because it is at least 20 degrees hotter inside a cell and we are locked in for long periods of time 15 hours or more. 2. We need a better variety of food at commissary and shoes. 3. Better beds. I've had the same

- one for 6 years and have tried to exchange my old one for a new bed for 3 years now.
40. Longer dayroom time's. The commissary could be alot better Because you never know what they have or dont have. Yard and Gym could be longer as well.
 41. Let people go to school no matter whats his outdate. Give us showers right after work with out having to wait until your dayroom witch is 4-6 hours from getting off. And give us more time out the cells and more programs to help better ourselves.
 42. get rid of the KKK.
 43. That inmates voice matter, more access to phone/family, programs available for all, or transfers to give an individual access to where they can gain programming, more dayroom time, phones on the tablet because familial connection is imperative to mental health, I would say staff but you cant change an ideological stance when you not seen as a human so what they subject you to is not seen as wrong, more mental health staffing, sanitary addressed.
 44. Commissary more than once a month, getting better serving sizes on our trays.
 45. To bring different cultures of staff here. Break up the cult that has been in this prison for years.
 46. more recreation time. put more education classes. able to go to commissary more than twice a month
 47. Don't just make rules on the fly; that also are not logical. There is no appropriate hygiene products for Black inmates
 48. Its a little robotic! No real guidance your left to deal + live on your own. what if you dont know what you need! People need pushed in a positive direction.
 49. More Programs
 50. Hire staff that are respectful and care about the life of incarcerated people.
 51. Listen & understand that we Have To live Here, Everyone wants peace at the end of the Day.
 52. To allow us to have longer dayrooms Also to have 2 dayroom. to go to the store twice a month. To have longer video/contact visits Also to take down the barrier down in contact visits
 53. To give everyone that qualifies for a job an equal opportunity to get a job.
 54. Before a person wants to become a correctional officer, they should need some college/university education, not just because they father, mother, sister work here means they can get a job
 55. Better staff food commissary safety
 56. More black staff from CAO to every position filled by white or majority staff members
 57. Putting phones on the tablets because that is where most of the problems come from because when dayroom end the staff be all in your face screaming hung up the phone and if I find it disrespectful and inmate fights always 9 times out of 10 because of the phone.
 58. Respect us as human beings. Some of us have to live here the rest of our lifes.
 59. More phones available to make calls to ours friends and family members because this place only have like six phones available to all the inmates that make very hard to call.
 60. More dayroom, more yard time, gym time. It would be nice to be given the opportunity to earn good time. I earn good time, but still have a long sentence to do, they prioritize people with short time. I've got a long sentence and want something to do.
 61. There is no management or leadership where, the Prison guard do as they dam well please. There is no management.

62. consistent rules for CO's and inmates
63. better protocols, more chances to get out of the cell, more education, find things that can help us mentally, more programs, better staff, switch up culture staff, find better food to sell us.
64. Better food! Whole change of new officers, more time out of the cell, more contact with our family in the outside world. Better tablets! More school, mental health classes. Less pork! No more hot dogs! Stop killing people! that's incarcerated. We want to go home!
65. Less cell time, better TV
66. need more programs
67. they open the school classes to everyone and made to answer the door button 's promptly to learn why it was pushed for help from the staff. Give out the covid stuff they been keeping for themselves and not issuing to us.
68. it doesn't matter, nothing will be changed as long as you have people in power who are bias and prejudice controlling these prisons. And you aiding them!
69. train staff to respect inmates treat them human respect them
70. offer all individuals an opportunity at school and work no matter the outdates. More out of cell time. All one man cells for safety. Phones on the tablet.
71. Get new staff
72. better food/better CO's/ better everything schools and programs
73. Close them down all down. If prisons were caring for elders and kids they would be out of business.
74. Better staff training to respect inmates and their property Hire more people of color—Hispanic, Blk, Native American, Asian
75. 1) hold officers accountable when they break the rules/law 2) treat offenders like humans 3) Stop being Antagonistic & trying to provoke inmates
76. getting someone in the cell with you that gets along great the placement officer **[NAME REDACTED]** he pick's if he don't like you he will put the worse inmate in with you. He like to do it with sex off. He also like to pick on old inmate.
77. Have Springfield do honest checkups on this prison
78. better healthcare treatment, more respect from COs, and to allow more table top games.
79. more time out of cell, better staff, better mental health
80. for officers to want to help us when called upon rather look to send us to segregation or purposely look to deny us any privileges we have. Stop fabricating disciplinary reports on inmates most reports look soo over the top and far from the truth. Learn how to be respectful and stop looking evil in their faces to not be approachable. Want to help people vs. 1st option to not provide assistance
81. allow people to buy art supplies to keep you mind busy do not make difference between what kind of case you have because That is discrimination.
82. Shower curtains with pockets for hygiene between shower heads Extend the 7:45-9:15 and 12:30-2:00 dayroom periods by 30 minutes each Enable the phone application on existing tablets
83. Help one too learn from their past to give another chance to those who deserve its.
84. More people of color. All white people run this prison. An racism is still alive an present here. we are tortured daily due to this fact.
85. staff be held accountable and stop turning a blind eye for one another
86. improve the food Healthcare and the grievance process
87. close it, trust me

88. first off at least 2 dayrooms to give guys more airtime out there cell and better school for all inmates not just the ones who have less time and more programs to prepare guys for reentry into society.
89. min with mins **[ILLEGIBLE]** with med
90. Give everyone a chance to work anywhere, less relaxed on mail when your kids are trying to send you something. Commissary, time out the cell, BETTER SCHOOL!
91. Better healthcare. Activate phone/video (visits) on Tablets, it will eliminate lots of issues over the Dayroom phones. Access to legal doc. through tablets; it will eliminate legal storage in Law Library, commissary prices are too high, and there's no healthy options.
92. The only improvement to be made in prison is to abolish them all together
93. Take Magic the Gathering & Tarot Cards off the ban list. And for them to stop being bias toward wicca & other Pagan religions. To give better mental health treatment. They make us be our own psychologist & therapist.
94. a warden that could make this place better. It needs someone to run it better. When the warden and some staff do a walk through, that's what they do, walk quickly, just so they can say they were here. all for show, that's all.
95. Hire outside staff and have springfield to do "real check ups" on this prison.
96. Warden **[NAME REDACTED]** address issues of prisoners instead of being a signature of whatever staff says, and she'll then be seeking justice.
97. Get rid of racism
98. Find a way for them to stop living their slave master fantasy at work. Teach them to leave their personal problems at home & stop using this small authority at work as a way to feel empowered. If it wasnt for crime itself 90% of these officers wouldnt have a job. That's why Bruce Rauner got rid of the physical test.
99. More movement and programs, less harassment by staff.
100. A new warden who shares the stated objectives of IDOC, who will get staff in line and require them to perform their assigned duties in an effective, competent way.
101. New grievance process, which works for us and not just for staff! To receive better healthcare, and more medical staff.
102. Having more programs to help people succeed in life giving jobs, schooling with more than one teacher
103. the officers need to communicate better.
104. Staff training and better evaluations of the people they put in the cell together. Musical opportunities (band, choir, instruments)
105. Hire a more diverse/racial staff. Too many old whites from this area who dislikes blacks. Too many old ones in power who allow COs to harass -n- nik-pik for the smallest of things. Theres only 1 black CO works here. And he's their type of black.
106. I want it to be known to the administration that really yall not helping us and really causing ones to commit more crime when they get out.
107. They should train their staff better and not shakedown your cells as much
108. Treatment of staff. Phones on tablets to solve problems, store twice a month, attentive to medical needs, more transparent and more respect for visitors/and to take dividers down in visit room. Staff never wore masks.
109. Hire more staff so that individuals in custody with long term sentences could be enrolled into school and programs as quickly as those with short term sentences instead of being chosen last.
110. Hire & retain more officers of color.
111. Better dietary, more opportunities for good time, mental health programs, bigger fans

112. Positive interactions between staff & incarcerated people. I.E. treating us with respect. More dayroom & classes
113. 1) more programs for self improvement 2) more activities that allow more time out of the cell. 3) Staff needs more classes to improve the relationship between us.
114. There has to be a reliable form of accountability, other than a grievance process, and officers or staff which cause unrest and unfair treatment infraction need to be placed somewhere not to cause further disruptions.
115. Allow people who can earn good time to earn it people who are close to there outdates chances to be in school, programs, work things to help prepare you for the world also better medicals staff that care
116. 2 dayrooms better commissary better state trays phones on the tablets
117. This prison needs people on the staff who actually care about the rules and our rights and not just care about imposing their will.
118. For the prison to get more Black and Brown people on their staff.
119. Classes to teach, individuals, life outside of prison...
120. They need new staff who know how to interact with people, especially people of color. They treat us horrible here, honestly sometime im afraid i'll die here because how careless and evil the staff are.
121. Close it!
122. Their need to be a sensitivity course here for both staff, inmates weekly.
123. Add phone calls on tablet. A second dayroom. More time out the cell. Help people with long sentences
124. Hire more Black and Brown officer. make it fair here. This is a all white prison, ran by an white
125. give us cell clean, give us class for people who got alot of time.
126. It needs everything on improvement more time outta these cells better food better staff officers some programs, schooling and being able to receive what you deserve and can receive such as good time, transfers, clothing etc.
127. Change everything and everybody. start fresh. Add more Black CO.
128. Prisons need to look at, by placing w/other residence, Age-Race-Religion. To many are self centered-conceited-uncaring. 50 yr old + older need single-cell-status for own mental health wellbeing. Many of us just want to do our time in peace.
129. New officers, better trained. Better food + bigger quantities. More well run positions like commissary, LTS, Placement. Basically a total restructure of people in charge. Better counselors better internet connection, service upgrade!
130. Hold staff accountable for their actions.
131. More classes + programs more dayroom time jobs honor programs ETC
Rehabilitations
132. Being away from family
133. That you can get staff to work here who know how to treat peoples who are in prison, and stop looking at a person as a whole but on a [ILLEGIBLE] level
134. We need more dayroom time, and more phone in dayroom yard, that would help with alot of problems and fights
135. Transfer me to Dixon Psyc. Or Taylorville
136. we don't have enough paper or and I don't really care no more the Because everything I've said or try to do in the past came back to haunt me
137. 1. Two dayrooms one each shift 2) more phones on unit 3) phone on tablet 4) respect from staff 5) more phones on yard 6) phones in gym 7) improve speed of message 8) Its no black CO's down here
138. Everything Possible

139. Need a miracle
140. Western Illinois, needs to hire more teachers again and start educating. This is a place where most people talk on the phone and get over on each other.
141. Change the culture down here.
142. the people should be hire for the position that they are qualified for. Officers shouldn't be able to go to being counselors the next year they are Food supervisor then the next month they are commissary workers. That not their skill set.
143. Needs Better oversight. Better Hiring program training for staff.
144. Respect from Staff
145. Better Food More time to Eat. More Dayroom Time or Put the phones on our Tablet
146. Better sensitivity training for staff, w/ periodic reminders to them on how to be empathetic. More incentives to draw in new hires across the board
147. Reasonable rules and regulations. Reasonable staff members with better people skills. More diverse staff. More academic and vocational programs
148. Two dayrooms more phones on Deck or phones on tablet, respect from staff, It no black co's in this jail
149. Phone on Tablet, more phones on unit, more Dayroom time
150. 1) Two dayrooms one each shift 2) more phones on unit 3) phone on tablet 4) respect from staff 5) more phones on yard 6) phones in gym 7) improve speed of message 8) Its no black CO's down here
151. Talk to these CO's because they treat you like an Animal and talk crazy to you as if always trying to get you to fight them.
152. more dayroom time, more access to law library (and half hours every 7 to 10 days)
153. get new police that know how to talk to other people
154. Send CO's to people training, also instruction on tactile system and needs of A.D.A inmates. The orientation manual is the poorest I've seen. Newly arrivals are left in the dark and if you ask a CO's they don't answer simple questions. This prison has to many sergeants who don't want to work and not enough regular CO's who care.
155. need to do something about phones we have six phones on the gallery and not everyone gets to use the phone by getting more phone it would stop a lot of problem!
156. to never judge a person if you don't know them. They judge you for, what kind of person you were in the past.
157. Let the whole top deck out and the whole bottom deck out at two different times so everyone can come out on each shift 4 cells to a phone and 3 hours out when top deck lock up the bottom
158. more singular cell
159. I believe there should be a group that staff are required to participate in to teach them morals and integrity as a person. Also so they maintain those morals. I do no understand that there is a lot of unrighteous people in prison. But not all. Just misguided and unfortunate individuals.
160. I just want the staff to treat people better and when there is a fight that the person who starts and swings first should be the only one penalized.
161. This prison is challenged by its location. It is difficult to keep fully staffed. But they try/violence or drug issues. Internal affairs indicates they know who these violators are and they chose to keep them separated. Ok, but if they know then when incidents occurs that is the fault of the placement officer and internal affairs, NOT the inmates who live around them. Tactical units are for prison violence and unrest, not to be used as a tactical weapon. This is a misuse of state funding.
162. That those in higher authority take responsibility for keeping correctional officers in check to do their jobs professionally, Adequately, fair and balanced with IDOC

- administrative codes and policies, constitutional federal and state laws concerning prisoners rights and free from cruel and unusual punishment.
163. Staff having an understanding of our culture, not from the outside, stereotyping, dehumanizing/criminalizing viewpoint, but from an inside viewpoint of why our environments & opportunities are what they are, how they got like that & the toll that has on decision-making. Maybe they'll have a more humane approach in dealing with us if they had an idea of why our culture is the way it is & why we feel the need to make the choices we do to survive.
 164. More time to talk to people
 165. dentist for gum damage. eye doctor—for we can see. p.c. program to keep us safe
 166. Staff need training in mental health, staff should be Forced to wear body cams when in contact with Prisoners. The healthcare Should send Prisoners out For outside testing for the heart and for Cancer scans instead of Thinking everything can be Fixed with a simple Pill. There needs to be more Black & Brown staff of men & women overall!
 167. Some programs phones on the tablets more mental health workers more better Drug screening in mail more dayroom. Let everyone have a chance at school. More programs availability for Good time
 168. Teach the staff how to treat us better
 169. Well, plain cut and dry, just simply replace as many staff members as possible with a new crew of individuals that are competent in running the prison operations adequately with good and just morals, ethics, professionalism, and regard for humans. Replace Healthcare staff also.
 170. Let Us people with a lot of time get a chance for school and other things to help us better our selves, for staff to stop treating us like animals. Hold the prison accountable for KILLING SOMEBODY IN 2018!!!
 171. staff need better training people skills we need more Phone opportunities we only have Phone privileges once every five days
 172. Programs for people with 100% and 85% time
 173. School is one main issue
 174. A complete overhaul cause the racism & politics of the staff here "will not" allow training to change their culture of abuse. The Warden is a racist Conservative & she shows it proudly. She allows her staff to rebel against the Administrative Code/Departmental Rules 504 & if you complain to her, she won't even pretend she's going to reprimand them. Instead, she'll outright defend/justify their unlawful act right to your face. I've experienced this behavior by her personal (twice).
 175. Well for starters you can't expect people to change with out a benefit of a doubt start with given good time maybe a fresh start will make people think better and more time out the cell more programs and pair up celly's by time not weight.
 176. NEW staff, more diversity, its all white staff, more programs and activity.
 177. Allow people to go to school and work regardless how much time they have on their sentence. More programs. More jobs.
 178. get these bad staff out.
 179. To have more program and more staff training.
 180. 1. Dialog between staff and prisoners. 2. Run things in an orderly manor and stop winging it. 3. Professionalism being demonstrated by staff 4. Encouragement and influence by staff to engage in positive behavior 5. Developing a permanent reward system that mirrors other institutions.
 181. Better "staff" + "food"
 182. Give us more movement.

183. More out time from cell, fix warmers to serve hot food be fair respect others hire more staff for school and programs, stop overlooking the ones that stays out of trouble
184. Allow more dayroom time, have dietary staff and inmates wear hair nets, mouth guards, and gloves. Hire more staff for school and programs so incarcerated people could earn good time and get to family actually have programs to help us better ourselves to stay out.
185. Staff should have no access whatsoever concerning you case, and I mean all staff (including the Warden), it simply is not relevant to anything. That would put a LOT of fairness back into things as a start. Murderers get better treatment than anyone else.
186. The integrity of some of these CO's are highly questionable. Nothing gets done when you grieve... when you write a grievance you get picked on...
187. To have some sort of program that would allow some incarcerated people to set down with staff and build a relationship to see how we could work together to create and environment that work for us and staff.
188. get rid of all the staff who says they hate Black people.
189. put guard back on wings, have them sign in every Half hour. Don't let guards on duty sleep at night. Sgt walking wing and house all the time. Bring breakfast to house every day. When people our ADA, on walkers, canes, crutches, and any that also have hearing aid with walkers, canes or crutches to.
190. All staff including healthcare, dental, and COs need to realize that being evil 24/7 and lazy in their duties is only creating a powder keg thats going to explode. And injuries and unwarranted death is going to occur, on both sides—Not a question of if—It's a question of when!!
191. Put phone on the tablet's to help with communication with family and also keep fights and problems down as most arise over phone, more dayroom time as well.
192. Does the Illinois government care about incarcerated persons at all? If it does, it should hire wardens who understand basic needs. Every new warden is worse then previous one. Incarcerated persons not only need a mandatory meal, but nutritious food; On temperatures over 85 degrees there is need for 2-10" blade fans. Wardens and IDOC staff do not care. When temperature is below freezing, not only they don't provide necessary clothing, they don't allow wearing sweatpants and sweatshirts (sweaters).
193. Mas umaridad, Respeto, Berdaderas conse cuendas para los oficiales y gual que alos internos igualdad Respecto a las Reglas.[**TRANSLATED FROM SPANISH:** More humanity, Respect, Fairness, consequences for the officers and the same as for the inmates, equality with respect to the Rules.]
194. Replace top staff/CO, etc. Retrain COs for conflict resolution. Give mental health more priority and authority.
195. To get rid of the old staff who's been here over 15 years or more and replace them with other staff from other institutions who has worked in a maximum security environment.
196. More dayroom + put the phone on the tablets, they need more programs for the good time + to improve a positive outcome
197. Make officers take more classes how not to talk to us and try get this a can that they cant use harsh language at us because we can't give them tickets for insolence
198. Treat individual in custody as human being
199. More programs—mentors for kids. more phones on wing or tablets
200. Better staff food program equal opportunities to better self

201. Programs!!! and school to both 85% & 50%, 85% what program & school. If we can't get better channel with good movie. the biggest improvement is allow inmate to buy a video game likely XBox 360/PS3 or (PSP). It will help in prison violence & boredom & phone on are tablet & more school & program
202. Stick to the main rules and not add rules as they say when they feel like adding them on the spot. Making a proper chain of helping those who have more sentence time than short timers!
203. Treat people like human and respect and not a number or **[ILLEGIBLE]**
204. Body camera and recording for the CO's
205. Body cam. recording devices
206. To replace warden **[NAME REDACTED]** and all head of departments with personnel who are capable and willing to do their jobs and not simply let staff and departments have a free for all to do whatever they want, and to improve the poor management of each department
207. Fire everyone and hire new staff. Change rules and retrain new staff.
208. Help get more teachers to teach classes & programs the jail offers to reduce recidivism.
209. Longer yard time, being able to use the bathroom while at the chapel. Counselor's and security staff should have more say so about prisoner's medical attention. Make sure they receive medical attention instead of telling us that's medical we have nothing to do with that.
210. Make the things I said were bad into good things
211. Walking me through the front gates, without any chains or **[ILLEGIBLE]** on and taking me where I need to go far away from any of these bird cages with these so called inbred bastards are not.
212. Bring the feds in and have everyone evaluated, there are too many of these staff members that belong to racist groups, the grievance committee should be non-staff members. The portion is not big enough for our complaints.
213. You wanna know what I suggest for improvement in this prison. Get a new warden and Springfield needs to crackdown on the healthcare and mental health in this place for starters. I don't know how they're getting away with this. I broke my **[REDACTED]** and the guards would not send me to healthcare even though **[MEDICAL INFORMATION REDACTED]**. I put in for sick call for 4 months, every day until I finally got called down. It was healed by then, and the nurse practitioner told me there was nothing that they could have done for it anyways. They blamed COVID for not giving anyone healthcare for about 4 months. Everyone needed their prescriptions renewed and couldn't do nothing about it. I went 3 months without **[REDACTED]** meds. The dentist drilled a hole and put a filling in the bottom of my **[REDACTED]** tooth when the cavity was on the side of my tooth. Then he had to go back and fix the real cavity. If I had more room I would go on and on. If I had more time I would already be dead!
214. The warden starts coming and asking us how the staff treat's us. And that we are heard enough. And the staff need to treat us like human beings and stop antagonizing us and talking down us. This is a place of business. This is how they pay their bills. So they shouldn't act so unprofessional and childish.
215. more school and dayroom
216. To change the staff. There needs to be someone who oversees staff conduct. Who is not friends or family with said staff and the rule that our counselors have to support staff always is **[ILLEGIBLE]**
217. I don't think you can, and I'm just being honest.

218. New staff
219. Unless you get rid of the whole staff and replace them there is nothing you or anyone else can do. Hate only breeds hate and these people hate us and honestly we feel the same way about them
220. More free time, phone time, n respect from the officers. An a little more food wont hurt
221. Quit or investigate why most of the officers eat **[ILLEGIBLE]** than we do. More of it. And why the staff that work in the kitchen get to take home food with them. And other stuff
222. Retraining the staff
223. Better school and active programs. Be able to have family send food boxes and hygiene boxes
224. Let people get more time out of cells, let people be able to go to school even if they got alot of time, more jobs, better weights on yard. Let people transfer who isnt on disciplinary terms or just let people transfer
225. Two dayrooms, new weights, programs, state pay increase, to be treated humane, new beds, commissary weekly, jobs, Good Time, healthcare
226. Hire more ethnically diverse staff while teaching current staff how to diffuse and deescalate tension between staff and individuals in custody. Staff must also follow up on when an individual pushes the button in his cell, because staff tends to assume it's a non-emergency. Staff further needs to stop focusing on ticket writing and weaponizing segregation and become more communicative with individuals.
227. Fire all staff. Improve training. Staff should remember eventually we get released..."hurting" inmates in various ways only inspires vengence and hatred not rehabilitation i.e. "hurt people hurt other people." If staff dont care why should inmates & criminals? Staff only cares about union contracts, saving + keeping + stealing money, and getting off on others' suffering
228. We need more programs, we need teachers to teach the programs. I cant go to school until Im a certain short. Thats not fair to someone who really wanna better their selfs..
229. Better staff, better healthcare, better dietary, and education for all! Who want it!
230. Investigate this prison
231. Better everything! more time out of the cell, and improve staff misconduct
232. the director should evaluate western illinois correctional center facility
staff/departments warden - assist warden - internal affairs - counselor - grievance office offender store
233. First thing, John Howard Association need to do is stop being question askers and start making IDOC and maybe other state or federal prisons + jails do somthing about all these questions y'all been continuously asking year after year but actually not getting anything done. its to the point to whereas it seems your association is full of talk because your officer keep coming to question us for years now but nothing has changed.
234. More jobs. some programs
235. Your agency or another need to govern what goes on at this prison because the officers and staff do the things that they want to do, they dont follow (regulations) at all
236. The Feds come and take over the state IDOC in a whole have a entire separate dept. to handle grievances. IDR tickets & adjustment committee not the same CO staff of the same facility there is no justice for a inmate. Commissary is a joke, clothing is a joke, more school programs, more dayroom, more phones on yard & on

- wing. Stop letting I.A. run facilities because they pick & choose who gets approved for jobs & transfer & they IA always pick there "stool pigeons" "tricks" have the warden take more responsibility of her facility & staff for there actions against us need dental hygienist to clean teeth! Urgent!
237. Have a separate dept. run a full investigation on all issues on this facility from commissary, food, I.A., staff, dental, healthcare, cleaning supplies, ect... Springfield & Dir of IDOC come & talk to inmates & hear our complaints. a whole new system of disciplinary system in play & just for inmates. all IDOC old & new pass and now purchase items electronic TVs, radios blk/clear, trimmers allowed in all facilities.
 238. Have mental evaluations or mental background check for officers in order to gauge their mentality before hiring them.
 239. Top priority should be the telephone situation and schooling. There are 6 phones on each gallery and yard. There are 26 to 30 people on a gallery out at the same time. There is not enough phones, so why not put the telephones on the tablets 2 stop confusion. There should be school for people that have long sentences and short sentences because the waiting list is unfair...
 240. Implementation of a fair voice of reason to eliminate the unilateral process that affects every area of prison life here
 241. Put more phones on the Deck. Two Dayrooms & Store @ Least every 12-14 days.
 242. More variety in dietary and less hot dogs
 243. phones on the tablets, more time out
 244. Need Black staff
 245. better food, more dayroom and activities
 246. Getting Rid of staff members whom don't want to be here
 247. Better selection and evenness in commissary. One house may receive certain selections, others don't
 248. New Warden that will bring Real Change. All the staff need proper training on how to interact and talk to incarcerated individuals, and give us what IDOC Rules Require us to have.
 249. I really don't have nothing because I'm 85% but I know this is my First and last bid coming to any other jail.
 250. Need officers who treats us fair and not like where not human. Need more people that's concerned and more experienced from officers, to counselors, to doctors + nurses, kitchen supervisors. Need more programs, more educational opportunities, job assignments, + last but not least more time out the cell. It drives us crazy being confined in such a small cell nearly 23 hours a day. Need more communication to the outside.
 251. New officers would be #1 priority 100%.
 252. Start over/anew!!!
 253. Teach the staff that they're not here to punish us but are here to enforce the rules and security
 254. Security Staff Diversity! Bring in more Black security staff. That will stop a lot of Bull Shit.
 255. Reduce overcrowding, one man cells
 256. Better correctional officers. They should not be able to treat us the way they do and Just keep getting away with it. They need to be held accountable for there actions. They need professional people working here The staff here now are very unprofessional.

257. Hire a teacher, more dayroom time instead of just 1 1/2 hours a day, help those who are seeking help, Answer requests slips, Improve healthcare, Hire people who really wants to work
258. More Leisure Time
259. Hire other races of officers. All the blacks that worked here have all quit because of the racist white officers that believe they own Western!!! Check into this accusation. Something is seriously wrong here.
260. I have been incarcerated for **[10+]** years now, and in my experience there has never been any positive change the warden nor the prison staff moving forward. If anything it's only getting worse! Back in 2018 the guards murdered an inmate here at the prison and only now in 2023 were they sentenced. Two guards were sentenced to 20 years and one guard was sentenced to 5 years. The evidence is clear!
261. Hire teachers so guys can get degrees and certificates. At the very least provide the institution with a proctor so guys taking correspondence courses can earn degrees and certificates by taking their expected proctored exam.
262. Train staff for better interaction with inmates.
263. Hire experienced personnel who enjoy uplifting those who seek rehabilitation but don't know how to approach helping themselves. Provide more programs, better food, and more movement.
264. make one man cells. Give us more time out of these cells.
265. Stop the drugs from coming in
266. To whole open groups for officers & incarcerated people to understand each other lives + way of life or just a clear understanding about each other
267. Hire more black guards!
268. All of the above and feed us better and change the way we go to commissary once a month and change the officers and the counselors here and allow us to use the dumb bells.
269. give people more time outside cells. Programs!!
270. They just need to do wat need to be done and not do things they way
271. a better variety of meals in the chow hall
272. better communication
273. Phones, call passes, grievances, commissary to be added to tablets to avoid accountability issues + to allow more time with our families
274. for the Feds to look into this place. And for the Warden to be here more than just a few days out the week.
275. Place more men into meaningful jobs. Better change in movies. Face to face conjugal visits weekly! How to talk to me, like they are human! Respect visitors—of Family + Friends + Love Ones
276. have the officers take classes on how to talk to other people
277. close it
278. Staff that cares, good time, program. Staff that does their job, not just sit around all day or night.
279. Compassion + Empathy on staffs behalf. More time out of cells + more phone time
280. They should have some Black staff instead of all white and
281. To treat prisoners (ALL) with respect. To give prisoners exactly what the menu says to the people on the street. If prisoners receive so much funds yearly why prisoners never see it in clothing & food etc....!
282. To remove all staff and start all over
283. Segregate—keep lifers away from short timers
284. Bring in a Better Warden and staff that will run everything more organized and fair.

285. job opportunities for all. More selection at commissary. More selection and better food at chow hall. Able to buy own blues on commissary.
286. revamp whole prison
287. Just treat inmate with more humanity
288. I think that they should move the CO's around to other joints so they cant form a cult like team against inmates & the state of Illinois should start giving conjugal visit to the married inmates that doesn't get into trouble. I bet there will be very little problems in jails in Illinois.
289. Have Springfield come to Western Illinois & do a thorough walk thru & spend time talking to Inmates
290. Bring back more school, and voc school
291. More school, more programs to earn good time, officers to be trained on how to treat those who are incarcerated no matter the crime, more jobs, more recreation outside of yard/gym.
292. let us out at least twice a day
293. Good food, more free time, good time, respect towards each other, stop canceling healthcare call passes, start answering emergency buttons, get in school and job
294. People on the outside that has a say so, need to hear from prisoners personally.
295. Remove the plexiglass dividers in the visiting room! Add garbage receptacles outside the yard + gym exits, and another outside the chow hall: there's no cause for so much littering. Permit the horticulture program to beautify the grounds w/ several flowerbeds.
296. Accountability
297. everything
298. Sending in Federal under cover agents to caught all these Racist dishonest people in their dirty acts and bring them up on charges!
299. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, yard, gym, school, good time, respect towards each other, stop canceling call passes all the time
300. Closing it!!
301. Change the whole facility
302. Re program staff, retrain them on how to treat human being
303. Have a better communication with CO's, and mutual respect for each other. More yard and dayroom. Sell bigger fans they the 4 inch fans they sell now.
304. Retraining CO's (they treat inmates horrible), Medical sucks, Food sucks
305. Get new Wardens
306. Close it down or transfer 3/4 of the staff to other prison and change the culture of hate racism, spitefulness, cruelty, evilness of the staff of the Western
307. It needs to be ran better for 1 I have been in max prisons and they are ran way better than this place is. It's prison though not a Daycare center you know.
308. For An outside source to really evaluate the treatment of those of us in custody cause John Howard don't truly care.
309. more opportunity for accessible to Jobs, classes and activities
310. Learn how to treat people.
311. Close it!!
312. Close it down. Hire at Least 50% African Americans 40% Latino Americans and 30% Other. And only 25% Whites. And 25% LGBTQI & A Plus. Because it will reflect the overall combined community of the population here. Give us more time out (9 hours per day) more education programs. more ethnic items sold on commissary. Give us Facebook access to connect with our loved ones & friends the same as the Federal institutions have. Allow us better tech devices. Laptops & Cell phones First

- Generation Playstation one. With the video games it allows cellies to bond playing one another. The laptops all us who are authors to write our books in digital format & eliminate paper clutter. The Facebook allow us to stay in contact with family & friends who are mostly on digital or social media platforms (e-mails are outdated, slow, and difficult to set up) For most elderly both ways (free & incarcerated) the cell phones eliminated gang fights on the yard-wings-gym about the phones. Security can be customized to cell phones as well as Facebook access on laptops similar to the Federal prisons already operating in state currently the same system & security measures can be used to maintained.
313. Place a whole new administration & staff in this institution. Place a whole new set of rules for the staff to abide by, force the IDOC staff to wear body cameras/audio devices so what they say could be heard/recorded.
 314. That Special investigators be placed undercover to spend at least 90 days inside this prison with no one, not even wardens knowing, because there is a "Brotherhood" down here where they always look out for each other.
 315. Hire people of color
 316. More Job and School opportunities regardless of Individuals Background.
 317. they need to treat us how they want to be treated, don't look at the color of are skin, look at us as a human
 318. Talk to inmates that you select not who these people choose. And talk without staff involvement.
 319. The officers (Lt. Majors, Wardens) need to be independent of CO's and grievance procedure. Even if an issue has merit, it is shot down and rubber stamped by those that can make a difference.
 320. Treat people as people not as numbers, scum, or in some cases like we're a disease because of Black or Brown skin color!!!
 321. They would not listen even if I had something to say!
 322. Retrain Racist staff and CO's
 323. There Never will be any improvement
 324. The culture here needs an Enema! The same one exists even after the inmate was murdered here. Has not changed a bit.
 325. Get better counselors to communicate with reasons
 326. Getting Warden **[NAME REDACTED]** out like yesterday bcuz shes not running this prison the Majors is
 327. Open correspondence courses—Tablets you can type, print, access. Certificate programs every quarter—take to cell, no classroom **[ILLEGIBLE]**. Access to Jobs
 328. Shut it down, Bring 2 dayrooms like every other medium facility in Illinois and **[ILLEGIBLE]** gang activity
 329. More Dayroom, phones, & programs
 330. Fire the staff & start over, the culture is corrupt!
 331. For there to be a complete overhaul of the correctional officers and several other staff members here to be relieved of the duties and nice properly train individuals to best handle the many different situations that occur in prison. A new healthcare system that is not contingent or prioritized based on security. Equal schooling opportunities for both short and long term individuals in custody. To not have former guards work in other capacities like counselor, grievance officer, etc...
 332. Better Educational opportunity. Good paying job assignment. More diversification for minorities.
 333. As cliché as this is, we need either A. an overhaul of staff, or B. A complete, change in training. Also, take some pride in the grounds and housing units cleanliness!!

334. Abolition—the culture of racism is implacable
335. close it
336. Get some type of classes for people. Get better food. Get some type of programs for people who don't just wanna sit in a cell doing nothing.
337. More school. Make CO's wear body cameras
338. Stop letting staff beat on inmates give inmates here time out the cell, feed better food and better portion. Put A/C in the cellhouses for the summer time.
339. hire people who care about you and helping you and not just here for a check
340. More time out of our cell and more tv channels
341. Let the people out who has done 25 or more year's
342. Close it
343. Change staff. There is no diversity. Allow everything that want to attend school go no matter what their sentence is.
344. I believe there is nothing you can do for improvement in this prison. Prison staff is against individuals in custody and they are not willing to change anything in this prison at all.
345. When a inmate complain about a problem with their cellie hear them out so the inmates can have a positive outcome staff and inmates to have respect for one another Improve on Healthcare to get inmates over in a timely fashion Getting inmates who approve for transfer immediately staff conduct the Warden need to show up a lot more
346. Create a family orientated environment. Let us speak to family over the phone. Have father, son programs. Support those who are eager to change.
347. Better, food, water, staff, more dayroom time
348. Staff have to see us as normal people. Commissary ran at least twice a month + not once every 6 weeks. Rec time for school guys.
349. That the staff have a little integrity and morals when it comes to there Job, there is no respect from them towards us. They curse at us and try to provoke us. **([STAFF NAMES REDACTED])**
350. More cameras
351. Hire more People of Color Lt. Sgt. Majors, officers! There is no checks and balances. If you are White this Place works for you. Not so much for Blacks and Hispanics.
352. To improve this prison first take the time (5 min) to check out an inmate that has done at least "15-20" years in prison without a ticket to place them on a special wing to REWARD him, and not to PUNISH him to place them with mis-behaved inmates. Their is incentive for a well behaved inmate to behave as for other inmates to behave.
353. More dayroom time
354. We need more time out of our cells and better education classes/Healthcare and better treatment and food.
355. More Time out your cell, more Better food, cheaper store bought items, more Black care products at store
356. Fire everyone + start over! Force staff to wear body cameras + make footage available for the public viewing! That will stop all the bullshit.
357. Staff to see individuals in custody as humans. Programming + schooling to be accessible like other facilities specifically Kewanee.
358. Bring in the Feds to take over. Bring in Programs to help those who are going home
359. Somebody has to come investigate this Joint Western correctional center, fix phones, better food & commissary, staff needs to be more educated & trained, surprise inspection will prove the facts.

360. To get program, school and job's to everybody that want and not to keep using the same old people don't look at a person cause of what they locked up for or disciplinary action help a person out so they can better they self.
361. Staff needs to start listening more to serious issues, need more programs, more positive things to do
362. Give us the chance/opportunity to get out of our cells and do something, a feeling of purpose.
363. Have programs that we can get in. I've been here almost 4 years and only been in one program that was only 3 hours long for one day.
364. Shut it down
365. Shut this place down!
366. To Many to Explain
367. Hire new COs a new warden. Create programs, opportunities, jobs, there are currently no mandatory ABE teachers here! Let us out of our cells more.
368. Everything need improvements
369. More programs Better commissary and improvement of healthcare
370. Look @ us as humans, know that some here need mental help, some are even wrongfully convicted, more time to eat, better healthcare.
371. Change of staff
372. Punishment for staff who violate the rules/behave unprofessionally. More programs for the incarcerated.
373. hire people who really care about trying to help inmates better they life and not just look at us as a check
374. officers in the prison who don't look at us as nothing, but as humans with feelings and needs
375. They shouldn't have min security wing in a med facility and not give us any other different privileges than the Med.
376. More school and Dayroom
377. Need more help the Brothers in here
378. new staff and more teachers and Dental Hygienist. Also more programs
379. Retraining of staff
380. Stop the COs from being assholes!
381. CLOSE IT DOWN
382. More programming, more availability to school. This prison has well abled bodies that are sitting in cells for more than 21 hours a day. Figure out a way to put these individuals to work. This is the population with the most affordable labor that's not being taken advantage of.
383. Diversity in staff.
384. Management replacement. Management only sides with the staff on every issue
385. Getting help from Springfield. An IA investigation. A new warden.
386. Being able to go to school, more phone access and being treat with respect and like a human.
387. I wish it would offer programming in the area of Domestic violence and sex offender crimes. These things are only offered at minimum prisons and are out of reach for us long timers.
388. Better treatment of workers. Better commissary products. Better staff and security leadership.
389. Add more phones/two dayrooms/better food served/better healthcare/officers need to take more classes in communication, and in positive thinking. Need to take down plexiglass so our people can hear us.

390. Pluto Tv. Gaming consoles. More items approved for mail delivery. Approval of gaming dice for Dungeons & Dragons Groups. More Apps and more mature games on the Tablets: writing, drawing, Education, etc., etc. Make Dietary a Job available to Long-Timers on 'A' Grade instead of short timers.
391. get help from outside for those innocent prisoner and allowing any offense and security level to be able to have a job when they don't have anybody from outside.
392. For the guards to be more respectful. Feed us more Food at chow time. Make sure they order enough Items for them to sell to us all at the store. Stop Moving us so much! Come on once we are in a good Place leave us there.
393. Close this prison down, and retrain every officer that work at this prison!!!
394. More training, so that all staff are on the same page concerning rules, policies and procedures—and ramifications when they are not.
395. More dayroom. Better staff comprehension of inmate problems. Hair tie products for guys with dreadlocks.
396. It Needs to Literally Switch All the Staff and Wardens
397. 1. Fire Warden **[NAME REDACTED]**. 2. Gov. visit. 3. Independent audit & investigation
398. Mark in the boxes
399. Put phones on the tablets. Talk to the CO's and better food. And more time out the cell.
400. Little to none
401. put phones on the Tablet. GTL says the prison takes it off. Our people have lives out there they may be at work and we're not able to call during our time out. The phone on the tablet gives us access to phones at all times.
402. let us get video game system PS4/PS5/Xbox1. Let us smoke again aka weed. P.S. its legal. Let us buy real clothing hair product and Name brand food items.
403. It be ran as a federal facility with more programs more school opportunity more hours out of cell you caged up like dog all day is stressful.
404. Why is the tv and tablet being taking on C grade nor phone calls so its hard for people to talk to there family
405. Properly supervised staff by Warden. Replace disrespectful staff. Improve dietary menu. Fire Correctional staff involved in "cover-up" of Inmate murder. Increase Rec. + Dayroom times
406. put phones on tablets, and go to commissary every week.
407. Guards/staff need more sensitivity training. A lot about 50% of staff think its there Job to punish us, but they don't realize we were sent here for our punishment. They need to Talk to us like Human beings instead of constantly on our ass about something.
408. 8-hours out the cell 6 days a week. increase state pay and Job pay. More school. Anger management—conflict resolution. Etiquette classes. Shop directly from WAL-MART.
409. Communication, coordination by staff
410. Every thing
411. More time out cell and commissary more then once a month if that
412. Re-train all staff, bring outside people to speak with the inmates without the officers' supervision. Organizations for inmates need to have a very strong presence in this prison. We need an overwatch. Also we need more phones in each wing better food, but most importantly we would just like to be treated with some sort of respect. We are punished more than anything else. We need officers to be much more aware of

- the inmates when we are out in the dayrooms there have been many fights and the officers were not aware.
413. Close it down. There's no help in here whatsoever.
 414. More school more programs
 415. Better Administration, more programs, Better commissary, more good time
 416. Re-evaluate institutional classification Policy. At least a 2nd Dayroom. Get fully staffed. Train staff properly to at the very least be professional. This is the only prison to keep me classified as a Blue ID for a 400 Level infraction which occurred [15+] yrs ago. I've been to several institutions which cleared my ID. It affects my ability for certain work details and possible work camps & work release.
 417. treat me like a grown man not a little boy that's what IDOC is for.
 418. More cameras that are watched constantly everywhere. Better commissary please. State pay is very low everything is high priced. Better Cable service we have to sit in these cells all day. Bigger fans cuz it get hot. More Rehabilitation like Kewanee. Equality for everybody no matter your charge. I'm a sex offender and I can't participate in anything here. I can't even get the programming I need to get good time. The lieutenant says sex offenders dont deserve things they need to sit in the cell.
 419. More educational & Jobs Training Programs
 420. let everyone go to school, not just short timers
 421. New Warden! Better training on staff. Keep all tobacco out of prisons, as in shakedown and charge the COs for breaking the law.
 422. Serious oversight from management.
 423. Staff conduct. Its hard to think about improvement of self, when we are all treated like an animal that needs to be consistantly punished.
 424. Remove the "C-Grade" wing. People on C-Grade are segregated from the rest of General Population. They are treated as Restrictive Housing inmates (through separation from the rest of population and fewer yards). Inmates can not be treated any differently from the rest of the population except for the appointed restricted privileges depend on what "Grade" you are on.
 425. staff training, restoration of some form of contact with our family members, more educational & vocational opportunities for people with 4 yrs or more
 426. To get help done here asap and to charge all officers
 427. 1. To train staff on life skills and how to deal with individuals in custody. 2. To give individuals in custody more time out their cells.
 428. Add more minorities to the staff. Add more portions to the Food in dietary. Give staff disciplinary for mistreatments.
 429. That staff treat individuals as people and not just a number and provide programs or opportunities for incarcerated people to better themselves. To be a little more positive and encouraging toward incarcerated people.
 430. A [ILLEGIBLE] sign to be some one in a higher up come and look at records to how poorly it is run and healthcare is terrible!
 431. Close down, Rebuild, New staff that's not family
 432. My suggestions don't really matter!
 433. Shut it down
 434. Disbandment of the C-Grade wing. A minority on the adjustment committee. More school teachers. Equal work opportunities. More hours out of the cell. More programs. More re-entry programs. Morality behavior training for officers on how to deal with minorities as just more than a number.
 435. More dayroom, more commissary. More jobs and school. Staff to treat us like people.

436. these CO officers needed to treat inmate like human. They racist down here.
437. Dayroom, most medium prison such as Galesburg, Lawrenceville, Pinckneyville, etc. they give out two dayrooms. The top deck will come out from 7:30am to 9:30 am, the bottom from 12:30 noon to 2:30pm. Then on roll shift, top deck 6:00pm to 7:30pm, bottom from 8:00 to 9:30pm. This insure that every one had the proper time to call there love ones. And those prison have 8 phones.
438. Everything
439. Stop the severe shakedowns that involve strip searches and cavity searches. Stop the destruction of inmates personal legal papers by scrambling stacks of papers used for appeals in court. "That behavior is criminal."
440. Shutting this one down, hire new COs (staff), and really help those that want help and need help.
441. Staff have to be hold accountable for their actions and the way they speak to us. Add the link to the phone on the tablets. Faster gtl text and video visits on tablet. Better art supplies and cleaning supplies. Bigger fans for the institution for us to buy, more portionate food on trays and a clean kitchen and for Western Illinois to be monitored as our mail is being disposed of with out any notification to us or family and friends.
442. here at Western Illinois nothing, because I feel like nothing will change. The Officers run this prison not the Warden. I would like a transfer to that would help me.
443. More programs, more outside the cell time (dayroom) better food they feed us hot dogs almost every day. Better treatment from staff. Better counseling from counselors. Western Correctional needs a full overhaul.
444. Better staff, Better clothing, help those that want Better, GTL visits + messaging, tablets for everyone, Link Phone to tablet, Better + Bigger Fans
445. Better staff treatment and more jobs and school opportunities for us as a whole. That would really be better mentally.
446. Change the Ethics of the governing system because the USA governing system is focused on killing by all means their own people, the government is not up to help us—the people, but kill us by any means. Is the way I see it
447. Change everything about how it is run they treat us like shit. We don't come out of our cells enough no schooling opportunity
448. To overhaul the grievance process! Overhaul healthcare that we receive is inadequate!
449. For the disciplinary system to be investigated. For something to be done about all the racist officers. For the conduct of the officers to be investigated.
450. Fix the negatives! Teach a lot of these SMIers/inmates how to treat another human! Put the inmates like this away from the sane inmates.
451. Other ways to buy food items other than the monopoly they have with commissary.
452. in need of Better staff
453. I don't know I'm beat down hope is low and white power males is standing over me how can I see
454. For the Focus to be on the Education Department so we're allowed an oppportunity to better ourselves and rehabilitate. School and programs helps us have something to Focus on and gives us a purpose in here.
455. Better commissary keeping stocked. Stop cancelling passes every day. Price gouging.
456. have the grievance officer interview the complaintee before making bias decisions
457. To give People a fair shot to get in school even when they fail the TABE test!
458. more programs something for us to do and also help us think and prepare for the outside world.

459. Training COs better, better commissary, better art supplies, better programs school and sports. Cable system is shit here other prison are already way better, I don't think the administration care that much.
460. have a better understandings of whom where they could be placed at!
461. Close & Shut It down Please!
462. Healthcare, live up to the name, care about inmates care. Teach COs to treat inmates as if they were human and not as subservant individuals. Sick call sometimes take 2 months to be seen.
463. Programs workout, musical instruments, sings try to make our feels tired and maybe we stop think on bad or negatives things without exceptions.
464. More phones. Quality commissary and time out of the cell.
465. Get up to date Law Library staff and books, Lower the price at Commissary, give us 2 hrs a day in the dayroom, hr in the morning, hr in the even
466. Prison staff should be train properly on how to communicate with people. They should learn how to approach people in a respectful way.
467. Stop over sentencing Black and taxpayers money saying this is a five star hotel.
468. more time out the cell Better cable Better food phones on tablets Better commissary and Two x out the month.
469. More programs more school drug programs Better COs. More time out the cell to talk to Family and love ones.
470. We should not have to wait to see the Doctor after 3 sick call. And the Doctor still does not do anything. And the Tact Team should stop taking our items that we buy from store here etc.
471. Close Cook County courts down
472. A true grievance system to resolve issues, less former correctional officers as counselors, LTS and support staff.
473. To provide inmates with more yard + rec.
474. when these surveys get sent around, after y'all get'em back start making changes off what y'all read. I've felt out multiple surveys and have yet to see change.
475. Correct their placement in housing people, more help on jobs, more mental health check ups
476. for us to be treated as human beings. And to have better dental care.
477. 2 Dayrooms, or most of the day dayroom. More food on trays, & more variety (we had Hot Dogs 3 days in a row). Better TV channels & signal strength
478. Give inmates the programs and chance to get out for doing good during there incarceration.
479. shut this one down & never higher these staff anywhere else
480. We need to go to the commissary twice a month. And more dayroom time, meaning time out our cells.
481. 1. Staff to correct the way they speak to individuals. 2. Prompter medical assistance. 3. Staff chain of command to actually invoke their authority. You have regular COs telling Lts what to do.
482. To be honest, I will hold my suggestions because I feel like nothing or things would never change down here.
483. Give me Liberty or Give me Death
484. Hire more personnel, make staff dietary wear hair nets & gloves. Start programs immediately have staff that actually works, have counselors that really do their job
485. get rid of the racist people
486. Reboot the staff

487. Personal body cams on COs To show how we are treated. Either change the staff in whole They hold it against us because of the dam killing and their brother going to prison this is what I have seen in my [4+] years here It has not gotten any Better. Need better organize for their store Close it down etc.
488. replacement of the upper echelon ie Warden. Move all Trans out. This is a MENS prison. More yard time Menard gave you 5 hours out 3-4x week.
489. Close it down...
490. Better living environment. More opportunities for natural life people. Compatible cellmates.
491. quit bringing in guards from other prison to do shakedowns
492. Add more programs + school. And make the commissary run as the Administrative Directive mandates. Someone has to be their boss + make them do their job.
493. For staff to be trained better at deescalation and how to deal with mental health patients.
494. Better sanitation and clean meals, in order to progress a positive thinking.
495. School, trade programs, life skills training and social skills training
496. Start school program GED/ABE and 2 dayrooms like the rest of the other prisons in Illinois.
497. Change the culture and mix the race within the staff. The majority are mainly Caucasian and are racist.
498. Do a whole audit of the prison change of staff as a whole, new warden she does nothing, have Western CC send drugs that are confiscated to a lab for accurate testing so innocent people wont be in seg, just a whole 180 from food to staff
499. To close it down.
500. Better staff
501. more programs for inmates and life skills are required too
502. Staff, people, prison
503. Making school, advanced education, vocational and college classes available for everyone and increase the number and opportunity of the same. In some instances there are no college or educational classes
504. Properly train all staff. A CO should not be able to be my counselor or do anything outside of auditing a security issue unless he/she was properly trained. Being receptive of communication is a big problem in this place. And lose the extreme restrictions. This is not a super max facility.
505. More one on one conversations with people who will actually make, or try to make a difference. Because I have to survive off of only commissary, which we only shop once every 3 1/2 and 4 1/2 weeks/Laundry usually, the limits are unrealistic for most items that we can only by 1 of, especially hygiene stuff like soap plus they are always out of many items at any given time, you never know what they are going to have.
506. Have more available program/contract time. Less time in cell, more dayroom time, more ABE schooling
507. More female COs so pretty yessss I need
508. Allow inmates that show good behavioral patterns to pick a celly that's compatible w/him. Plus have Modern Tech schools that'll help us in the "world" IT, programming, Electronic Repair, etc.
509. Get some more respectful staff that do more than the bare minimum, and give inmates more access to talk with a counselor or someone who cares about issues we have, because the counselor is rarely here and rarely cares. Second, see to it that meals have correct and equal portions for each person, as the food is often hastily prepared and wildly different portion sizes are given sometimes. Maybe cut

- down on serving hot dogs, too. No one eats them, they're disgusting. Third, a personal peeve, consider what type of people the inmates are before putting them in a cell together. Many times cellies will get into disagreements or fights because of their difference in temperament, age, or type of case. I have trouble because I'm a quiet introvert with a sex case and I often get talkative cellies with aggressive demeanor or violent cases. You would think they would have similar people together.
510. get these people out of here
 511. A housing wing with a dayroom schedule similar to the quarantine protocol: 30 mins out of the cell, three cells at a time. I don't need or want 90 mins of dayroom time, especially with thirty other guys at the same time all combatting for phone and shower time. I want LESS dayroom time with LESS people.
 512. More Dayroom time. More yard and activities.
 513. More work release centers, higher state pay to at least \$30-50. Incentives. More programs. Better tablets with the phone on them, video games, Netflix.
 514. More time out of the cell
 515. more black people to work here.
 516. Fire everyone including the racist ass wardens
 517. There needs to be more life skill classes, vocational classes with more hands on hours and more time to obtain the information needed about the course than six months. We need dental cleaning!!
 518. Any COs were ever get into trouble PREA and harassment ends up getting rehire as another positions due to their family ties. This should never happen, Their abuse and harassment extend to us as they become counselors, custodians, etc. who rather punish us then help us improve ourselves.
 519. More people for prison reform get IM voice
 520. Need more Black officer working here
 521. That would be to long
 522. JHA doesn't reach out to IIC enough. No one knows what JHA has accomplished or is doing. Springfield visits but doesn't do much here. Transfer coordinator should be made to honor approved transfers.
 523. More Jobs for us and schooling. More dayroom time. Getting all that racist staff out of IDOC.
 524. Push for phone access on the GTL tablets to remove the known violence and abuses that occur from a lack of phone, family, visit access. Body camera on staff to record general interactions + prevent abuse(s)
 525. I would force everyone to see mental health pros. on a regular basis. Every person here seems to have some need for it. It would not just help them now, but also could help after we are released.
 526. Follow rules and regulations of the Departmental or Administrative Code and not simply how you feel about it or think it goes like this. Black and white should be followed.
 527. Re structure the staff & actually care about doing the right thing.
 528. Retrain ALL these COs to learn how to respectfully do their job.
 529. Get rid of all the assholes, who you know are assholes. Just like you have inmates that are chaos agents. You have COs that are chaos agents too. They get off on causing issues. They love to screw with inmates because its fun for them.
 530. At least 1 extra dayroom. 3 hours out at least. Commissary more than once a month. Hire more staff for school and programs. More programs the time you do here in WICC is grueling because there's absolutely nothing to do. Unless you can muster

- the will power to stay busy and productive on your own, in your cell, you'll sit and rot your brain away.
531. To treat inmates more like people, than commodities. Also, stop punishing everyone for every little thing!
 532. Bring in college programs, more time in the law library, More commissary shops, and no limit on the water purchase at the commissary.
 533. Try to train staff in human relations
 534. Phones on the tablets and more dayroom time
 535. get healthcare on time, be treat fair
 536. If the guards would give us just a little respect instead of treating us as cattle
 537. Different staff
 538. Training for guards in dealing with inmates
 539. More dayroom time, more possibilities for people to earn good time.
 540. A surprise visit from JHA firstly, second, to prioritize rehabilitation instead of punishment, a second dayroom for more out of cell time. Shop each housing unit at least once a week for commissary. And to better the dietary food.
 541. In this prison there should be a incentive wing for individuals in custody going to school. Mainly this prison should adjust to the hours of school from 8:30am-2:30pm. By making recreation more than once a week, or maybe no recreation at all, and dayroom.
 542. To improve this prison come up with work or school just for guys with long term time so they are not over looked to improve themselves because laws are changing and they need chances to show they are changed and can be rehabilitated.
 543. better trained staff, people who care, better living cells, better food, and commissary
 544. New staff and a completely new training program.
 545. Train the officer how to speak and treat to black and brown people
 546. Fire all officers currently employed and hire professionals that have been to college or had some type of training in mental health. And understand our struggles.
 547. They need better quality of food, more gym periods a week, let us get x-rated movies and magazines that show penetration even if ordered on tablet.
 548. get all new staff members racism is big down here.
 549. Half won't even fit so I'm not gone try
 550. Art programs and supplies. Staff is literally stealing art supplies and works of art from inmates. College and outside courses require a proctor and we are denied this. State and Federal law state Art can be done and artists have zero avenues for completing work. Same way with writing books.
 551. Warden must actually control policy—not officers union.
 552. Cable TV/Movie system is very poorly operated. Bad signal quality often unwatchable. This is a simple fix that we keep asking for.
 553. Better food from Dietary, Bigger portions, longer dayrooms, longer yard time. Commissary is to expensive, raise the limits on commissary items. More phones, more showers everything for us is not enough or too small.
 554. Re-evaluate staff members demeanor
 555. Go back to being out of cell more "Free Movement" make "us" better person when we came in to the prison system, they making us worst in prison "now"!! We NEED a change in prison system.
 556. Higher more teachers and let inmates work inside and out of prisons for real "rehabilitation" stop pocketing "money."
 557. clean from top to bottom
 558. For staff, to stop trying to be the Judge, the punisher, and the victim.

559. Sent me back to stateville Corr. So I can touch a family.
560. Jus start by hiring more staff that cares for ppls needs equally & wud treat us as if were there own child despite the bad decisions weve made...An firing all the staff here. CO-nurses–teachers. All corrupted.
561. Turn 85% and 50% 100% to 50% so people can go home to they love ones.
562. More dayroom, more programs
563. True impartial overseeing of staff. No one beats a ticket. In no way is every ticket a guilty one. Hold staff accountable as individuals in custody are held accountable for their actions. Make it fair through the transfer process.
564. Better healthcare priority in a timely manner for any medical issue or mental health issue
565. Have more job openings, more out of cell time being that 90 minutes a day is not rational in a medium security. Answer the emergency with urgency rather than leisurely
566. Tear it down or retrain staff
567. staff being disciplined for misconduct; more programs available to all prisoners; exchange of staff and/or correctional officers from different regions; and someone mutual (judge or special masters) to oversee the changes.
568. To retrain staff completely.
569. A whole staffing change!
570. For starters "the avoidance of unnecessary complications!" Secondly: utilize those with real & beneficial skills & talents—the guys with long sentences!
571. Some not all of the CO staff should be FIRED.
572. Close it down
573. Hire all new staff fire everyone else
574. Staff Needs People Relationship Skills.
575. with those who are convicted of a sex offense have the chance to have jobs, and get good time like everyone else And All prisons should have a treatment program/treatment unit for those who have such cases.
576. Healthcare needs to be dramatically improved to streamline sick call and medication refills
577. All staff should have to participate in a Sensitivity Training Class & be evaluated every quarter of the year by Springfield & by the director to have write-ups or grievances checked regarding treatment to those Incarcerated. All staff should have to wear body cameras while on duty.
578. To actually force prisons to stop Ostracizing human being in these prison as if we are just simply getting lost, and Find Our Way Back Out Into Society without any necessary tools to help ourselves once we get out. Being sent to Prison is suppose to be about Reform... not Ostracization. I've done over 30 years of my life in Illinois jails and do not even have a simple G.E.D. to show for it. OSTRACIZATION!!! Check and see if I am lying... **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** Also the biggest problem with IDOC is Springfield Administrative Review Board Ignores the cries of All Grievances

Q15. Please write any other comments or feedback on this survey below.

1. They Killed Someone down here in 2019 and 4 month's Ago A guy died in his cell from A heart Attack, his cellmate hit his button in his cell to get the CO's to come for help but they didn't come for 30 min even after over 20 people kicked there doors loud
2. On **[DATE REDACTED]** Tact team came to shakedown Threw my Personal Item in trash. Make me move my penis side to side several Times and also told me to pull my skin 3 Times. I wrote grievances about it marked emergency. Never heard nothing back Prea complain **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** my Prea complaint have not been answered in a grievance
3. The Western Illinois C.C. Terrorist Watch List. **[STAFF NAMES REDACTED]**. These staff members all have a history of bullying, harassing, and demolishing people's cells on shakedowns: for more than their jobs would require. Some officers on this list actually cause panic attacks for some people because when they see them in their house because they've had such negative interactions. Also INTEL at W.I.C.C. has been managing people's excess legal boxes.
4. Water here is not drinkable!!!!
5. Please This is a cry for help If you are able to do anything in your power to help please can you try. I seriously fear for my safety around these Racist officers and other people here with authority who treat us like shit. Me and others are constantly putting in grievances to try to make a change but because we're the criminals I feel our voices aren't big enough and isn't being heard. These people stick together to go against us in every way possible they have their own cult or allegiance and they ride for each other right or wrong. And they are wrong most of the time. This facility has murdered a man Recently and the wife of the husband who was involved in that murder still works here and taunts and tortures us because of what her husband did she feels its our fault. This is just one example of staff abuse towards us inmates and this list goes on Because those men who murdered that inmate has friends that also work here who do the same as her. Not to mention we get only 1 hour and 30 minutes a day out our Room and with the schedule they have we go longer than 24 hours inside our Room. There Not letting certain inmates contact their family via phone My family is old and bearyl knows how to type or set up visits the only Real way to speak to them is By phone and thats taken away from me Because of a minor Ticket. And also the constant of feeding us hotdogs staff like to call "cock-in-the-sock" which is sexual harassment im a straight male who doesnt want to look at his food in any way a cock. Western Ill. Corr. facility is Nothing But cruel & unusually punishment and it should be shut Down.
6. they only feed us slop and hotdogs nasty undercooked dogs about 3 meals-4 meals a week and staff are evil down here at Mt. Sterling they even killed someone the COs beat him to death
7. This Prison need Staff Members that are Not Racist, Treat Inmates Like Human Beings Stop Killing Inmates. Need More Programs.
8. I Hope this Help others
9. This prison and the staff that work in Western Illinois need to be looked at more closely because its fucked up down here.

10. This is the worse prison. I've seen ppl killed, staff be racist, retaliate and its dangerous.
11. This facility is not being properly regulated they have murdered someone. They continue to harass and assault individuals both physically and verbally in public as some sort of warning to others to stay in line. And if things do not change from within I strongly believe these staff here are going to kill someone else or cross a line that start a real uprising where guys will take things in their own hands and people on both sides will end up seriously hurt and or dead. Which is something I feel should not have to happen for change in treatment and conditions to take place but you only can mistreat humiliate disrespect degrade and oppress guys for so long before they begin to rise up
12. They Dont Like Black people. Down Here at all & Black young Boys with Dreads locks That puts a x on your Back as soon as you come here They Find anything To write you a Ticket They Threw my pictures away of my family Tag Team came Last week to my cell asking me & my cell mate to pull the Skin Back our Dicks I Feel sick After This happen to me They have Rats running everywhere Down Here my name Is **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
13. These people staff Lack the very Basic Human Decency they try to insight the individuals in custody Here to attack them By Disrespecting them Sometimes even putting there Hands Violently on individuals their Superiors encourage and some time facilitate such conduct Even the Nurses here are hostile towards individuals in custody. They show no concern if a person is in need of medical care at Best some of them are indifferent. The Food is inadequate and the commissary is always out of stock and Ran once a month. There is no Eye Doctor in this Facility you cant Even get your teeth cleaned I been Here a year and Havent Had my teeth Cleaned if you catch a disciplinary ticket you Almost all ways get Found Guilty. When you order mail like books prayer rugs etc. the Process takes months For you to Recieve your order or somtimes the order come up missing Due to incompetence or the staff in the mail room they Randomly open your Legal mail outside of your presence overall the staff Here at this prison are Horrible Human Beings!
14. will this go past blind eyes or finally be acknowledged?
15. Dont just note our feedback & dont do Anything. show us that we matter and are more then Just people in prison. we are Human
16. Since I arrived in Western in 2019: Four Black men have been murdered. One killed by Guards and a Cover up ensued. One man hung in Segregation made to look like a Suicide. Two Black Men Place in dangerous cell Situation and tried to get moved. And were Murdered by their Cellmates. In both instances. the bodies weren't Found until the next day. When Black or Hispanic Men go to Certain Staff to try to get Moved when there's a potential Problem, we're told by white Guards the only way we can be moved is to refuse Housing, or to Fight with our Cellies, there no protective Custody. When we refuse Housing to Protect our Selves From harm, we are written Tickets, Placed in C-Grade, and Condemn Cells with No Electricity. There is no Air Conditioning, accept For Guards. The Conditions in Segregation in the Summer is So hot you can't hardly breath. We are not allowed Cups to drink from or to receive Ice. We are not allowed Fans in Seg. And in the winter time the cells are extremely Cold. The Heat is Low at best. The Colder the days are the less heat we receive. On Hotter days the Heat is turned up! I've been in Prison For 30 years this Place is Terrifying
17. Food is regularly cold & uncooked. Staff at commissary forcing inmates to purchase state food by taking items out of boxes etc. Commissary staff charging exorbitant

- prices for cheap products. (5) employee's work in commissary, yet only run commissary every (30) to (40) days. Staff threaten inmates with seg., for requesting mental health or crisis team. White staff regularly uses racial slurs and comments towards non-white inmates and retaliate if there's any response. Medical staff regularly refuses to provide prescriptions as prescribed causing long delays for refills, if given at all. The Facility's dentist refuses to provide any dental care except tooth extractions.
18. I hate this facility
 19. Can really use more questions about the phone and better ways to communicate with your family and friends. Maybe get the phone added to the tablets like other jail's and prison in different states in Illinois
 20. My Name Is [ILLEGIBLE] I Have Been Nearly Killed Here At Western Illinois Corr. Center. I Experienced Mental & Emotional Torment From Being Beat & My Haircut Against My Will. I Was Sentenced To 5 Years at 50% & I Have 4 Months Left. I Haven't Gotten Any EDSC EPSC Or Been Able To Get In School Because of WICC They Have Conspiracies Going On Down Here. Please! Help Us Individuals & Push To Make A Change Here. M/H Doesnt Care To Help Mentally With Groups, We Gotta Learn How To Deal With Any & Everything By Ourselves
 21. This prison plays by their own rules. We are suppose to buy commissary every 2 weeks here. We shop once every 4-6 weeks. We also endure psychological torture by not being afforded more than 5-6 hours of continuous sleep due to officer's use of intercom system. This is truly suffering.
 22. Western Correctional is worst institution Ive been to and Ive been in Stateville population, Menard and 3 other institutions the security staff is racist beyond reproach and needs to hire more staff of color and maybe it will change
 23. Someone Needs To Investigate This Place, And All The Hate Towards The Blacks + Hispanics—It's Ran like a Slave Camp. Like we dont Matter, "But Blacks lives Matter." "They (officers) Act with Hate Toward Blacks."
 24. They need to do something about this Healthcare system Because things is Really moving slow and people Health is a serious issue
 25. all the right questions was asked hopefully Something can be done about the situation at this prison
 26. The people who work at this prison, either they know each other and/or are related to one another (Husband & wife, Brothers, cousins or nephews). The problem with that is if you have a problem and you complain about it or write grievances etc. The staff (counselors included) talk amongst each other and they turn against, seek retribution, and spread false rumors about you to other inmates..."He's a snitch; He's a Baby raper; or He's gay." etc
 27. We need better meals
 28. Please bring back 4 hour contact visits with the glass dividers removed. Most people take a 4 hour drives from Chicago to just see their loved ones for 2 and half hours, it isn't enough. And youre not even getting the full 2 and half hours cause they have to dress out the visitors that are leaving and then undress us to see our family. then being left with 2 hours or less than that. This is the biggest escape and stress reliever. visits mean the most. They say they want to keep the 2.5 hour visits cause of the scheduling but you can keep the scheduling with 4 hour visits. And they're not testing the COs or mandating them for the vaccine so I don't see the reason for the glass dividers in the visiting room.
 29. Ive been Incarcerated 6 months know they still havent put me in no school or no programs is my first time being locked up I think I deserve a 2nd chance I pray I get

- release asap b4 I do take my life. My term is **[3+ years]** left but this is the worst time of my life worst years people in this place loose they mind. I would like to get transfer asap to a different prison, this prison Don't care If you get bully or If u get rape I seen it happen they Dont care please help me! Im short term I shouldnt be here. Please Help!
30. We need more help with understanding some of the rule's, There rule Book is outdate.
 31. Try and make a improvement
 32. Help this prison.
 33. Prison improvement. Mental Health is given only on a Bare minimum in order to get by, for the state + statistics its not to Help inmates. It for makin the Administration look good
 34. Need a better medical system. I've gone without my prescribed medication for months no matter if I had my family call here.
 35. I appreciate you guys for reaching out to everyone here about how we are being treated here. I would love to see a change for the better, not worst. Thank you all and God bless you!
 36. Inmates are afraid to file grievances because staff Routinely retaliate and make Examples of them. other inmates who do file don't know about outside resources such as Legislators and Department of Justice to file their complaints. Even when they do, mail does not reach those destinations, so their is a lot of Frustration, despair which in turn makes many inmates turn to drugs or act out just to go to seg where they know they'll be left alone.
 37. I've been incarcerated nearly 20 yrs + this prison is 2nd to none, & im sure complaints will alter the course they're travelling, we are cattle not human our developmental progression is not a factor because rather we're growing or not being mistreated or not, if it doesn't affect monetarily it doesnt matter, our families dont matter, our communities dont matter, only receiving the money this community of the prison gets is what matter. Here you have to endure being disrespected but still be respectful, being treated inhumanely but still maintaining civility, its a cesspool & time bomb because when a person feels they can get no resolve desperation sets in, sad but true, especially in Illinois when most don't have a pathway to freedom & losing familial connection because of not enough access. Thank you!
 38. I just Ask that you see it threw our eye's. Also ask that you feed us better!
 39. These are truly the most racist people I have ever been around in my life and something truly needs to be done about it.
 40. Prison do not get a person ready for the outside sometime prison make a person worse than before. no communication with staff. many of them run there prison like a slave camp. no respect to the person in custody
 41. Please take our lives more serious. Don't kill inmates. Need Better Wardens that are not scared of the Union or CO's
 42. Help Rehabilitate Not just incarcerate People and Release Them Back. Thats Just Making us better Criminals. addiction Shouldnt Be a Prisonable offense. More mental health/Drug Treatment
 43. Over the years there has been plenty of conversation of how the Department of corrections can rectify how Prisoners are being mistreated, but nothing ever changes. Hopefully you can make a difference
 44. They should Try To put the phone system on the Tablet, It'll cut Down alot of B.S., and try To give every Building 2 shops a month.

45. Staff is very disrespectful and to take some type of class on how to talk to individuals in custody!
46. I was written up for a 110-impeding investigation, 203-drug and drug paraphernalia and 306 Transfer of funds. They used a highly inaccurate Drug test The Nark II test. I Also wrote a grievance about the test but I still haven't received a summary saying they received my grievance but I also put another grievance about my property and I received a summary for that one. This prison is corrupt and unfair the CO's here are basically in a gang! We need Help down Here ASAP!
47. To stop having the inmates go to internal affairs to give them information just to give them a job.
48. Healthcare is no good. It take a year or more to get adequate time with a doctor that does not exist. Right now this prison has a person from Mexico that has a colonoscopy bag. Its been over a year and the doctor has not let him know when they are going to send him out for surgery. School is bad some teachers quit. Some retired in the eyes of the state and director, warden we should not be able to leave because if we leave they lose their jobs. Also the truth-in-sentencing sentencing law needs to be abolished.
49. none
50. Please help, this environment is like a plot out of the slave movie Roots.
51. I appreciate the questions because they were needed and there is a lot go on at this facility that need to be in the public eye I have been incarcerated sense I was 19 years old and I'm closer to **[30+]** years old. It is a lot of issues that I would like to talk to you guys about. It wouldn't be hard for you guys to put it together and contact me as soon as possible.
52. Improvement, this is supposed to get us better, and prepare us for the outside, they make it impossible for us. Its hard to do time in this joint, and once again respect.
53. We need, more school programs, we need better food from dietary. We need more items to buy it, in the prison shop store. We need phone available at the tablet, to call our family under most convenient time, our people are not on work.
54. I hope that this helps in some way to make positive changes for incarcerated people.
55. in the chow house or in the commissary. They both frequently out of inventory. But that is fine with them all we are just convicts. The warden lacks any kind of leadership skills. She just struts thru this place demanding Respect she does not deserve. She should go back to shelves at U mart. The healthcare is terrible, because we are just convicts who should have they covid be sick before we got here.
56. this prison is run so bad that they do what they want with no means we have no rights in here until somebody from Springfield comes then we have Rights, this place is so dirty.
57. When are things going to change! The food is horrible. Better tablets, music, school, mental health groups. Less harassment, cheaper electronics, food. More dayroom! More communication with the outside world. Safe way to do our bids. Thank you.
58. Im under the old law serving an indeterminate sentence so it's a hamster wheel for me.
59. It is great to see this type of survey but it will be better to see true change behind it for the better here. The medical situation is messed up here too. They have Netflix out of the inmate benefit fund but have a guy who claims not to know how to turn it on, nor are we getting our movies a week approved to be shown. Seeming to be a lie or a theft of funds unless the staff is receiving it and general population is not. I love movies and hope this is not too minor to point out.

60. western Illinois CC is ridiculous. Staff is not right. There isnt enough programs you don't have nothing to look forward too. Close this prison down Menard CC staff treat you better and give you respect.
61. If there was phone on the tablets, it will provide guys with the opportunity to use the phone everyday and it will stop the gangs from monopolizing and bullying the phones. One man cells to stop in cell violence and prison rapes!
62. I want the joint to change and better the inmates to keep us on the right page doing the right thing
63. All guards need state working all the time body camera on there person at all times. Mr Larry Earvin age 65 inmate was in Western, his case stealing \$600 worth items, got 6 years of time. Mr. Earvin was killed by 3 western guard employees. Tod Sheffler got 20 years, Willie Heddler got 20 years, Alex Banta guard helped the state told on the other two guards he got 6 years.
64. There should be body cam on co staff personnel at all times.
65. When we write grievances, sometimes we never get a response. Mental health will only see/talk to us if we take extreme measures, such as suicide or violence. I've put in multiple requests and a few grievances & they still refuse to call me or even acknowledge me.
66. keep them coming doing something about it, fix all
67. please alert Springfield that they are treating us poorly and feeding us poorly. We are currently eating the same two meals without the proper nutrition everyday.
68. thank you for your time and consideration, and I hope this survey changes things in the prison
69. I kno this IS jail but this place is a place that breaks you and makes you feel like a animal caged up all day barely talk to your family no school. Its only one teacher here please help
70. When will phones be placed on the tablets? I have to wait weeks to catch a family member or attorney at a specific time just to talk to them. I get access to the phone at 5-6 days and it is always at different times & it could be weeks before I can communicate at 8 am-9:15 or after work hours. #2. our messages are filtered anytime we express our disagreements on conducts of Illinois dept of corrections staff #3. The grievance process response is always based on defending their staff rather than resolving issues Even the Administrative Review Board does the same. Staff will not give us any info pertaining to offices/organization that we can report staff of IDOC misconduct in Western. Staff in Western bring in chewing tobacco spitting in cups & have it in their mouths The grievance staff will let them say its sunflower seeds! sunflower seeds doesnt allow for brown spit to be placed in cups with no seeds shown & a jaw full of chew for more then 10-15 minutes yet we will be punish for having tobacco on prison grounds. The white staff here at Western will listen to our complaints or asking for assistance but will do nothing to provide assistance. They will play confuse or direct me to someone else whom will do the same misdirect instead of helping. A white inmate can tell staff he doesnt want a black man as a roommate & the black person will be removed. If a Blk man says I dont get along with my roommate they show they doesnt care we have to get into a fight to prove this conflict to them.
71. I Just hope That if many people answer to This survey you help to make changes Like. Training The officer to be more humane with incarcerated people we are humans not animals. (well most of us)
72. Help in a Better Way!!

73. Thank you for Asking these Question And somehow I hope this changes things for future incarcerated people.
74. Even the counselor seem to lie about everything and you write caseworker supervision and nothing change. this place has a built in cultural that allows the staff to not respect prisoners for whatever reason.
75. we need help in here, because this prison is killing us slowly.
76. you guys need to take a closer look at this prison here Mount Sterling, staff always telling us fall in line or we'll fuck you up. some will tell us your family now we ran shit here and were kill you, like we killed other inmates before. you guys gotta help us. the outside world needs to know what goes on here.
77. I feel like this sucks who are in the lower level prison have a better chance of bettering there selves because of the programs school and the thing that their entitles to they receive with no problem as the guys who are in medium/max prisons have to be thankful for whatever they got coming cause of there security level.
78. I hope you really read this all! Theres a reason why to many COs stop working here!
Thank you
79. Please, stop the warehousing of us, Truth-N-Sentencing does NOT work, these are yours and every person in Illinois that pays taxes, cause there's no reform its just a revolving door for those that get good time. In other terms numbers dont lie, the recidivism on individuals whom served a good percentage of their time speak for themselves. These new bills, not retroactive, politicians hear but won't listen. So, if you guys are truely genuine?!, it's time for less talk and more action. Thank you for you time and effort. Sincerely, **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
80. More training programs are needed on all levels for offenders and staff
81. Thank you kindly for your time & consideration. May you be blessed by the Gods & Goddesses.
82. I have wrote to you J.H.A twice, on issues here, + your reply was you can't help me. So, at this time, I really dont think you will do anything, + this survey is just for show, + for you to say we sent out a survey. So, why dont you people get off your asses + really do something to help us!
83. "Please Alert" springfield that they are feeding us poorly according to actual nutrition facts. we eat the same two meals with poor nutrition facts everyday.
84. John Howard Association will be greatly appreciated if you all exactly do something to improve conditions within Illinois prisons, especially here at Western Illinois correctional center. I'm not feeling good about doing your survey because it only gets worse!! I did your survey prior to this one, conditions has gotten worse.
85. Same as Q14
86. Stop letting these prisons know when the inspections are coming then you'll really see how the prison is ran.
87. That this survey is not just business as usual. That there will be more meaningful improvements here at Western IL. Corr. cnt.
88. The food is very poor here! We are treated like a animals some staff is racial!
89. More emphasis needs to be put on separating the "known troublemakers" from those that either dont cause problems or those that have instances every 5 or 10 years. They punish everybody the same and the communication between the staff is horrible. They make their own rules here in Western Illinois.
90. As seen on our tablets, other prisons are progressively involved in change-n-celebrating progress by individuals. Not Western ICC. I've asked many times to have some of our accomplishments posted on Kewanee News Blog. Its never done. The powers that be rather this joint remains in the Dark Ages. The times of when they

- were able to beat-harass-n-kill (5 years ago) and get away with it. 96% of the population here would rather transfer to another joint/prison if possible tomorrow.
91. Fix the cable and the movies channels
 92. My name is **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** I am **[35+]** years old and last year have lost 4 of my family members I started using drugs heavy and caught a case. I have 2 months as of this writing and I feel I will be back in jail for more drugs.
 93. Whatever he do or say its nothing we can do or say to make it better
 94. They constant send passes to doc/med, then cancel them daily. Ppl walking around here with real issues and not giving attention to what the problem may be. Then when you do its to late you could of gotten ahead, yet they took that option from you. And they don't give out new clothes clean here. Given torn clothes, don't sell sheets, you got to tie strings around your clothes to keep them up. The warden know what goes on and does nothing to improve. Does fake walk thru and never take care of the problems. All that Black mold on the was in the dishroom is bad and nasty, they only change the water in the dish machine once a day. So the continue to wash dishes in the same nasty water. Portion of food is never enough, you stay hungry around here if you don't have any support. They need to stop this oppression, there are many articles out about this place, even staff know. Its wrong, yet no change. They just sentenced officers for death down there. They say don't end up like him. In the world today, who don't use emojis or social media, photoshop...they take pics for that
 95. N/A
 96. Cheaper TV Bigger Fan Bring Back The radios They were **[ILLEGIBLE]** higher pay for work Thank you
 97. Great survey and I look forward to the next one.
 98. It is 15 to 17 hundred people incarcerated here at Western. 97 percent are black & latino. And there isn't 1 black-or-1 latino correctional officer that works in Western Illinois Correctional Center. Now you tell me what & where the fucking problem is, as well I guess? John Howard & associates are gonna fix it. Fuck y'all racist ass as well. I guess you know by now I am a black men.
 99. By no one seems to hold staff accountable they seem to have become more embolded to treat the inmates of color and with cultural differences extremely bad. This institution has a culture that identifies with white supremacy. Inmates refuse to write grievances, believing that nothing will change, so they seem to feel defeated in any action that would shed light on any wrong doing by staff. Cell confrontation are set up by placing inmates coming from C-grade deck with a cell mate who's on A grade. When you asking who your being moved in a cell a person your not compatable with no one can answer. Your constantly being moved from cell to cell.
 100. This prison is by far the worse prison i've seen all the way around for helping people and preparing them for the world the medical is horrible the staff from warden on down is horrible and offer no help. I have been here almost a year trying to get work, programs, school anything to help better myself and they deny me constantly I talked to a sgt. about the problem who tried to help me and he told me that's how this prison is petty and don't like to let people earn good time I feel like my life is in danger at this prison just yesterday I had a Sgt. & correction officer's threaten me.
 101. Western Illinois correctional center is in its own catergorey when it comes to prisons in Illinois so fix it already,
 102. Hos is this survey helping us any? it seem like we keep doing them but nothing ever gets done?

103. Religion, or church in this prison is given according too the culture of men in this community—"Local Beliefs", Not spiritual freedom!
104. No comment!
105. Staff must put out what they want back...so we can all co-exist here better!
106. Help people with one/none tickets get to better prison. Have award programs. More visiting time for family who travel over 2 hours to see us.
107. I hope this is not just some B.S. This place is really hateful. So if you not gone help. Please get someone that can!!!
108. This prison need I'll phones on I'll tablet for we dont have to fight over the phone.
109. life is hard doing time here it's not suppose to be fun but at least relaxed more than it is problems occur because there's nothing to do here nothing but sit in your cell all day no nothing 1-dayroom a day 1-yard a day that's it school hard to get into and job's are even harder they choose and pick who they want to work the more time that you have, you have a better chance of getting a job here and that's bad!
110. This is the worse joint in the state!!!
111. This is a good survey if it is being used to make a change also all prisons should have the classes that inmates need to improve themselves sex offender classes ETC
112. We all people but the people that work here dont see that have you seen the food here then they dont give you enough food they talk to us any type of way. we dont get all our video visit its to much to even write down
113. I am a sex offender, and they wont me get a job anywhere and then wont transfer to prison for sex offenders. I really hope survey help this prison.
114. They need to shut this place down
115. I see that its your Annual Need to Justify Government Funding Because we all Know when we write you for Help, Nothing ever gets Done. I have 2 Grievances in **[NUMBER REDACTED]** for Replacement Hearing Aids that I've Been trying to get Replaced for over a year now, since officer dropped (writ Chains-N-Box) onto of my others, thus causing them to Break, during Strip down. It shouldn't take a year and 4 months to get them replaced which still has Not Happened yet! Why do i suffer A.D.A. Mistreatment Like i Do? My 2nd (Grievance #**[REDACTED]**) is about a Normal Monthly Shakedown of our cell in which Nothing is Never found but the Officer Never clearly writes His Name or Badge # on the Shakedown Slip and they are constantly on Petty B.S of Breaking Audio wires or taking stuff, 'Dental floss' etc, or Treating your Dead wives obituary As if it were garbage by taking it out of the Photo Album and tossing it to the floor to be trampled on/crushed By them. (I've Lost most of Everything i came here with.) They are always doing petty b.s made up (there own Day to Day Rules) "dont step on the Grass" if you do they'll denie you Yard etc. etc. Im **[60+]**yrs old with **[DIAGNOSES REDACTED]** and recently **([PROCEDURE REDACTED])** that shows past Damage a lot. But yet im subjected to Being placed in Danger with 20yr olds (Highly Aggressive) inmates. Why am i not in Dixon Psych or Joliet Psych? I was in DHS **[PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY REDACTED]** And I haven't had a Ticket in over **[10+]** years but yet there's No Reward for it! Only Grief and Punishment of all other Kinds. No Job No honor Dorm placement, No Nothing! Respectfully Submitted **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** Mt. Sterling Weston Corrections
116. this is the 2nd worst jail in Illinois 1.) Menard 2.) Wicc
117. Help us
118. The outside world and technology has moved on to some incredible levels but the people of Mount Sterling that work in western Illinois correctional seem to be stuck in the past. A lot of staff here sees to hate change.

119. if this is something just to satisfy yourselfs bad deal, but if really trying to figure things out down here have springfield come down here and start interviewing the inmates and monitor the way this facility is being run.
120. The law library Access is the most important thing in prison. And having some one their who is not an inmate or fake officer paralegal to help you. (TRUE ACCESS is the way to help not just this prison but all prisons and the mental health of the prison population. The law library is the way we can prove to the courts that we didn't do the crime or that the court process was badly conducted. And to show the courts that hey! you messed up. (without this access why should the inmate hope, why should we behave if I can at least try to show that you were wrong or was right but did something incorrect in the process that you gave me more time than I should of gotton. You want to improve the prison inmate culture? show us that we can improve our life through learning new skills. And that you have in place a true updated law library process that would assist us in going home. If you can't assist in that the John Howard Association is just wasting time and this paper that your information was printed on. In the outside world when emergencies happen, people can count on calling 911, In jail or prison our 911 is the law library.
121. Nothing Else Needs to be Said!!
122. The survey was very thorough, I'm just wondering how much good it will do. Hopefully it will shed light on many things and the results will indeed improve the quality of life for individuals in custody and make working here a desirable opportunity for people looking for jobs.
123. Help please
124. Need to Help US
125. this is the 2nd worst jail in Illinois 1.) Menard 2.) Wicc
126. These CO's & this prison without any programs will make a person want to shoot a cop if he trys to incarcerate you. And this thinking is unsafe for the public that Illinois claims to want to serve and protect.
127. I have been approved for a transfer since last year, so have a lot of us. Yet no movement for long term sentence prisoners has been done. I went from Menard a max to western a disciplinary and have had no tickets or conflicts other max prisons lawrenceville and pickneyville have double dayrooms. But western's policy is no on it.
128. this needed to be overhaul because it's really bad here. Police say anything out of there mouth, This prison love sending people to seg. When we need help with other mental health treatment. Thank you
129. I thank you for the opportunity for your concerns and hope the changes needed can be accomplished. Talking to people about there concerns is always a way to help. Thank you
130. The way the staff act around here. I think half of them do not need to be working here. They act like they have issues about your Race.
131. we should have more time out the cells 1 dayroom on 1st shift one on second and the phones still work the same one wall get it one First shift the other get it on second and so on and everyone get to mingle with each other with no problem.
132. Love yall more lawsuits and bigger settlements
133. I believe staff should lead by example and be able to show us what type of people we should be. Humble, patient and kind as I strive to be. It is hard when I am in an environment where those qualitys make me feel like an outcast, which then make It harder to achieve my goals. I have bin locked up in a few other prisons an county jails and I've never felt the way I do here. This is the worst place I have ever bin

- locked up in. I pray that someday this will become a better place. Just Not for me but for the people to come!
134. I am in Western Correctional center please send someone to investigate this prison they are treating us horribly.
135. I have been doing this **[30+]** years. I am **[60+]**. I have never had a disciplinary ticket. I respect the staff, regardless. They are in charge. But changes HAVE to be made. This is 2023 and state prisons, all of them, need to keep up. I have done a lot of observing and I believe I have a good handle of some no cost or low cost changes that could help. It will never be perfect of course. I have written you, told you my name and number. You never contacted me. Additionally it seems your surveys and visits do little to help. I pray I am wrong. 1) TV: Inmates will always spend a majority of their day in their cells. If the TV reception is bad and the channel cable package rarely if ever changes, inmates get bored! Update cable packages! Remove Disney channels. Add TCM, Antenna TV, MeTV, etc. Further, some institutions offer several in-house institutional movie channels. Here we have one and it only changes 2-3 times a week. 2) Tablets: They are way underused. Seriously. These inmates love those tablets. Yet it has been six years and the games are the same. Phones on the tablets would eliminate a lot of issues this prison has. Lastly, this institution does not use the tablets for anything! A waste of technology. 3) Commissary: Get more product choices. Especially snacks. Sale games! On dayroom inmates play cards, chess or dominoes. **[30+]** years, same three choices. IDOC should consider more options of games to sale on the commissary (non-dice of course). On dayrooms it keeps the men busy. Note: You should contact me, message me if you have more questions. I am not going to impugn staff. I am pro-authority, pro-rules, pro-change. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**. I want to help.
136. To put in practice a better placement accommodation policy when celling up inmates either single celled or with others according to inmates physical & mental health needs and other protocol that is supposed to already be in place as governed by Administrative directives and ADA accommodation Guidelines. This is being completely ignored and almost Impossible to be properly placed. I personally have been trying to get done due to my being in 5-different chronic clinics physically and in mental health for suffering from severe depression, chronic PTSD and panic anxiety since my youth. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
137. People come to these prisons to inspect them, but they're scheduled and announced, so for that day, or those hours, everything is pristine—our trays are full of food, officers are at their stations, & extra professional, & it's a well oiled machine; but that's a facade. This happens everytime, in every prison. You all don't get to see the real. You have handlers that only let you all see so much & won't let us speak to you all to really tell you how thing are.
138. I am one of the Inmate in here and I help out one of the IA workers he turned on me and tried to put me on the deck where the gangs are so they lock me up in seg I will stay here in seg until they transfer me out of here please help I am **[ILLEGIBLE]** years old My case is at **[ILLEGIBLE]**. I want to go to Jacksonville or Tallerville or East moleane the gangbanger's is trying to kill me I hope they don't open this letter please help me they want me to get hurt I can't even use the phone to call my family I refuse housing all the time because I am scared please come and see me please come down here to seg please I have your info so I will keep in touch letter is mail **[DATE REDACTED]** come to seg I will be here thank you
139. 50 percent of all sentence's needs to be in place

140. The Grievance process is ineffective for incarcerated individuals, staff members constantly harass incarcerated individuals here at Western, they also maliciously tamper with the operation of yard, dayroom, commissary, dr. call lines, nurse call lines, law library call lines by procrastinating to run them or flat out refusing to run them. All of what I'm saying is the complete truth about this facility. Everyone else here can and will tell you the same. There is absolutely nothing good about Western Illinois. There ain't enough time or space to write all the bad things about this prison.
141. This survey is ok and all but if your not going to help us then dont waste our time. of course every CO and Warden will tell you what they want you to hear. Nobody wanna lose their job
142. This is a very Racist Prison they Do what they want They Chew Tabacco Products and they not gone Change no matter who comes Down Here that's why All the Black Wardens gone. Because they tried to Bring Programs and Help Inmates that needed Help
143. I've been incarcerated for **[25+ years]** (all in maximum security facilities until **[DATE REDACTED]**) & Western has been the worst prison I have ever experienced. I've never been more stressed out about my safety, health, diet, work, education, etc. then I am now. They broke my typewriter, stole my property (sheets, legal work, photos, magazines, clothes, etc) when I was transferred here. I've forced to sleep on the nastiest mattress I've ever seen with no replacement since I got here. I would still be sleeping on those same nasty (used) sheets if I had't bought some from Commissary. This warden **[NAME REDACTED]** allows this mistreatment because she believes in it, just like her subordinates. To mark the day, earlier this month **[DATE REDACTED]** 2 of the COs convicted in the murder of an inmate were sentenced, she unleashed the tact Team (Orange Crush) to come in & harass/destroy the lives of individuals-in-custody. Just check the dates of the activation of the Tact Team in mid-late March, 2023 & you'll see that it matches the dates of sentencing for those CO's. We go through this type of unprovoked harassment all the time. The fear is that it's just going to keep getting Worse, until they push it too far & then individuals-in-custody will be made out to look like monsters when they were only reacting "humanly" to being mistreated & severely bullied by the staff for years. We file grievances & their behavior is justified at every level through a rubber stamp process all the way to Springfield (A.R.B). They even make us pay postage to appeal the Warden's denial of our grievances! Never seen that before I came to Western! This is yet another tactic that discourages us from pursuing justice. Since when do We pay for "interdepartmental mail"? Never seen that before I came here. Most guys in here can barely afford hygiene products thanks to these inflated "Covid" prices we're still being forced to pay for Commissary, so paying postage for departmental mail is out of the question for some. I recently filed a grievance against a Commissary Supervisor for misconduct & when I went back to Commissary later this month, he pulled my bucket to his register & confronted me with my actual grievance. "This was a threat"! How/why does he have my grievance waiting for me at his register? This is one of the potentially dangerous tactics they used to intimidate us. My grievance is suppose to be in the Counselor's possession, not the staff member. The Counselor is suppose to be a civilian but instead, we have COs in plain clothes hell bent on destroying us. There is no rehabilitation at Western...only harassment & destruction. This facility is surrounded by Town with people of Color (Quincy, Jacksonville, Peoria, Decatur, etc.), so why are there only "2" black people working here? Thanks for your concern/HELP PLEASE.

144. This prison has killed inmates in the past I know I was here for one incident do I feel safe hell na. I don't think one should start his bid in a prison like this that's why the recidivism is high keep a person in a cage they'll turn in to a animal, release a animal from it's cage and you'll shall see all he wants to do is be free and explore new and bright things. Thank you so much. Sign: **[NAME REDACTED]**
145. I feel like doing this survey is a waste of time because aint nothing going to change period people are dying here and getting treated sooo wrong
146. I came from Menard C.C. (**[DATE REDACTED]**) and I had a job there for the last five years but yet Western C.C. I/A wont allow me an opportunity to work because I had a **[5+ year old]** gang ticket. This is hard to grasp. I was trusted to work for 5 years in a maximum security prison without incident but here I get to a medium security and wont even be hired? Its like Im being punished for transferring here and punished for my past all over again.
147. If this prison have better staff training on how to talk and deal with inmates respectfully. It would be a better prison.
148. Many of us are fully invested to the positive change that Western CC can make. John Howard Association ranked this prison as the worst in the state of Illinois. But with a strong mandate and enforcement with much oversight from Springfield, commitment from Western Staff and dedication of positive inmates, Western can become the BEST prison in the state.
149. Need better relationship with "staff"
150. This place is the worst time I've ever served!
151. Help us please come visit this prison and see for your self what goes on it's unfair please come please and thank you.
152. Hopefully this survey will see that we need immediate help and someone would check on this institution. If we have people from outside to really check on this prison they won't be able to get away with most of the things that's happening here.
153. Officers have been filling these anonymous forms out again. You all really shouldn't use anonymous forms, you should allow Inmates to use their Info, which will cut down on the Staff attempting to pollute the data you guys get from this. Also please post this info set once done on our tablets so we can see it.
154. I need drug programs there is nothing hear for me. No mental health programs I am here because of bed space... if I'm here to do my time so be it but I'll be back because I am not getting the rehabilitation I need.
155. we need more phones, more dayroom, we only get (1) one dayroom other prisons get two. Ppl who have lot's of time to be able to get in school, to get in programs so we're able to better our selves and prepare for our release as well.
156. Some staff come to work high off drugs and Aggressive.
157. I really don't think this will help at all. Their our way to many people in prison all employs here hate us, and your feel it. Employes here think it is their job to punish us.
158. Get a warden that does not always side with the staff—one whom is neutral and applys right + wrong for all of us. Allow inmates access to camera footage by staff. The camera footage is only used to convict one of breaking rules. But if inmate requests in writing to ask I.A. to view camera's to clear one of breaking rules they will not do it. You have to go to court out in society to force I.D.O.C. including Springfield to do so. This institution needs a homebase on site that is labeled J.H.A. with a full time staff provided. To assure justice and fairness is maintained. Also—The ADA wing on 2b is neglected and we are housed with young school inmates whom don't belong around cane, crutches, walkers—Help!!

159. I just really hope these issues and things are looked into and not just pushed under the table. We're all still people and could be a family member of your's and will be placed back into the regular world. Thank you for you time.
160. Conditions are worse then inhumane. They are more of a concentration camp rather than prison. People are threatad like animals. The warden and staff bullying and provoking persons incarcerated and instigating violence, specially in Western illinois, where the administration is desperately trying to reclassify the facility from medium to maximum. By doing that they putting so much pressure and intimidation making prison to burst in violance that they can have a justification to hire more administrative and security staff. This is insane. They do not hasitate one bit to shakedown cells and, literally, misplace, damage, and destroy whatever they chose to. Simply they are out of control, because the orders come from the top, and there is no oversight.
161. Iguaidad en oportunidades para los internos sin importer, su caso, rasa, o sentencia pocas o muchos anos creo yo no deveria aber preferencia especial por casos sexuales oi asesinos o lo que sea igualdad para todos. **[TRANSLATED FROM SPANISH: Equality in opportunities for inmates regardless of their case, race, or sentence, few or many years, I believe that there should not be a special preference for sexual cases or murderers or whatever. Equality for all.]**
162. I've filled out several of these surveys over the years. Nothing ever changes, except change for the worst.
163. This institution is out of control when it comes to its staff behavior and respect for the inmate population. Times has changed, but not the attitudes of the good ole boy mindset in mt. sterling corr. cntr. This place needs a major shake-up with staff (top + bottom).
164. They need more teachers you shouldn't have to wait a year or more to get in school.
165. Thank you
166. This prison don't care about works who work in the dietary, who deal with raw meat they expect you to sit in the cell for 5 to 8 hour when you get off work to take a shower or they say wash up in your cell if you don't want to wait for your dayroom. That is inhumane to make someone sit in the cell that long with raw meat on there body & clothes, also it is a health violation for the whole prison.
167. We need are dayroom 2 x a day. One in the morning & once at night, CO need help to deal with day to day program & have good energy. and school & program for 85% why we Got to wait 2 year or long when we real want it & other guy do not & video game I got year to do not month. X Box 360/PS3 cans be sold to us & give us some to do inside the cell. Video game is now can be down load on to the system itself. Please & thank you for listen. Xbox or PSP
168. It is good we making our voice heard because this prison is messed up and they need to hear us more in what we seen and what we go by day in this facility It's **[ILLEGIBLE]** punishment living in this facility. Change the conduct of your staff!!
169. They should allow to you come in a see how they run this place and feed us better and allow us to be out more and let us be able to use the phones more, cause every three to five days is not enough!!!
170. Informants give false information about other inmates. The Informants get away with murder while the wrongly accused are punished without evidence
171. Informants provide false information to CO to receive better treatments
172. To provide or sell better art supplies on commissary (ie items that are usable) and improve the commissary; more movies, and better movies on institutional movie channel; improve and/or discipline staff who refer to inmates as sorry pieces of shits

- and other demeaning language. This institution is the poorest ran/manage institution or business I have ever seen or been in (Menard CC is better ran than Western). Western is not a rehabilitation institution but a de-abilitation institution.
173. Please investigate this prison. Western Correctional Center is not ran correctly. Alot of people should be fired. ASAP!
 174. People help regulate programs, school & jobs for people with 50% cases & people who get good time. Also the A.D.A. inmates need alot of Help
 175. The ARB Board, the Director, the workers. Needs to review all prisoner's court files and if they see any inconsistencies, improbabilities, contradictions they need to send us back to the counties we came from and have them correct our trials, convictions, and sentences. So the prisons wont be over crowded and we would not have to go through these type of surveies instead of just holding us illegally.
 176. After **[20+]** years of being in these prisons I still believe that i have a chance of getting back into courts and getting my illegal convictions cleared due to an invalid criminal complaint and a dismissed time barred indictment having two indictments really makes it that much hard to present my claims of ineffective assistance of counsel which he already seen and did nothing about
 177. They do not sell good boots for winter or thicker thermal wear, no warm coats for no hair brushes for black people, they do not have a suggestion box for commissary for us the consumer, they can't keep nurses because of staff harassments, They do not inventory people properly when leaving the cell they come from so everyone loses there property because staff lets clayton workers steal it. A lot of officers are still here from the murder of individuals custody, the mentality is still the same, bogus shakedowns They all do not respect the administrative directives, so no one write staff up when they breaks them, but they do turn their backs and vouches for their behavior, IA and intel do not even look into staff's disrespectful behavior with their insults or ticket writing. Majority of ticket written are petty just so they can keep the c-grade wing full. There is not programs, school for us who have time left to do, only for those who are two years or shorter. The sanitation for this prison on a whole is very, very poor.
 178. Please look into this. Im not just writing this because im mad or regretful. Im really writing down what I see and what's really going down here. PLEASE. Thank you.
 179. The rule to mark or classify all Grievances as moot destroys the Grievance process all together. The Counselor and Grievance officer always support staff with any investigation another thing people with long term sentences should have access to school and not keep getting pushed to the end of the line because of how much time they got. Education is a sign of rehabilitation. By denying us that you are Destroying our chances at clemency, or sentence reduction in the future
 180. The Lady (black woman) that was number 2 down here stepped down. (from what I heard) If that's a fact, than that's the only feedback you should need.
 181. This prison has been linked to murders, beatings, and cover up But you know that already yet this place is still being ran like it have while I've been here. I'm starting to think IDOC does this to see how much they can get away with this place is a joke and so is this survey
 182. Ive been sitting n prison **[15+]** years for a murder that the real killer confessed to My name is **[REDACTED]** n Im being represented by **[REDACTED]** n **[ILLEGIBLE]**.
 183. Guards refuse to obey rules. Act like they have no bosses.
 184. I would like to leave
 185. let us get new mattresses, in general!! and pillows, Im sleeping on a steel bunk with not even 1inch mattress. Kills my hips/shoulders!

186. I just want to add, we're getting treated very bad here. People dies by the hands of staff forcefully. Random lock-downs. Bad food. Commissary runs when they feel like it, most items always out. Need an increase on state pay \$10 isnt enough for once a month when everything is high priced. Please help us even if you dont believe us. I hope this survey make it to you and not toss on the side of the highway like before thank you
187. The port-o-potty on the yards are 'Never' changed. They have not been dumped in many years, which creates a horrible stench on yard in the summer days.
188. Staff members most of the time have attitudes, i.e. "bring your problems to work day" or project their neg. emotions onto convicts then expect convicts to "fall in line" because at the end of the day: a convict is a convict: character doesn't matter. And although I appreciate JHA's "monitoring" process + notifying the public online, unless theres \$ and lawsuits involved, prison orgs do nothing to rectify injustices in prison. We suffer + are expected / demanded to leave prison as "model citizens". Really? And there are innocent people in prison but it takes years to prove innocence. A criminal gets out and keep committing crimes, getting released + thereby proving by "states association" that all prisoners are scum and need to be locked up. The judiciary and law agents are only loyal to themselves not the people.
189. Thanks for caring about the little people...
190. Thank you for your concern it means a lot to know that someone care besides our love ones!
191. Please Help
192. You dont ask about weather the staff are being racist an or abuse if. or about if there are equal opportunity to get to school work, or if we are being paid appropriate for the work or about the work environment.
193. 99% of the staff is white race at western illinois corr center human resources, labor department should investigate hire, train promote within (IDOC) minorities diversify staff at all illinois department of corrections especially (western illinois corr center)
194. Nothing has changed in IDOC since your office has been doing all this asking questions year after year for umteen years how. The food in not only worse... its even horrible now. It is impossible to be able to live healthy in Western at all. Even if you have the money to provide yourself a healthy diet from the commissary. The commissary wont allow you to either buy enough healthy food to uphold a healthy diet, and plus they only shop us once a month, and be having the nerve to tell us the limit is only \$150.00 a shop and you have to include everything except link units phone time or big electronics into the \$150.00, including clothes & hygiene. You are left to pick between how bad you need clothes & hygiene that month over eating. It is bad enough they "only" shop us once a month, a sometime longer than that. But to make it even harder to buy food as bad as the feed us [ILLEGIBLE] gotten to the point to whereas it has become cruel & unusual punishment the way they are treating us here. This place is so rotten I am hoping I offend your office by saying I believe yall are with it on how they treat us. I say this moreso because here it is yall come year after year collection complaints and IDOC treat us worse & worse like their not afraid to do shit theyre doing because they do not have to worry about your office. Then here it is they get paid and God only knows how much for a school program here that only actually have 1 classroom teaching. How have Western corr. ctr not had not 1 ABE class open in 6 whole months? This is stopping people early releases and everything. You cannot get school "Good Time" here because classes havent been available to us longer than 6 months now. To Top That Off... Either IDOC Director is helping keep people in Illinois prisons by not giving out all the Good

- Time the Governor supposedly pass to give out. Or the Governor lied about passing a bill that everyone gets Good Time now. IDOC is still picking & choosing who gets Good Time which violates any-one who is eligible Constitutional Rights under The Equal Protection Guide-lines. To end this I say Western Corr. Ctr. should be closed because the HCU is, worst of all here. Go check nurse's has quit due to the racism here by white guards. Question black nurses who has left. It took my 10 months to finally see a doctor here.
195. Commissary: inmates can only get one item of this, and one item of that, and the "fact" that we (only) go (once) a month, which make it (hard) to get nutrition because at the cafeteria they feed us "child" sized servings of food and "very little variety" because we are (not) being feed from prisons "menu".
 196. This facility uses commissary to get overtime on a tax payer dime & we only get to still shop once a month & no investigation has been done that. Not even many facility's take that long to do a cell house & they dont work over time & finish & shop 2 up to 3 times a month. This is sad and nothing is done about it! Yous & Springfield & IDOC turn a blind eye to a lot of unjust done here & for over 10 years Ive done your little survey& nothing has come why? Orange Crush still taking our items & nothing done about breaking & destroying our items. Rats & mice & bugs spiders in cells roaches—not enough food for a grown man. more food cleaning supplies for cells—more dayroom, phones, yard, gym, school, jobs, COs held responsible for there actions & verbal assaults & abuse by IA written on them & fired & suspended without pay, something COs staff cannot be allowed to speak to inmates with foul languages & threats with seg! This is a job & as a employee conduct is to be professional at all times. If not fired! Staff to be forced to be take a mental & psych test for some are not fit work in a place like this. Better visit for family & video visits also more & less stressful! Deputy Dir of IDOC & Springfield do routine & come at least 2 a month to all facility house to house to hear us out.
 197. Investigate why when one inmate transfers from facility to facility items are not allowed in one facility & not allowed in another one why? if item is IDOC approved & sold to us in pass time is taken from us under new warden rules when IDOC facilities all fall & should be ruled under one rule of IDOC not exempt or do as they say there own thang rules! unjust for us & is [ILLEGIBLE]. Also when a inmate goes to seg for dis. reasons 9-10 times items are stolen or thrown away by staff & staff allows inmates to steal & pack up are items on wing/cellhouse & in seg CO staff unprofessionally do a improper inventory & throw away items purchase & let there workers steal from us check grievance filled & video footage a investigation should be done by IDOC.
 198. Officers are currently as I write, carrying out spiteful acts against incarcerated people, abuse of authority is disgustingly unchecked at this prison.
 199. People in prison are just wanting to be treated fairly. Law library, yard, commissary, school, jobs, visits, phones. Put the telephone app on the tablet with (Lexis Nexis) law library also. Run commissary on a set schedule. Upgrade the schooling and programs. Get the officers proper training or get an diversified amount of officers. The only fights really occur here are because there is not enough phone for everyone or when the officers talk to people as if they are children. To get respect you must also show respect
 200. More involvement and transparency is needed from outside agencies to monitor the daily events of prison life. Because the unchecked behavior of the IDOC officials in general is a direct result of the overwhelming silence from those who can help.

201. I am offered NO classes for anything, because of my **[post-2050]** year outdate. No AA, Anger Management, No GED Classes, No School of Any kind. Healthcare Sucks Ass. I've been on the list for surgery for **[3+]** years now and the Doc put me on the list himself saying I Need Surgery & Yet Nothing. I'm in Pain 24/7 and they don't even give me meds for the Pain.
202. This prison needs to speed up on the processing of mail... My family sent me a letter on **[DATE REDACTED]** for my B-day that I still haven't received and today is **[one week later]** and I haven't been receiving all GTL messages or even in a timely manner, Other than mail and messages... Overall... This Prison is fairly Good quality.
203. We have to pay for state give away. Taxpayer's money is put in staff **[ILLEGIBLE]**. If I ever get the opport to show just how bad West Ill. Corr Center need Change Badly!!!! I will be sending a person letter ok.
204. N/A
205. Give the 85% a job, programs, work or anything that have good time everybody deserve a chance people makes mistakes and treat the people that have 10 years and under the same way ya'll do 50% no matter what they been charged with.
206. There mentally tryna break us here I thought this was suppose to be a place to rehabilitate people but there doing the total opposite. This place is negative and is no place for a human. I've been to better prisons than this. Everything about this place is terrible from the way they treat us talk to us. healthcare service. They even give your family a hard time + the run around when they come up here or call the facility. Its just sad it's like there tryna kill us mentally they hate to see you smiling here and it's a lot of stereotype and racism that still exist here it just not fair honestly
207. Officers treat inmates terrible like were not humans and use there "power" only to take advantage of us and make us feel bad.
208. A lot of us prisoner find it disrespectful that lot of the same question was ask but in a different way it feel kind condescending we deal with that enough from the guards
209. Let the older inmates out. Give us a chance to be free to see our family before we die in prison. We have done 15, 20, 25, 30, 25, 40, 45 and more years in prison. Give us the opportunity to become productive citizen's again.
210. Their no hope from outside sources to help individuals with civil cases about prison conditions. Everyone just deny assistance and brush inmates off. Better movies—up to date it ease the minds. Better law library services.
211. Western is the worst prison I have ever been in. Things here need to Change it's just bad. I'm someone doing a **[60+]** year sentence and the staff just makes my time so hard. I understand I'm in prison but it's stressful doing time in Western. Things need to change for the better in this place and I pray they do.
212. Please come visit W.I.C.C. and see the way we're being treated I think the environment is unfair and unjust and could use outside sources to walk through and to try to push to do what is right we need help please
213. I dislike this place it's Racist & Judgemental
214. I've been incarcerated for over twenty years and I've never been exposed to so much racism and childish and unprofessionalism by staff. They have no respect toward the blacks and latinos but are super friendly and helpful and supportive to the white inmates. I saw (last night) where the wing officer passed out "legal mail" that is privileged and the officer opened the envelope while the black inmate signed for it, but when he got to a cell that was occupied with two whites he handed the legal mail to the white inmate and allowed the inmate to open it and sign for it, as he should have.

215. I believe despite this survey no action will be taken, and I say this because of my experience (All in all we need prison reform!) Desperately! But I rather speak on this experience then say nothing at all. And this I do in hopes of a breakthrough. I hope I'm not the only one speaking out. I can only hope and pray that our voices are heard! There is a history of prejudice, racism and injustice here at this prison from these officers. And not only here but out in the world as well the senseless death of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tray Von Martin and countless others. There is no productive nor effective communication here at all at this prison. When the officers do a walk by and they go cell to cell when we ask questions instead of a reply we get our doors slammed in our faces??? The officers here clearly don't enjoy coming to work at all? There is a lot of hate and hostility that we inmates suffer here from these prison guards and its clearly evident. Change needs to desperately take place!!!
216. Some questions in the survey are tailored towards a personal experience, as if asking or should I say using the pronoun "I." What I realize that a lot of the questions mark with disagrees/strong disagrees is do to what I witnessed happen to other individuals incarcerated. Overall though you guys do whats hopeful to inmates and thats be a voice, hopefully.
217. Been in much worse state + federal prisons. Needs to be stricter rules enforced by ranking staff members, Wardens, etc.
218. I don't deserve the feedback I get here.
219. I would like to say "Thank you" and keep looking out for us.
220. We need more healthcare staff and they need to stop reassigning us jobs and just let us work for years on the same job. Stop the drugs from coming in
221. In todays world you would not believed this place operate like this. Their need to be better over sight. This place make Black people hate white race. When we know that all people are not like this. As human we need to do Better and Love + respect each other.
222. Prisoner who have a good background seem to get treated the worst. I have a good background but yet Springfield will not let me transfer from this racy joint!!!! I don't want to go out the back way like most prisoner who have time like me!
223. The counselor **[NAME REDACTED]** is a Racist. The **[STAFF POSITION REDACTED]** Doesn't care about inmates as a person. **[STAFF NAME REDACTED]** the **[POSITION REDACTED]** is a Racist and Gossips about inmates. Overall the CO and staff belittle us mistreat us and talk down on us everyday. There is white privilage.
224. N/A
225. Warden **[NAME REDACTED]** informed me that she could manipulate my "Jacket" to make me whatever security level she wanted when I brought up that I should be put in for a transfer to a minimum because I am in fact a minimum security. Also, rule that stipulates you must wait 3 years to submit for a transfer, should be repealed (upon being denied)
226. Theirs a lot of Gay COs down here and all they want to do is pat us down all the time, and want us to say anything about it so they can put us on "C" grade. I also seen COs throw people IDs cards then tell them to go pick it up! Theres nothing we can do for us to get treated better so most people just let them say or do whatever they want (COs) just so they dont end up on "C" grade because any ticket they give you your going to be on "C" grade. They also be the ones who do the Bullying (COs).

227. Help in housing for those whom better their self from negative people. Reward those for Good behavior. Place more input into programs of men going home. "Jobs" - "Family" - "Life Styles"
228. No thank you.
229. I need drug counseling before I go home I thought I was going to Sheridan or Southwestern
230. thank you for your concern + service.
231. The food here is really nasty we get the same thing everyday literally and the staff is awful
232. You have a population of about 1,700 prisoners but you only have jobs & schooling for about 300 to 400 of them. What open programs will help ease the time a individual how? We're doing (Dead Time!)
233. The "Order" the drug smoked in here must stop!
234. I have been incarcerated for **[20+]** years, at Menard, Stateville, and now Mt. Sterling. This prison is worst than Menard and Stateville put together. Changes need to take place soon or I can see bad things happening in the near future!!!
235. I'm very disappointed with this Warden **[NAME REDACTED]**. The way she acts she is very evil when it comes to treat us. Like for example the tactic team (Orange crush) shaking down they destroy mostly our paid items we purchase in commissary they just put them on the trash, but their shakedown slip said nothing found so what can we do, even a grievance don't work because they "never" found anything, and all this is the Warden **[NAME REDACTED]** orders. Also, if you JHA are going to Help us Please start with Warden she is not good people
236. They run this joint like a max, if it's a max they should have max ppl here, not med. They have ppl that go home in days, months, or a few years around ppl who have been in jail a very long time & aren't going anywhere soon. We also need to help prepare ppl for returning to the streets. There is no rehabilitation going on in this joint.
237. Inmates might not want to complete these surveys because nothing gets done at the end of the day. If ya'll are worried about US! DO SOMETHING!!!
238. Staff that wants incarcerated people to actually be rehabilitated and help when there is a problem/concern about anything.
239. CO have been harassing me
240. This Western penitentiary needs lots of recovery and help!
241. None at this time.
242. Fans, TVs, and hot pots are considered contractual items, which aren't permitted to be shared or given away when someone goes home or otherwise replaces them. Being somewhat cost prohibitive, it would help indigent people to get such an item w/admin's approval. Also there's no repair svc. available—"buy a new one or go without." A shop class could be funded by service fees and need little space.
243. I don't get my chemo meds like I'm supposed to!
244. This particular state prison has been mis-managing Federal Taxpayer dollars for years. This is the only prison in the state that I personally know of that doesn't provide it prison population with new clothing. And all the clothing room here gives out is old used clothing thats appears to have been worn by 5000 other prisoner before you. This entire state prison system is ran by corrupt crooks. only the prison staff gets to eat fried food, while we only get baked items.
245. Western Illinois prison needs an lot of help towards the inmates, food, gym, yard, school, healthcare, good time, transfers.
246. is this just another empty survey?

247. Help us ASAP
248. I need out of this prison A.S.A.P.
249. For the CO's to be more professional All the way Around and try to get along with us. Hear us out.
250. A person could have cancer, instead of getting to the root of the problem, they'll give you some weak ass pain pills & send you back to your unit. You cannot see a real doctor until someone sees you at least (3) times in healthcare first. By then it may be too late because they won't see you right away. They never treat you for your problem! Whatever the case maybe, they will give you weak ass pain pills or give you some bull about your problem.
251. They give us one dayroom per day unlike other mediums who get 2 they only give us one shop per month unlike other prisons who get 2 or more shops per month. They refuse to give us better cable channels these channels are few and sorry nothing on all day and we spend 22 1/2 hours a day in this cell it torture & super stressing on us with nothing on tv the viapath tablets suck they havent changed the services on the apps for 4 years.
252. I want 2 Go Home!!!!
253. You continue to do nothing to improve on the culture here at Western! Those people who was involved in the killing of Larry Irving continue to work here and are friends with officers who are making decisions on my behalf!
254. Wish sending people from outside to listen our story and get help from outside
255. If this makes it to you closed, ill be surprised. Gods honest truth! P.S. Let me go to school!
256. Many prisons have religious freedoms but not this prison. The **[STAFF POSITION REDACTED]** here is extremely Racist! And doesn't have the rights of Freedom of Religion. Or the Rights of Access to Religious items per IDOC rules. The food is served and its old, too much pork, and the alternative is always something we can't eat anyway. The commissary does not sale items that are ethnic based. (For skin types when it comes to soap, hair conditioner, shampoo, deodorant, lotion, powder, mouth wash). The clothing items are so cheap & thin that it tear too easily after one or two wash cycles. The shoes have no support or liners so our feet develop medical injures that lead to unsurgery. The GTL system over charges for extremely poor services. And in this institution at Western C.C. we are behind the doors for a two man cell and the signal drops in the cell. Yet we pay up front for services that we can't even use. And there is no refund. (How do we pay \$7.99 for 24 hours to watch movies but because we are behind doors and not in Dorm setting) The signal drops. Which means we don't the full 24 hours we pay for in advance. We tell GTL this and GTL refuse to refund or moneys and this institution will not do something to improve the quality by having GTL Boost the system. Or restore the Router box or put other router boxes in the cell houses on the wing. So the signal is stronger even behind closed cell doors. Where get our full 24 hours we paid for. Otherwise we are being extorted that's a Felony.
257. Place phones on the tablets, because a lot of fights take place over the phones and showers. Thank you. They have a Brotherhood/sisterhood going on in this institution, so any disciplinary ticket we catch, we are found guilty before we hear the ticket.
258. Whenever Springfield comes down here, the staff gets their act together because they know Springfield is here, they only show Springfield what they want them to see, the makeup on the pig so to speak. The staff has a Brotherhood down here and Ive been down here since Larry Earvin was killed and the staff have been talking and treating inmates sometimes worse and even bullying inmates since then. I reported a

- sexual assault by a celly of mine, and because I waited too long they found no substantiation for my claims. I was supposed to be single cell assigned but no they swept it under the rug. There is a Big Problem down here with inmates taking advantage of other inmates for sexual or monetary reasons and an even bigger problem when you inform staff, because then your life is in danger by staff who go around and "Put you out" as a snitch. I don't feel safe in this prison from staff or inmates.
259. I have filled out several of these forms and it is a paper to create busy work for someone. Nobody does crap for inmates. Most of the inmates should not be here. These officers killed inmates for godssake! Nobody cares. This probably wont get passed our mailroom. 9 out of 10 letters dont.
 260. The administration appears powerless to solve problems. The commissary CO's tell the warden in essence, "We will do as little as possible." The drug problem is not being resolved by SORT attacks. Most CO's do nothing when they smell K-2. The masses get punished because the CO's cannot handle the few. Dysfunctional is Western's middle name.
 261. Do the experiment like on the (60 day in TV Show) and have someone see for themselves, because there is no good way to explain pain, suffering or injustice u know what I'm saying? God Bless your staff...
 262. The staff + people who run this place were to be treated like they do inmate. To really see how they like it. I'm betting they would not last long.
 263. More nutritional food from dietary & commissary! A.S.A.P.
 264. The problems here at this prison have been made aware to Springfield and they have ignored them. Even when the staff murdered an inmate and collectively covered it up. Some of the same staff caught lying to authorities still work here so Springfield is as much the problem here as the staff culture. Either they are the solution or they are the problem! There is no other choice!
 265. Needs a warden that doesn't allow or accept B.S. from staff as well as inmates
 266. Our families send pictures & they say money, emoji not allow or is contraband but how? Then our families come out of town and they not allowing us inmate to get extra time on the out of time visits. As well as in the visiting room it still have the plastic glass up between us and our families why is that when covid is out now & our people don't have to be vaccinated why do they treat us & our families like shit I can't say dogs because I no they treat they dogs better than us. God Bless. This medical unit need so much help & change people are dying back there in there infirmary. Please Help Help Help with the Healthcare unit & our visits. They are doing us so so so wrong
 267. There is no second chance opportunity for 1st time offenders like me, never locked up with 0 discipline, good behavior no prior arrest. Why are we not priority for programs, jobs, opportunities—Help
 268. Are you guy actually planning on doing something with this information? Or is it just a "study"
 269. Nothing needs to be said. Something needs to be done about this hateful, unjust system. All the staff is white & most of them don't understand or hate everything of color.
 270. This prison is the worst in comparison to both maximum facilities I've been in (Stateville & Menard). At almost every level there's this sick culture of a so called brotherhood whose sole intention is to oppress incarcerated people. Access to adequate medical care is not available and/or extremely lacking. There is major discrimination among religious groups. The sanitation is poor as well. From in cell

- ventilation to ping pong toilets where feces and urine from other cells end up in your toilet. This prison should be revamped at every level or closed down.
271. Many Black inmates are treated differently from me. As a white man I notice the unfair treatment of Black People.
272. Since the last survey, this prison has gone downhill. Staff are stretched too thin already and have short tempers. I would return to Lawrence CC instantly if it were still a medium.
273. When will we get a survey that imagines, or a society that abolishes, the prison slavery "exception" clause in the 13th amendment of the U.S. Constitution?
274. cancel truth in sentencing, cancel mandatory minimums, cancel gun enhancements
275. This is (not) a prison for guys who have a lot of time to do in prison. Or who've been gone a long time.
276. The classification here sucks reentry inmate who are short get housed with Lifers. No rehabilitation programs here.
277. none
278. I been lock up for **[25+]** years now I was a child wan I got lock up and it seem now one care's **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
279. People get to much time, not enough programs to help people. Not enough jobs for us.
280. JHA or DOJ need to send someone here undercover to see how we get treated by the guards and how bad the food is.
281. I have been in many prisons prior to come to Western Illinois C.C. and I can say that this prison is the worst prison I've been to. I've been here 2 years. I am not allowed to go to school, or to get a job because I've got **[5+]** years left. I feel that I'm just doing time rather than using my time, also if I get a Disciplinary ticket I will have to wait 3 years to put in for transfer.
282. Staff doesn't seem to respond to any request I have dealing with school and programs I would like to participate in to better myself. They only care about keeping me in my cell.
283. Provide individuals in custody ample opportunity to participate in programs. Hire staff who take teaching serious! Visiting schedule should be terminated!!!
284. Water at W.I.C.C. is horrible in 4 house needs testing and Warden **[NAME REDACTED]** & Warden 2 Never respond to anything.
285. By us writing, I want to see something to done about it. We see these all the time but nothing changers. We need changes. Need more teachers, more positive/productive things. Give us the things the website says, not this max prison set up.
286. The Wardens do walk throughs, and at no point has anything we ask of them been taken care of. The commissary is up and down, one building may go 2 times a month and another once every 35 or so days. We have receipts to prove this. We receive 1 hour and 30 minutes out of our cells for dayroom, when most institutions receive 2 dayrooms a day.
287. Help us
288. Black lives do not matter in this Prison. They set us up in dangerous cell assignments. They tell us we have to fight our cellies in order to get moved, or refuse housing. Blacks and Hispanic men are overwhelming Placed in C-Grade, sent to Segregation, Placed on the C-Grade wing, denied Phone Calls and Communication with our families. So White CO even tell you they do not like our kind.
289. The sadest part about this survey is that inmates don't have (to give) there name so in fact this gives "Many, Many" inmates an opportunity to lie on each question that is asked, or to lie on every question as this makes it real hard to open up to be honest,

- and for you to believe my answers. This is why I prove everything I say to show letters, legal papers, and yes with pictures to show I'm telling the truth "not like 96% of inmates."
290. N/A
291. I really hope that this survey helps us because we need a change in here b/c it's getting worst everyday staff are so lazy! It's sad
292. Come up with a system to combat over crowding in prison. Do away with 100% time and go back to 50% time and bring back a new system to prepare long time offenders for release, with training because the world has changed so much. I'll have to learn everything over in life, how to survive, and work a good Job as well as how to manage money and interact with people, and take care of myself.
293. Why does it need to be anonymous? I put my name on it + I DARE you to do something about my situation! They say you're in the pockets of I.D.O.C. anyway, so what are you really going to do with this information? I'm begging for help. Will you help me or am I better off dead? I mean thats what staff told me when I came to them with my situation. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
294. We are locked in cells for hours and treated as animals. Sometimes with individuals who have mental health problems. This gives other anxiety + creates mental instability. It also seems as if barriers are put in place to keep us for being in contact with our family & friends. We need help and hope you can assist because all they know here is punishment instead of steps to help.
295. The prison Mt. Sterling Illinois "Western Illinois Corrections Center" is bullshit they are killing people in this prison every day. Help us out in here.
296. Western C. Center has many issues that needs to improve, also this place need to be looked into because of the many issues being incarcerated here!
297. The staff are buyable, not all but more than you'd expect. They bring in drugs, phones, sell sex for cash app, and the worse part is they miss treat us, like we are nothing, nobodys, Down to degrade us. It's like mental torture.
298. Mt. Sterling is the worst joint in the State we only get 1 dayroom and its 1 hour & 30 min. Most of staff are racists & cant even hide it. They don't care about mental health at all.
299. Please investigate the use of torture tactics imposed on inmates by all staff in this prison in addition on the C-grade deck tier 1-A which is where I am housed at the officers use food as a weapon often denying inmates to go to chow hall for petty reasons like looking at a officer in the face.
300. They're killing US. Inmates in General. All Races.
301. Thank you for listen
302. This is the worst prison I have ever been to! They do what they want. Mental health personell doesn't help us. I have been on c-grade wing 6 months straight. We are allowed zero phone calls on c-grade. The food is Horrible. I do not feel safe at all. Please help me! My name is **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** I am incarcerated at Western Illinois C.C. 2500 Route 99 South, Mount Sterling, IL, 62353
303. NA
304. Staff needs a complete crash course training in respect, @ times it don't feel safe around them, they racist against all Inmates!
305. They feed us cock in the sock everyday sometimes twice a day. Commissary 1 a month. Everyones losing weight looking sick. Poor education and or opportunities. Overall they just hate inmates and refuse to help us Everything is a punishment if you no White. "If you're White Your Right." Quote from CO's.

306. On the front #2 this survey is voluntary. At the end y'all state this survey will not have any direct negative or positive effect for you. It makes one think what's the point if nothing positive will happen why am I filling out this survey. My reason for doing it is high hopes of a positive effect cause I still have to live here and at the end of the day they treat us straight like shit and that needs to change if yall really want to help the quality of prison life.
307. I just wanted to comment that this survey is a honest answering to the questions asked and there really is no help or empathy on our behalf we struggle to get things done in here.
308. Need more outside help to help the brothers out with they case. Causes a lot of these brothers don't know what they doing or don't know how to read or write.
309. This jail need more help the Brothers out that don't know how to read or write and help them out with they case. They need more outside HELP
310. Thank you for the time but does this may any impact on anything?
311. The staff pick on a lot of people who Have sex cases
312. With the price of labor on the rise, wages increasing etc, I feel that IDOC should incorporate more jobs in their prisons. As I said before, many well abled bodies that could be laboring are just sitting in a cell. Many community tasks could be performed by this prison work force. I really believe the local economy could benefit from the addition of prison labor. You will not have to pay these individuals the same wage as free world workers.
313. Illinois Prison system are modern day slave plantations. We are identified by A Number = \$ too Staff.
314. Staff needs to be held accountable for there actions until that happens inmates will always be treat like animals in this place. W. I. C. C. Western Ill. Concentration Camp. John Howard association is worthless as well. You don't ever get anything done. You seem to work just like the staff in prison.
315. I will be surprised if you receive this.
316. Please look into healthcare and dental. Look into prison complaints.
317. Transfers need to start back up. Every other person I speak to is approved to transfer out somewhere. I can only guess that once they get started most of us will receive denial papers.
318. Personally, I enjoy my life, here, at Western ICC. But I've been homeless. This Place is a step up from that. 3 meals a day (Kinda) and a bed to sleep in. Getting in the shower can be a challenge with the limited time we get out of our cells. There is a food shortage right now, but having workers in the dietary that actually want to work, instead of being drafted would make a world of difference. Long-timers and Lifers have nothing to look forward to except the TV channels. More Professional Programming would be a reward in itself for them.
319. should provided an lie detector in prison for those innocent people that was found guilty by jurors, because of Liars Lying about Lies.
320. If a Prisoner walks them-self, don't give them C-Grade or B-Grade. This Person may have a good reason for walking them-self. I did it to stay out of trouble and ended up in trouble. Keep us where we feel safe and are able to stay out of trouble so we can progress. Keep those who start trouble in one cell-house instead of moving them.
321. What will be done, cause every other or so, this survey is done and 9 times out of 10, nothing is done to make it better, or help an incarcerated person better for the Free world! I Don't know why I'm Feeling this out, cause Nothing Never change and Ive been incarcerated For almost 35 years. Its (meaning the prison system) gets worser and worser!!! Every since [1990s], Nothing has changed.

322. Plexiglass should be taken down and visitation restored to normal.
323. Thank you for sending this survey. We need your help ASAP Please Help us feel human and not ridiculed for the past choices we've made
324. This facility is poorly ran and needs for Springfield to shut it down.
325. People rather get an assault to transfer than be here! Behind the wall is better than this medium facility! The staff aren't held accountable while residents get treated any kind of way. Grievances go Nowhere. Former officers handle grievances.
326. Hope it works
327. Because I have time on paper to do I'm not able to go to school. But I'm also up for juvenile parole in **[less than 3 years]** But the IDOC wont allow me to help myself.
328. Access to phones at all times can help us a lot mentally please help work on this.
329. But No for real we need more time outside more education/schooling more jobs in and out the prison. Bigger cells more time in dayroom. Better food more way of Keeping in touch with family. More visiting hours. More Mental help programs. More ways for people who dont have support system or way to get money. And we need bigger state pay a month \$13.50 aint going to cover phone time Link units or GTL msg, and put something in our box for the next month. We only go to store once every month for \$150 the limit and we cant get everything we need in one shop. So we should be able to spend what we need to be able to live some what comfortable. We should be able to have more dayroom time and yard time. Its not good for your mental state to be couped up in a room or cell for more then 24 hours out the day. People can die or harm themself and no one whoever know cause they do hour checks sometimes, sometimes they dont even check on us. The CO's get paid way to much to sit around spit sun flower seed in a Fucking cup and talk about what there going to do when they get off work. PLEASE Take this in consideration.
330. Surveys such as this one really need to be taking serious how we are treated in prison such as this its like we sign on that line and gave away our rights as men human beings
331. This prison would be better if we had more time out the cell and go to the store more then once a month
332. This Prison need an Overhaul from Top to Bottom. I got treated better and with more respect at Menards Max. My family says the same thing. They don't like coming here because of how badly the staff treats them + the children. Prison is my punishment not for guards/staff to continue to punish us.
333. Thank you But What have you ever done? And you think you've done something, then pray for us, yourself and our community (I see nothing you've done **[25+]** years)
334. Thank You
335. You can have your prison. Because it corrupts people worse.
336. We need you guys to do something. ANYTHING! We fill these things out, yet we feel like nothing ever gets done. If you are going to help us, then please help us! Please! This institution needs to be in everybodys radar. They are getting away with A LOT of stuff here. The officers run this place NOT the Wardens.
337. We need help from the Governor. Individuals like myself that are older now. We don't deserve to be here. We do not have a chance of ever getting out. We are dying every day. Please help us.
338. N/A
339. I appreciate that you are working toward improving the Quality of Life for us. I pray you work Diligently and Quickly. Thank you!
340. Please Just check on us a lot more than you do.

341. Please help us this place is out of control. These COs do what they please. Nobody stops them. It's extremely stressful here. Please help.
342. All State Prisons needs an outside Lawful independent Panel to oversee some type of surveillance the warden on down. Sincerely **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
343. Start charging the staff for meals. We get fed crumbs. And small meals, because our staff lives off these meals too, apparently. Our cable needs to be overhauled. Our plumbing is terrible. Our ventilation has not been cleaned out since it was built.
344. We need better healthcare. The healthcare here just goes through the motions and doesn't really help or treat our needs appropriately.
345. un-announced visit & investigation of this facility will help prove any and all statement & facts described by any individual in custody at Western Illinois Correctional facility.
346. Please help us.
347. This prison need to give more individuals an opportunity to get good time through school and work instead of only employing their informants. I also believe if their was more time to use phones it will become a less hostile environment.
348. Springfield must monitor this facility with the COs and Disciplinary.
349. Where I am is the worse I have had as my health is gone to terrible to being here. They don't have the staff to deal with PTSD, now along with the cancer that is take over me.
350. N/A
351. Come down here and see how they're treating us, do a walk through on this C-Grade deck and listen to our stories & HEAR US.
352. N/A unexplaintory
353. The GED program guys who have 50 plus years, its hard for us to get in a GED program, they say that we have to much time, as if we don't want to learn and better ourselves. That is unfair, regardless how much time we have if we want to better ourselves we should be able to do so. Also guys that are in C Grade are unable to use the phone or get video visit during there time in C Grade. understandable a inmate are place in C Grade because he received a DR report, while understanding that C-Grade is a form of punishment, however you are neglecting a inmate the right to speak with his love ones. Before it was if you were in C-Grade you could get 2 calls a month now it's no calls at all. Plus no video visits, we are being treated like we are not human. Yes Even if we did catch a DR report we shouldn't be taken completely away from our support love ones. And the fact that a inmate will never beat a DR report. Even when it is a bogus one, we always get punished for them.
354. This prison is ran like a max prison. The COs (Staff) don't care about us. They all come to work and try to make our time harder just for there fun. This prison experience I'm having now is a huge painful, stressful time I could ever imagine. Western C.C.
355. Family ran prison. If you don't bring in people from outside to work here, things will keep getting worse. I honestly feel that something very bad is going to happen here again.
356. I hope this survey helps those who come to this prison after me. This has to be one of the worst prisons in Illinois. This prison also needs more minority workers. Im sure all the other surveys about this prison will reflect the same kind of thoughts and answers that I've put. Thank you
357. Western Illinois Corr. Center is the worst prison in the state. Help me.
358. COVID-19 have slowed a lot of things down but better services for inmates 40-85 need more legal help it's a sad thing to see a elder locked up. It should be some type

- of program for "Elders" called "Elders Outside" Please no matter there circumstance they are still human-beings and they need Help just as much as me and we need to find a better way to protect our elders and juveniles like me I was a 18—now I'm **[30+]** I was charged with Accountability Murder **[CASE NUMBER REDACTED]** I really need some legal help Please and thank you.
359. We need education on all Levels, also please—get rid of the actual Chaplain, because he is too liberal, this chaplain is careless about helping people to get to know the Bible. This chaplain only cares for his paycheck, not people, there is a real need for a Spanish speaking preacher. This chaplain wants all the preaching money for himself. because teaching the bible is a Big way of how correcting bad behaviors of us.
360. We are not treated as a person of value here, which is a big problem here. I been here 4 years, and staff here will not let me and others have a work assignment, or go to school. Which has been an on going problem.
361. There are several inmate currently on 24 hr lock down 7 days a week not receiving yard or phone calls. The Discipline actions that are being taken are cruel and unusual punishment. And there is even racism amongst the COs. Theres even been Several cases of sexual misconduct displayed by the officers in this facility.
362. Based on other countries our prisons are pretty nice but I know theres a lot of room for improvement in the systems!!
363. Please Help
364. help make people aware of what is going on in this place Mt. Sterling
365. Not getting full in dietary do to small portions.
366. On **[DATE REDACTED]**, a Major and a lieutenant came to the law library and stopped those in custody from retrieving their/our legal boxes and locked the door to where our legal boxes are, and told **[STAFF POSITION AND DESCRIPTION REDACTED]** Do not let any body in custody go in there. Now this is denying me access to my legal box. Then both (the major and lieutenant) smelled like alcohol.
367. I am on the ABE list, an I was told that I can't get in school until the list is depleted; which will never happen! That is a scheme to keep long timers down, & stupid!
368. N/A overall all questions were good. I thank you for your time.
369. It seems like this prison (Western) is behind with the tablet, I heard from other prison and county that the tablets have better games and phones, it's been 4 years same old games, no phone, COs retaliate through petty way like, finding something to give you a ticket for during shakedown, but won't do it to the next person.
370. I think in person of one on one interview will have a better recall of what we have to say!
371. This prison & many staff who work here are deeply rooted in a culture of racism & white supremacy!
372. I have been filling these surveys out for over 2 decades and I do not see how John Howard is helping the incarcerated.
373. Educations programs any kind or workout programs. Less prices on commissary and better commissary. Change fans thats sucks aint cant running fast cheaper and weak. Better headphones (Conjugal visits) Change Healthcare staff and system better treatment. If yall could changes nothing give a transfer and makes another prison
374. Please help w/ our access to the phones to avoid chaos. And push for better commissary.

375. I think they should separate people with a lot of time with short timers. People with little time don't know how to do time and that makes it harder for people with a lot of time
376. inmate Larry Earvin age 65 was killed by three Western Illinois Correctional Center guards named Todd Sheffler who got 20 years, Willie Hedder who got 20 years, Alex Banta who got 6 years. Very unsafe, unhumane conditions. Things that you have heard daily.
377. People in this prison been waiting to get transfer out of this prison for 3-4 year and they do not want to let any one go anywhere. Every on getting tired for waiting there transfer. Help Thank you!
378. This place Western IL Corr is not some where you come to change. It seems like the longer you are here the more hate you gain for people. They killed a man here a inmate in they Joke about the COs think its Funny that they killed a Inmate that's sick
379. The visit room windows should come down, so we can properly hear our love ones and play games during our visit. The covid restrictions became less, such as ones do not need to be vaccinated to come, but the windows are still on the visit room table. We also need longer dayrooms. Thank you all truly for helping us! PS: I also feel staff should where cameras with sound in this prison especially since they killed that old man here and they got convicted! God bless...
380. Come in and see how it feels!
381. I am serving a life sentence and have done **[20+]** years continuous in IDOC. This is the worst prison I have been in. Drug use is out of control. Staff is verbally combative and disrespectful. Dietary is hot dogs and cabbage 4 times to 5 times a week. The grievance officer is a documented liar. Staff has no integrity.
382. It is good to know that someone from the world cares about us.
383. Just because we are convicted of a crime doesn't mean we should be treated like we did the crime to those who have to supervise us (COs). I know this isn't a resort hotel vacation, but we still deserve to get everything we have coming.
384. upgrade our healthcare/Dental care. For the staff to keep their personal problems at home and be more perfectional.
385. Living in this facility, Western IL Correctional Center, has brought back suicidal thoughts & feelings that I haven't felt in the last 8 years or more. The Max Security facility, Menard, treated people better, had great cable, & felt safer. Their Med Security Unit had 2 dayrooms a day & was also much better than here! I thought I was the only one thinking this way until last week when I heard another inmate say the same.
386. Western Illinois has a racist and intolerable vibe of negativity and it hasn't changed even after Larry Irvin died. The same staff who killed him run around with Authority and harassing inmates. Change Truth & Sentencing for those who have done Majority of there time.
387. come see us in person for a real sit down interview so you can really hear the fear, pain, frustration in our voices written words serve us no true justice.
388. Im glad JHA checks up on us Thank you!
389. Staff's misconduct is a big issue here. They talk to individuals in any manner they wish and treat us like we are not human. They also abuse their powers/authority by trumping up tickets and using as a threat, that they will put us on the C-wing which is a disciplinary wing for those in C-grade.
390. I think that the more that try to get back into court to fight their case, stand a better chance of reducing their sentence at least by the length of the mandated supervised release.

391. Please come see how they really treat us this prison is inhumane and COs are disrespectful please have them to allow us more than an hour half out of cells
392. be having problems with a few staff and nothing has been done with her
393. Please send Help from the Governor's Office!!!
394. WICC Need to have an oversight committee. For the wrongs that go on here. STILL. Please Help.
395. The commissary leaves a lot to be desired. Most staff looks for any excuse to punish a person here.
396. Please help us. Down here these peoples are killing us... **[NAME REDACTED]** "Please help" get me from down here...I don't belong down here...Thank you.
397. I would also like to see more confidential legal help for the guys that don't understand the legal system.
398. Sell better items on the commissary such as ink pens, nail clippers, sewing kits, this is our home so let us have these items
399. This place sucks. I haven't had a ticket in **[15+]** years but it means nothing to these people. The counselors act like their job is to block you + hinder you in every situation. The Chaplain too.
400. I've to several institutions during my **[15+]** years of incarceration however this is the first where its obvious by staff that they don't want to be here. No matter if its COs, Lts, Healthcare, Mental health, and its not because of offenders. Its because of the institutional. This is what I was told by a CO who no longer works here and a LT who is trying to find another job. These feelings are why offenders are mistreated. The staff is only here by force.
401. I am ready for society.
402. Western CC is racist and criminal and they offer little help to the prisoner and they have no programs to help us. And some one in the staff stealing all the program money. Look into it. LOL **[NAME REDACTED]** Slave of the United States Gov for small infraction I made a mistake and should not have be a slave cause of it!!!
403. Im serving my time with super max inmates and can't get into any programs or work to knock down so of my time. Instead they give it to people that have 20+ years—I'm consider a minimum in a max prison. Even tho its consider a "med" joint it's full w max level inmates.
404. My name is **[NAME REDACTED]** I have been incarcerated **[5+]** years and I have only been in this facility for 2 weeks. My commissary items have been stolen, my legal paperwork somehow disappeared and have yet to be seen by a MHP. I struggle with Anxiety, PTSD, ADHD, and Depression. I have been forced on **[MEDICATION REDACTED]** for PTSD and Anxiety and have complained about having nausea and severe stomach pains and have yet to see a doctor yet. I haven't been able to contact my family about my whereabouts. I am asking for HELP!! Please. I have filed numerous grievances and was told by the counselor that they were never received. I have been threatened by staff. and have nowhere else to turn. I have **[3+]** yrs left before my release. Please help me.
405. please make a change at Western CC. When Springfield comes Western CC acts like there Mr. Nice Guy then when they leave they go back to corrupt ways!
406. If you want to improve prisons in Illinois, you need to make college and other programs available for everyone, including long term offenders. And most of all, you need to rescind the truth-in-sentencing law.
407. More programs and make them more available to everyone

408. The staff need to stop treating inmates so badly and start allowing those inmate who is eligible for good time to get it, and stop refusing them because their having a bad day truly.
409. Clean support and clean are cell, better food health, more time out cell, program, mental health, water
410. The partitions in the visiting room need to come down. Need more phones on the wings and yards, covid visiting restrictions and scheduling need to be eliminated.
411. This is actually a proper survey, but I believe there should be more open communication with us from your end. I've been incarcerated for **[20+]** years, turned a few of these surveys in, and nothing has really changed. I am still surrounded by negativity in a place more concerned with keeping us oppressed and angry at each other instead of focusing on positive rehabilitation. The only way you'll learn how bad these places really are is by allowing us to share our individual experiences.
412. this survey will do no good "if" Noone actually comes and sees how we are treated, because the prison and the staff, if asked, will just deny everything and say they are doing better than most prisons, and that we should be happy. The prison people just did a walk through our housing unit today BUT they didn't do anything other than make their presence know as they walked right by almost every cell as fast as they could to avoid having to answer the little questions most of us want to know.
413. WICC worse place imaginable
414. I have **[PERSONAL DETAILS REDACTED]**. Never caught. Forgive me Lord 12 more months I free!
415. It's just another survey that we fill out but will not come to "fruit" to Inmates in the future, but thanks anyway.
416. The COs care too much about inconsequential matters and not enough about the actual important things. All in all, it depends on who's working that day. Some COs are fine, but most are infamous for being disrespectful or deceitful. God forbid they find out you said anything bad about them or filed a grievance on them because they will do all they can to make you miserable, and you're powerless to stop it.
417. I just hope something happen after this
418. To combat the K2/THC-laced paper drug problem that is infesting all the county, state and federal jails, photocopy the incoming mail along with the envelopes. "LEGAL MAIL" stamps can be purchased online to make it appear as legal mail. Listen for key words over the phone such as "CASH OUT" (or cash app, for transferring money "order," and "death." As in "we're smoking order here" or " we got the death over here" "Death" meaning "good shit; high quality THC paper." Also, ABOLISH COMMISSARY.
419. Illinois is very outdated with their tablets and video visits. The food is poor/quality + quantity. We should be able to buy food + shoes from a outside vendor.
420. I feel that it wont do any good...
421. dietary option for health reason
422. They need to turn the tables and let the Individuals in custody treat them how they treat us!
423. I hope the institutional environment changes soon for the better of us all.
424. People with long times need help too.
425. Black Lives Matter Black Lives Matter Black Lives Matter Black Lives Matter Black Lives Matter Black Lives Matter
426. I hope you'll can do something
427. The prisons do NOTHING to HELP incarcerated individuals get educational materials. The newsletters by "Kewanee Horizons" comes across as homophobic &

Anti-LGBT+ during Pride Month. Doc.kewaneehorizons@illinois.gov
#kewaneehorizons, google, Insta, facebook, twitter, Linkedin, gmail, etc. email me @
[REDACTED]

428. We need help. Because this is Klan Land. Also the staff is so disrespectful toward Black and Latins
429. Western Corr. Center has served soy "Hot dogs" for all three daily meals or so often it's every other meal. Food access should not be a struggle in 2023. Video visits just as phone access and law library access/info. On the GTL tablet can allow community relations, family interactions, and the betterment of all those in custody.
430. Prison is suppose to be hard. I don't think the guards are suppose to be nice. The food shouldn't be great. If we do not have support staff that will properly help us with our issues things will not get better for anyone. Also, most of the people that need the most help with mental health issues do not seem to be getting. I can't blame the guards for that. They are guards, not therapists.
431. Although I've had good behavior, I can not get any programs jobs and the courses are to start being bad.
432. This will not help. Thank you for that.
433. Only if you guys can let a few people sneak in or come around to every cell house + do a walk through, we will tell y'all what goes on in Western IL, Mt. Sterling! This joint is stressful + draining. And needs more programs, + did I mention Better COs!
434. These surveys come out what, every year? Honestly nothing has improved. The only Warden that was trying to help was [NAME REDACTED]. But they got rid of him. Why because he was for inmates. Anybody that wants to help, or was helping us, they get rid of.
435. This place sucks. They don't seem to want to help people rehabilitate themselves. I know its prison and it's punishment but the reality is a lot of us are getting out not too far off in the future so there should be options for those that want to better theirselves. Unless you have 2 years or less they dont seem to want to help you and the majority of inmates have more than 2 years.
436. This prison need sensitivity training for it's employees. Also this prison is not equipped to deal with most inmates with max level time.
437. Better food, more laundry days.
438. I think it's the mentality of correctional officers that needs improvement or change. Prison is not fully about punishment, punishment, punishment. Staff should aid in correction and improvement.
439. this prison is not like some other prison it know fair
440. I have been beat, put into situations that cause me harm by the staff because of my sex offender status—I know Im not the only one. I just want to do my time peacefully.
441. Let's be honest, yall know this prison is the worst of the worst, these officers are racist.
442. Guards here make it VERY unsafe for me a sex offender
443. This prison needs a lot of help improving this is modern day slavery
444. Anytime Springfield, or outside organization, Wardens, etc. come to this institution, the staff scramble to make it seem as if they are doing their jobs 100% putting up a façade. The Grievance process here is stacked against Individuals in Custody and to no avail, overall punishment is prioritized over rehabilitation here at Western Illinois Correctional Center. We are being treated as if we are in a Maximum Security Prison locked in the cell 22 Hours 1/2.

445. A person should not be punished for trying to rehabilitate himself to useful citizenship, by making him choose between his health and education. There's no in the middle. For example today [DATE REDACTED] you have 30 individuals come from school and we are suppose to get a shower, but because we came back to the unit at 2:30 some individuals will have to wait until next shift. Next shift then in return says its first shift job to get the showers down so everyday several people miss showers just because the officers are lazy!
446. I think you guys need the opportunity to show up to the prison unannounced to really see how things go on here or anywhere! Because they clean up or hide or don't show you once you are here. Or if there was a way that staff didn't know who you were while observing would work also. Also if you were able to sit down and interview some of us or some of the longer term inmates I think it would shed better light on corrections & rehabilitation.
447. Just try and get this place in order because the captain on this ship is loosey goosey and it should be ship shape
448. We would also like to be able to contact our love ones on the tablets we paid for
449. honestly I have all kinds of feedback. But I'm so tired of fake concern, then nothing happening. Plus I'm not sure if I'm wasting my time filling this Q&A out.
450. They need to serve more food on trays, better choices and more choices at commissary, bring down the prices at the store, more adult movies and magazines that show everything. Tell GTL to offer better movies/adult that we can buy, cheaper commissary, give us options to inform GTL what shows and movies/sitcoms we want to pay to see.
451. This is a great way to look in on prison. More people need to fill this out with honest feedback
452. Don't just take data and info make some happen.
453. Mail takes forever to receive and books/magazines are worse. Dietary staff are shaking people down. Tactical teams (Orange Crush) come in here and degrade men. We have had more shakedowns here than ever at a max. Slavery is Alive and I am a White Male and see it daily in here.
454. Prison is disorganized, poorly run. No benefits to good behavior. Food is shorted and of poor quality (cheap sausage 5 days a wk) cable system is poorly maintained. Warden is aware of incompetent LTS supervisor but laughs when asked to fix movie/cable system. "Too Bad, This is prison" is the staff's actual response to issues.
455. State menu is not followed. We are fed low quality sausages 5 or more meals per week. Trays are always light on food. At least 1/2 of all meals served with boiled cabbage or raw carrots.
456. Workers are not paid enough monthly. I think I make somewhere around 33 dollars a month. I work in [PERSONAL DETAILS REDACTED]. I like to work it helps pass time and keeps me busy. I would like to make more money so I don't have to depend on my Mother and Father or sisters for support.
457. During a walk through from Springfield High Rollers the staff here completely do a 360 on their behavior towards prisoners... When Springfield leaves they go about their regular sizing up prisoners to provoke negative situations
458. I just want to be a better person, when I step back to the world/but being incarcerated in here for 23 hours in cell doing nothing, but TV or play with your tablet, and only have one hour, and 30 mins a day, and they included going to lunch, dinner, breakfast too!!! How is this Humane??? This is NOT RIGHT. The officers do

- is horseplay and sit on their "fat butt" and don't want to do nothing, collect FREE money from "State."
459. Structure—Order. Prioritize "Money" over sight on phones tablets and All money. We got "1" teacher for 3,000 people? Rebuild inmates and stop targeting them. Help inmates clean up roads buildings outside environment. The sheriff department with IA and Congress and GANG Mob on phones inside is "Targeting" spying on People. Killing people much more.
460. none
461. Needs lots of programs
462. None.
463. Commissary and the mail room money voucher service is outrageous price gouging! The mail room service is braking the law from A to Z, you name it, inadequately, bogusly, unchecked, unleached, unlimited, unhinged, unconstitutionally!!!! Off the chain!!!!!!!! Over charging us inmates for postage all the time, 11 bucks for postage that should be 3 bucks! They charge for a tracking number (which I dont request for) that costs an extra 7 bucks or so. They rips of return address (so you dont know who sent the mail.) some mail come ripped up where you gotta piece it back together like a puzzle and some pieces be missing, like they used a chainsaw to open it. They always make up excuses why pictures gotta be returned to sender and have me send a money voucher so they can price gouge outrageous. Why come we the inmates always gotta sign money vouchers to process transactions BUT THE mail room staff never ever, never ever, never ever sign not one money voucher to take outrageous funds off out account?!? THATS THE BIG PART OF THE PROBLEM right there! They rob us because you nor nobody aint gone address it! They dont sign because its a big business all around from the top to them and they the same COs who act cool in our face because we dont know its them because they dont sign their name to it! I got proof if you come look for me in 2 house...
464. Yall keep doing these surveys & shit hasn't changed its starting to rowdy us up & were mad now, are you doing this for money, self fame. Is this a game?! That's how we feel now. You shuda heard the outburst from us when they passed out these surveys "Bullshit ass surveys again" "Why they playin with us" "I say fuckem & don't respond" "Hell yeah!" So dont be surprised. Start with the 2 most important things that matter to us. Visits & phone. We have tablets put the phone/pic apps on them & allow us to personally respond video chat. Cuz now our video visits on kiosk never go thru, 100 ppl tryna use the phone etc. etc. its tiring, I'm speakin from doing the past **[10+]** yrs in here It's time for a change. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
465. Please help change the system everyone in here not bad or have made mistakes in their life doesn't mean they are criminals!
466. Been waiting to transfer for four years but is still at this prison such a negative environment
467. I know prison is not a vacation but I'm being treated in ways the judge never sentenced me to. My answers are not for 100% of the staff or time but it is out of control and no one seems to actually care or something would have been done about it. Other countries get aide before us from us!
468. I've only been here for a little more than a week and have yet to find positive issues other than options for school or religious services.
469. Since being my mental health has drastically disintegrated By being in an environment where all you see is hopelessness + despair you energy matches it. Give us something constructive to do with our time other than sitting all day not rehabilitating. Make a way for our loved ones to have more contact with us. I think

- instead of making "announced" visits by people of importance they should make "unannounced" visits so there's no time to prepare and cover mistakes everything will be raw and uncut.
470. In **[20+]** years in the IDOC I have been around 3 drug overdoses. Since coming to Western CC **[12+]** months ago I've seen at least 20. I live in a drug infested environment.
471. Approved transfers to other facilities should proceed when the prisoner is eligible
472. I've spent **[10+]** years in a Maximum Security Prison. This place is worse than the Max Prisons. Not only do they talk to you in a degrading/disrespectful manner, they try to cut you off from your outside support with C-grade, cancelation of visits without any reason or explanation, and the prolonged delay of snail mail and emails.
473. They have limited our outside communication to just 1 20 minute phone call per dayroom! We only get one hour and a half dayroom, and after you use one 20 minute call you can't use your pin again for a whole hour. By then dayroom is over! Western Corr. Center staff is racist toward black inmates and something needs to be done to address that Issue!
474. There's this incessant almost dehumanizing policy so entrenched in the minds of our overseers that forbids socializing on the living units with respect to the communal sharing of food (sustenance) or even vital reading material to the extent of not being able to positively interact with likeminded responsible residents of common intellect to best balance and "maintain" ones own equilibrium and self worth. "Trafficking & Trading" is the classical deterrent hurled at you by an overzealous staff cautioning (threatening with a bias disciplinary action) you to maintain distance from an associate who may live on an upper or lower level opposite of you.
475. None for this place
476. PLZ close this prison it sucks we eat the same shit every day...
477. It A Everyday Challenge Here! Nothing Is Positive Constant Everyday. There's No Rules Followed By The Staff Rules Manual. Thank Your For Your Survey.
478. No more Comments at this time thank you.
479. We would like you to look into Healthcare system at Western C.C. To make changes, **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** 2500 Rt 99 South Mt. Sterling Il 62259
480. The acting director & the State Police along with the FBI really needs to investigate this prison for many reason. Our constitutional rights are being violated every single day. Our grievances are being thrown away and the grievance process in completely broken all together. We are being treated like caged animals. Officers are very racist & the mistreatment is at an "All Time High." The staff officers never check on Anyone that presses the button on the door to get their needs met. People have pass away in the cell due to the carelessness correctional officers abuse their authority Every Single Day & don't care about individuals in custody. It's like our lives does not matter at all. This is "The Worst Prison" in the state of Illinois Period. Staff does things deliberately to keep individuals in custody In Western IL Correctional Center uncomfortable on purpose. People that are incarcerated do not have a voice at all. Staff Officers talk to men in this prison (Western, IL Mt. Sterling) just like little children and uses their numbers of staff as a show of force when they feel threatened. Staff officers are "Purposely Taught" to disrespect the men in custody & provoke them to react & get taken to seg for any little reason. Staff officers Literally "Bully" incarcerated men in this prison & Run this prison like a Boot Camp. Healthcare in Western IL Prison is inadequate & the nurses & nurse Practitioners won't do anything for anyone. You have to be literally about to die to get something done. This prison needs to be Shutdown & overhauled A.S.A.P.

481. This is my 3rd time in Western Correctional facility. It has gotten worse. Racism has gotten worse, Healthcare way worse. The Food is traumatizing to say the least bit. The commissary keep gouging up prices. It is impossible to eat healthy At All here, because normally the stuff we can eat that is health the commissary either don't have it when our unit shop's, or ran out. And the stuff they do sale we have to either trade to get what we want or they saling us stuff that is giving us High Blood Pressure or making people Sugar Diabetic's. Besides that, how can one keep a Healthy Diet when here it is there is short limits on chicken, fish, rice, peanut butter, granola bars, crackers. Plus the limit in this prison commissary is \$150.00 That's including your clothes hygienic products, and meds like vitamins. The gouging in the food prices stop's us from wanting to buy things we be needing because one has to buy as much food you can to last the whole month it takes to get back to the commissary. Sometimes they take longer than that and that reason being the slower they go the more individuals will complain by Kite's & Grievance's and this helps the commissary staff sneak in over-time pay. Like I said I have been down here 3 times. So I have witness commissary running way faster than this with \$150.00 limit's. But common sense not common to everyone. So everyone not paying attention to staff over there is trying to use mental measure on "I.I.C." to Milk the system. We complain they receive Over-Time. All this falls on Springfield though. We complain but the Administrative Review Board either agree with staff wrong in Everything day do Wrong, moot it, or dismiss every little or big thing they do. But "JHA" knows this too, and do not attack who really need to be attacked and that is the Governor, Attorney General, IDOC Director especially, and the Administrative Review Board in Springfield. Your office always ask us to fill out these form's like y'all cannot believe what is happening, and is not going to stop happening until Legislator's start making Prison about Reform, weed out whose not in Springfield to help the problem, and stop acting like y'all do not know that these are friends who are all in business together not to help but ostracize. Police don't go against each other, or Good White Folks, nor does the friends of Springfield.

OTHER MARGINALIA COMMENTS

Q2. Race or Ethnicity

1. [White] White/Native American
2. [Other] Hebrew/African
3. [Blank] African
4. [Other] Moor I am a Moor by race Not black or negro or African American etc.
5. [Blank] Why does it matter?
6. [White and Hispanic] 1/2 White 1/2 Hispanic
7. [Other] Hebrew
8. [Other] Mexican
9. [Other] Nigerian

Q3. Are you within 2 years of release?

1. [No] Possible!
2. [Yes] Weeks

3. [Blank] Far from it [25+ years] plus mandated MSR term of 3 years
4. [No] still have many years to go
5. [Blank] Other Illegally held in custody
6. [Blank] Do not know

Q4. Were you first incarcerated prior to age 25?

1. [Yes] age: 23 I was incarcerated
2. [Yes] I was 17 yrs old. I've been gone since [early 2000's]. I'm about to be [35+] yrs. Old.
3. [No] only speeding ticket
4. [Yes] My first incarceration I was under 25. 28 on this case!

Q5. What is your housing status?

1. [Other] Incentive Based Living Wing
2. [RH and Other] Both
3. [GP] Incentive based living.
4. [Other] C-grade
5. [Other] incentive wing
6. [Other] incentive wing
7. [RH] (C-Grade wing)
8. [Other] I owe other inmates \$5000 for drugs but I'm not eligible for protective custody
9. [Other] min security
10. [Other] Incentive Living Wing
11. [RH and Other] "Disciplinary Deck": segregation
12. [Other] C Grade wing
13. [Other] C-Grade
14. [Other] incentive wing
15. [Other] Against my will Kidnapped no warrant for arrest
16. [RH] Seg
17. [GP and Other] "Single cell" in Population. The Gang members "Runs" the phones that means ppl like me who is not a gang member can't use the phone plus most of them have life and I've got 1 yr left so if try and fight I'll more likely get killed its happened before.

Q6. Are you currently getting at least two hours a day out of your cell or sleeping area?

1. [No] Not everyday
2. [Yes and No] Yes if you count meal times, No if you don't. or if I don't go to meals.
3. [No] Change we get 1 hr and a half
4. [No] Only a hour and a half yard and gym interfer with my dayroom same time.
5. [No] 1 1/2.
6. [No] 1 1/2 hours a day including yard & gym.
7. [No] 1.5
8. [No] 1 1/2 hours a day That includes Yard & Gym @ WICC
9. [Yes] if you include walking to chow
10. [Yes] only because school other than that nope

11. [No] not counting chow lines
12. [No] One 1 1/2 hr dayroom a day
13. [No] 1 1/2
14. [No] Currently spend 24 hrs in cell. No recreation.
15. [Yes] But Not Everyday
16. [Blank] this is a very stupid question
17. [No] 1 1/2
18. [No] only 1:30 dayroom
19. [Yes] Only if walk to chow!
20. [No] 1 and a half
21. [No] It is hard due to some of our COs their combative nature.
22. [Yes] if you count walking to chow
23. [No] Hell no

Q7. Do you have a work or school assignment?

1. [Work] Teaching peer mentor classes.
2. [Neither] WICC will not allow me to go to school because of my **[post-2050]** year out date.
3. [Neither] Been down here 3 years No Job made available
4. [Neither] they give the jobs & school to the people who can't get good time
5. [Neither] I've been here 17 months
6. [Neither] theres nothing here m
7. [Neither] Been waiting on School for 1 1/2 years. Got 2 1/2 years left.
8. [Blank] No
9. [Neither] I Tried to sign up for school they only put me on waitlist now 4 1/2 years
10. [Neither] they want let me go to school, I tried
11. [Neither] Jail REFUSE to let me go to school or work!

Q8. Mark response that best describes how you feel (Strongly Agree = SA, Agree = A, Neutral = N, Disagree = D, Strongly Disagree = SD)

Relationships between staff & incarcerated people are generally good.

1. [SD] Too Racist
2. [SD] was threatened yesterday
3. [SA + SD] Staff [SD] Incarcerated people [SA]
4. [SD] Sadly No No Staff are Argumty.

I receive support from staff when I need it.

1. [SD] Too Racist
2. [N] Sometimes
3. [N] some
4. [SD] I have ADA hearing aids no help.
5. [SD] Never know anything

Staff here treat incarcerated people fairly when applying the rules.

1. [SD] Not at all
2. [SD] White men get away with Breaking the rules
3. [SD] receiving porters have multiple mattress + multiple electronic items get multiple food trays!
4. [SD] No by far. They go out of their way to misuse their rules.
5. [N] some

I trust the officers.

1. [SD] Racism
2. [SD] Too Racist
3. [SD] No way in hell
4. [SD] I do not. Not here WICC.
5. [SD] Hell NO they kill people at WICC

I get along well with the officers on my unit.

1. [SD] Racist!
2. [SD] Too Racist
3. [N] I do not speak to them
4. [SD] they don't get along with us
5. [N] some
6. [SD] No way in hell
7. [SD] I don't even try to talk to them
8. [Blank] Depends on crew

The best way to get things done is to go through official channels.

1. [SD] Too Racist
2. [SD] Sometimes
3. [SD] they don't answer
4. [SD] No Suicide watch is
5. [A] Family Liaison Springfield
6. [A] Sometimes
7. [SD] Like pulling teeth was 3 mnths for hearing batteries.
8. [Blank] Nothing gets done
9. [SD] Don't answer questions

I have been helped significantly by a staff member with a particular problem.

1. [A] only 1 staff member
2. [SD] The Latin Kings currently want to hurt me and I owe \$5000 for K2 but I'm still in this prison?
3. [N] some
4. [SD] I cant get help from property to get something I bought a month ago.
5. [SA] (I/A)
6. [A] Non CO

Overall, I am treated fairly by staff.

1. [SD] Too Racist
2. [SD] No No Nope Not at WICC
3. [SD] Hell No

I am treated as a person of value.

1. [SD] They treat us like less than animals
2. [SD] We are Consider A Pay Check!
3. [SD] Too too too Racist
4. [SD] these CO talk to you like you are dumb
5. [SD] I'm sry if they're all no's but I'm going to tell you the truth. Because 80% of these inmates have life and are trained killers they Been gone for 30 years or more so ppl like me can't use the phones or showers if they to fight back or tell I could get killed
6. [SD] you got to be kidding we get treated like animals
7. [SD] Like a pile of stuff even worse than an animal! It's sad.
8. [D and SD] Staff treat us as animals!! I wrote a letter to chief of programs concerning

Q9. Mark response that best describes how you feel (Strongly Agree = SA, Agree = A, Neutral = N, Disagree = D, Strongly Disagree = SD)

Some of the treatment I receive is degrading.

1. [SA] They do Not Hide Their Disdain
2. [SA] Medical
3. [SA] Yes it is an ongoing event every day WICC.
4. [SA] (Chaplain/No Freedom of religion)

I feel safe from being injured, bullied, or threatened by other incarcerated people.

1. [SD] behavior is Encouraged by staff
2. [SD] I got hit in head with fan motor on camera, still went to seg for defending self, staff didn't come in until after dayroom.
3. [SD] this happens to me every day
4. [SA] (for me)
5. [SD] They are forcing me to live in receiving + I can't go to school, yard, walk to chow, I can't have a job because I owe \$5000 for K2
6. [SA] Not because of staff!!!
7. [SD] killed 6 people
8. [SD] Not safe
9. [SD] NO never safe on this issue the staffs action makes inmates turn on each other a fight at times.
10. [N] Depends on crew

To improve my situation, I have to meet impossible expectations.

1. [N] All most everyday to make it.
2. [SA] Or Die.

Staff have enough experience and expertise to deal with issues that matter to me.

1. [Blank] staff do not care!
2. [N] some
3. [N] They may have it But not use it doesn't apply (they) him or her
4. [SD] They do not care about me
5. [SD] Not even close to it.
6. [Blank] they do but they don't use them
7. [SD] They will write you tickets and ship you out They tell us they don't care.

If you do something wrong, staff only use punishments if they have tried other options first.

1. [SD] Most punishments are meted out by staff w/o any Due process
2. [A] Period!
3. [D] they use punishment first
4. [Blank] there are no "other" options, it's punishment first!
5. [SD] They punish us no matter what is done They say we inmates are always wrong CO's quote
6. [Blank] This question contradicts itself. Staff is quick to punish but when you are in the right you have to jump through hoops!
7. [SD] They punish you for writing grievances or calling PREA

Staff are argumentative towards incarcerated people.

1. [SA] very spiteful
2. [SD] They hit us too
3. [SA] Every single minute
4. [SA] **[STAFF NAME REDACTED]**
5. [SA] Yes very much so an every day event towards us at WICC.
6. [SA] YESSS
7. [SD] They just lock you up

To get things done, you have to ask and ask and ask.

1. [SA] windows dont shut properly. meds are often late.
2. [Blank] I have to call my family and have them to call **[STAFF NAME REDACTED]**, the department's family liaison
3. [A] or go on suicide watch/hunger strike
4. [SA] They still Don't get done
5. [SA] And ask and ask...
6. [SA] Never gets done
7. [SA] **[STAFF NAME REDACTED]**
8. [SA] Still asking after a month for charger for tablet
9. [SA] YESSS

Supervision of incarcerated people is poor.

1. [A] in the housing units.
2. [SA] I just swallowed 3 batteries + cut my arm up!
3. [SA] The COs sit at a desk + 4 chairs not even walking on the wing to check on inmates!

The environment encourages me to think about and plan for my release.

1. [SA] Yes to come from this oppression.
2. [SD] This prison has really made me hate COs,

3. [SD] Cause no Body helps prep us we got to do all on our own
4. [N] To much time this place doesn't encourage me on the thought WICC brings on the Hate in inmates
5. [Blank] just to get out of here
6. [SA] as not to come back

Positive things happen only for a certain type of people

1. [SA] Caucasians and informants
2. [SA] mostly white people
3. [D] depends
4. [SA] Whites only
5. [SA] Yep yep Being white human don't mean squat at WICC!

I can't improve my situation through good behavior.

1. [SA] unless...see above
2. [SA] be an informant
3. [N] I've been here 7 years and I haven't gotten in trouble
4. [SA] There is no options for programs available
5. [N] Goes both ways
6. [N] I would love to try but I stay to myself all time
7. [SD] transfer
8. [SA] Not there Ive tried that and that still don't work

My experience of imprisonment in this particular prison has been stressful.

1. [SA] 1000x's
2. [SA] Extremely
3. [A] I want to kill me self all the time
4. [SD] the environment here forces people to become inclined to violence and crime
5. [SA] TRUST ME IT IS!!!
6. [SA] Wish I left at Stateville not as much BS and Disrespect towards inmates

I have to be careful about everything I do, or it can be used against me.

1. [SA] Walkings on eggshells
2. [SA] Yes trying to be friendly towards anyone is a big no no Staff/CO.
3. [SA] or say that's for sure

On the whole, I am just doing time rather than using my time.

1. [Blank] I would love to do MORE
2. [Blank] What???
3. [SA] Soo true for me/no school for me to much time!

This prison is controlled by incarcerated people rather than staff.

1. [SA] staff protect their own
2. [N] Both Butting heads
3. [SA] for chaos
4. [SD] COs only Very mean and spiteful people always mad at/toward us fa no reason?
5. [SA] Yes said this many times now.

This prison is well organized.

1. [SD] about like a herd of cats is organized
2. [SD] Like the ship Titanic running on deck

I feel that I am treated with respect by staff.

1. [SD] 1000x's
2. [SD] Respect is a joke
3. [SD] Totally opposite
4. [SD] We are treated like animals they talk down at us. even mocked by some because of our problems ADA

Staff respond promptly to incidents and alarms

1. [A] when they know.
2. [D] Medical Bad
3. [SA] Oh they love to mace people here
4. [SD] People've died
5. [SD] No they don't my old cellmate was [70+] yr old they took their time to him. died 8 mths later.

When I need to get something done, I can normally get it done by talking to someone face to face.

1. [SD] Must use the Grievance process
2. [N] 50/50
3. [SD] they lie + spin you
4. [SA and SD] It is both
5. [SD] I've told every single person who would listen that I owe thousands of dollars for drugs + I'm scared for my life, but NOTHING has been done.
6. [N] Very very rarely here WICC

You never know the rules.

1. [SA] Every staff has Their own personal Rules
2. [SA] (They Make up)
3. [A] They change daily
4. [A] they change the rules every day and every CO has their own rules
5. [SA] Made up
6. [SA] Find out the hard way
7. [Blank] they always change them
8. [SA] They interpret as they go on us.
9. [SA] It's a new rule every day
10. [SA] They make their own rules

My experience in this prison is painful.

1. [SA] yes very much it is. I was better at Stateville.
2. [A] Stressful

There is a hierarchy among incarcerated people.

1. [Blank] Dont know
2. [Blank] No comment if you value your life!
3. [N] Good luck on this.

The disciplinary system is fair.

1. [SD] While a Black **[ILLEGIBLE]**
2. [SD] Nazi
3. [SD] Not even close to being fair to us.
4. [Blank] Don't know
5. [SD] Hell no

There are a few incarcerated people who run things on this unit.

1. [SA] Snitches Boot-lickers
2. [A] Gangs police letting them to
3. [Blank] No comment if you value your life!
4. [A] They try!!!

I have to buy and sell things in order to get by.

1. [A] Give things Away
2. [A] I have yes.

Decisions are dominated by concerns about security

1. [SA] perceived concerns about security which runs rampant
2. [Blank] decisions are dominated by racism!
3. [A] And my safety
4. [blank] bias and racism guide decisions by staff
5. [A] Though unfounded
6. [SA] When the COs dont even check on inmates in cells. Also the time check book for the hourly walk through is not done as should be to avoid us dayroom if your office pulls the CCTV time check walk through in units to the log book its all a lie it wont line up in R2/A wing use a FOIA to look not good security.

My time here seems like a chance to make positive changes

1. [SD] I'll Be Back Im just telling truth this prison made me a worse person and its sad I know trust me
2. [SD] Torturest!
3. [SA] only because it is my choice and not by any thing the state offers. veterans can't even meet on a monthly basis and are discriminated against
4. [SA] ONLY BECAUSE OF MY STATE OF MIND!!
5. [SD] They don't allow you to better yourself
6. [Blank] Disagree
7. [SD] They openly promote drug use + when you go to them and tell them you're an addict they tell you that "you're not eligible for treatment." **[STAFF NAME REDACTED]** words not mine.
8. [SD] Set up for failure for Blacks
9. [N] I would like to think so but not give the chance to even start.

Q10. Mark response that best describes how you feel (Strongly Agree = SA, Agree = A, Neutral = N, Disagree = D, Strongly Disagree = SD)

I am not being treated as a human being in here.

1. [SA] 1000x's
2. [SD] only when Springfield is here
3. [SA] I mega strongly agree
4. [SA] Very true.
5. [SD] Hell no

You have to be in a group or gang in order to get by.

1. [A] I mention this a lot
2. [Blank] No comment if you value your life!
3. [SA] I am a plugged member till I die
4. [A] It's nuts here, WICC, yes

When important decisions are made about me, I am treated as an individual, not a number.

1. [SD] The Guards say it
2. [SD] Only as a number not human being
3. [SA] I/A, Healthcare
4. [SD] More like a caged animal

Drugs cause a lot of problems between incarcerated people.

1. [N] Dont know, incapatible cellmates causes many problems
2. [SA] Staff too drunk
3. [A] They steal, Fight ETC even cause a few deaths
4. [Blank] No comment if you value your life!
5. [SD] wrongful shakedowns towards all.
6. [Blank] I don't do drugs
7. [SA] Yes it does Rampent around here.
8. [SA] Illegal (narcotics) only

Bullying behavior by incarcerated people is not tolerated.

1. [SD] see above answer
2. [SD] Not Here, they want to see more of it
3. [SA] Not on my part
4. [SD] The staff lets inmate bully
5. [SD] gangs against staff period
6. [A] But what can we do??
7. [SD] Its encouraged

All they care about is my offense and security level, not the person I am.

1. [SA] Ethnicity
2. [SD] They don't care they let me get Bullied every Day. when I say something about they go tell the ppl who was doing it.
3. [SA] I've been told this over & over
4. [SA] color as well
5. [SA] Right on target WICC

Anyone who harms themselves is considered by staff to be more of an attention seeker than someone who needs help

1. [SA] they Don't care if you kill yourself is cruel punishment
2. [N] Don't know
3. [A] they make fun of that person and get inmates involved to do it to
4. [SA] On **[DATE REDACTED]**, 2023 I cut my arm + swallowed 3 batteries because they wanted to place me back there I owe \$5000 for drugs + I told them this!
5. [SA] Yes most of the time
6. [N] IDK
7. [Blank] Can't really say

I am able to maintain meaningful contact with my outside supports.

1. [SD] we only use phones 1 time a week
2. [SD] can't use the phones gangs run them
3. [SD] Sometimes cant get phone
4. [SD] Staff can put phones on are tablet
5. [A] When able to use phones and mail is not messed with.
6. [Blank] I have none

This prison is poor at giving incarcerated people reasons for decisions.

1. [SA] Especially if you're a minority
2. [SA] they poor at giving us commissary and other things!
3. [A] They the COs make all your choices whether right or wrong for you
4. [SA] Not with the staff they have WICC.

Staff help incarcerated people maintain contact with outside supports.

1. [SD] If they could stop it they would
2. [SD] NO they let the gangs run the phones
3. [SD] Not putting video visits through
4. [SD] Their attitude on this is they don't care only if we sit and be quiet.
7. [SD] Hell no

This is a humane prison.

1. [SD] Dish room on kitchen has mold **[ILLEGIBLE]**, floor to ceiling that's where they wash trays

2. [SD] Is torture humane?
3. [SD] racism
4. [SD] Not close
5. [SD] You got to be kidding right
6. [SD] Needs to have staff turn over.
7. [SD] No hot water
8. [SD] Hell no

Incarcerated people in this prison spend too long locked up in cells.

1. [SA] right
2. [SA] This is the only so called medium with one dayroom per day
3. [SA] We have all this time that we could have more time for dayroom we are lock up??!
4. [SA] YESSS

This prison is safe for incarcerated people.

1. [SD] Four (4) men killed
2. [N] 50/50
3. [SD] Not for ppl like me with 3 or 2 yrs with ppl with life
4. [SD] staff assaults us
5. [Blank] Not from staff
6. [SD] 6 Dead
7. [SD] you got to be kidding right
8. [SD] Not the older population
9. [Blank] only 1 1/2 hours out each day of 24 hour day
10. [SD] No Not by far the staff is ready to fight fa Blood!

Mental health treatment is available.

1. [SD] I've been waiting for 3 years
2. [A] Takes forever!
3. [A] it is always The same plan
4. [A] Very good to
5. [D] it's VERY poor
6. [N] do not know
7. [SD] Fuck no
8. [SD] they don't believe in it
9. [D] Not to all that need it.
10. [N] They say to me cant help their hands tied why have treatment from them.
11. [SD] Not at all!!!
12. [SD] NOOOO
13. [Blank] Don't know

This prison is better now than it was last year.

1. [SD] same Racist policies
2. [SD] It has gotten worser
3. [Blank] I.D.K.
4. [Blank] N/A
5. [Blank] Its **[DATE REDACTED]**, 2023 + Ive only been seen once since I came off crisis watch on **[one month prior]**
6. [A] Covid
7. [SD] you got to be kidding right
8. [SD] It has gotten worse in 4 years WICC
9. [SD] Bullshit

Every effort is made by this prison to help people stop committing offenses on release from custody.

1. [N] Don't know
2. [SD] They want us to come back
3. [SD] The staff don't give a shit about any of us
4. [N] I dont know cant say
5. [SD] Staff can't wait to see you back Job security

I am satisfied with the food from dietary.

1. [SD] NO. Hot dogs every day.
2. [SD] Hell No
3. [SD] They keep feed us hot dogs
4. [SD] They starve us with small portions
5. [SD] All we eat is garbage But the staff eats like Kings
6. [SD] NO
7. [SD] they serve too much pork 4 times a week
8. [SD] No not here SCC did better food.
9. [SD] give less then 2500 calories a day
10. [Blank] I don't eat in dietary
11. [SD] never
12. [SD] Polish soy daily
13. [SA] It could be a little more

I have the opportunity to go to yard at least twice a week.

1. [A] Only for an Hour each. What happened to 5 Hours a week.
2. [N] yard is ran by gangs
3. [Blank] school and work assignment attend yard when it is scheduled for weekends and off days
4. [A] If school & work then NO.

Q11. Overall, on a scale of 1 to 10, mark the box this prison deserves in terms of the quality of life/general treatment of incarcerated people here.

1. [Blank] -10. I was better off in a maximum security facility
2. [Blank] -1
3. [Blank] 0
4. [Blank] Zero they do everything to keep people who can earn good time from not getting it i've been trying to get work or anything to better myself since 7-8-22 and they won't allow me.
5. [1] It's all bad no programs locked up all day in your cell food very poor you don't get cleaning supplies to clean your cell it's very very hard to go to school or to get a job they denie you good time when you're eligible for it you can't get decent clothes it's truly bad down here!
6. [1] This prison needs to be closed
7. [Blank] 0. They need to close this racist ass joint and clearly send these officers back to pysch training very poor people skills and puttin inmates will little time in the cell with people with lots of time they don't care bout life.
8. [Blank] In my opinion it is below #1
9. [1] No teacher for months in A.B.E. Can not join Programs, and staff do not speak to you as they do their walk through.
10. [1] Really a 0. This place and the staff that work here are Racist.
11. [Blank] 0
12. [1] "0" zero
13. [1] I would go lower if I could.
14. [1] They have murdered inmates here. They mace people daily here. We have had hot dogs (cock-in-a-sock) 17 times since [DATE REDACTED], 2023
15. [Blank] Q11 answer 0 zero
16. [1] This prison is Horrible/depressing/and very stressfull, we are treated like animals the staff are very disrespectful! And torment us!
17. [1] If I could mark a negative # it would be -10 to this question
18. [2] Two Next to lowest.
19. [Blank] 0
20. [1] 0
21. [Blank] 0
22. [Blank] -2 THE WORST
23. [Blank] 0 Zero for real!
24. [Blank] 0
25. [Blank] 0
26. [1] I had better treatment at Stateville in a lot of ways than here at WICC Schooling, Church, etc.
27. [3] I have been approved for almost 3 years to transfer and I'm still here. 1 particular staff member [STAFF NAME REDACTED], a female staff member relishes in making life hard here. She hates men, loves to write documentation against incarcerated for inconsequential incidents. If one asks for help she outright ignores the person.
28. [1] 0
29. [3] 3 1/2
30. [Blank] 0

31. [1] Western Illinois: the staff talk to people as less than human and the Warden, **[NAME REDACTED]** allows this to happen and encourages
32. [1] This prison is the worst prison in Ill.! And I've been to almost All of them!
33. [1] If I could have Marked 0 I would have.
34. [1] -20

Miscellaneous Comments

1. This prison needs to change only let us 1 hr and 30 min of our cell western correction center Mt. Sterling
2. The John Howard Association should make available to all inmates names + addresses of outside resources. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]** thank you
3. This prison and the staff that work in Western Illinois need to be looked at more closely because its fucked up down here.
4. I would like yall help so I can get transfer to another prison or get release from this prison I would like to Join prison reform is horrible and cruel how they treat us here at western correction center how can I possibly get ahold of governor pritzker? please help I shouldn't be in this prison Im short term sentence I shouldn't be here most of these people have 45 yrs or more my life is in danger they should put me in a minimum prison not here. please HELP. **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**
5. this prison needs better mental healthcare and better healthcare people are very sick in here and they are not doing anything about it I'm one of them. Please help out.
6. Western Illinois CC: the staff walks around here with these Hitler style mustaches and talk to prisoners like we are children and with so much prejudice. Example: If a table in the dining hall has an empty chair to fill in the staff will say 'hey, you—while pointing at you and then pointing at the direction you need to go to—says sit right there now." The lieutenant wears these Hitler style mustaches and some of the cellhouse staff. Its a culture of them doing this. Staff do not know how to be respectful nor how to speak with respect and polite. it is their duty to not provide assistance to us, if an inmate have medical emergency particular a Blk man I have seen them approach and talk to the inmate saying 'get up and walk out the room' or wait to call medical assistance because they want to first access the situation themselves before calling a code 3. #2- There is excessive amount of Black men in C-grade unit, white men always have their disciplinary reports tossed out only exception if they caught with tattoo equipment. Blk men do not have a chance of being a fabricated report. All disciplinary reports are exaggerated to the point you know it is false yet Black inmates are found guilty.
7. I wonder why the majors here tell the staff its ok to **[ILLEGIBLE]** keep the donations and scar us use our meals. Sure looks like a lot of them are stealing what common sense tells you anyways we use to get hole baked potatoes. With the new main food supervisor from menard c.c. there mush-smashed up baked potatoes (boiled) Looks very unappetizing much worse than having a whole potato. And if you get on these people here, they only do things correct for about 2 weeks and go back **[ILLEGIBLE]** way there doing things before

8. Everybody bag be different items but we order the same items. He get peanuts but I dont! The food so poor that we get the same carrots, cabbage, and bogus sausage 3 times a day 5 days a week! When the stimulus checks came, commissary sky high, and 3 shops a month unlimited! Now its once a month and they take our slips a week ahead and give us what they want. tablets is a scam here, wi-fi is down also killing service! \$25 a month of music service.
9. In the Future I Hope that you came do these surveys in person. A lot could be said directly on tape and camera than on this paper. A simple check this box doesn't Always capture the story.
10. P.S. ever since staff killed an incarcerated person down here staff have been more and more aggressive and trying to bait you by calling you names. This staff is ready to kill again
11. To sum up this survey, I am a Black man, And here at Western Illinois Correctional Center, I'm surrounded by racist of all ages and they are in control of the grievance committees everything in the prison. If I have a problem with one of them, It's a problem with them all. Now let me (hear) or read your response.
12. I'm no longer at Lawrence CC but was transferred to Western IL CC in Mt Sterling IL. This survey was issued at Lawrence CC
13. COs disrespect the individuals in custody. They are currently keeping specific individuals from using the phone & Giving specific Health treat. COs Discriminate and Harass us.
14. 98% staff disrespectful even if you don't get in trouble. They have this thing about this place different from other and they got their own rules and they dont help or look in to grievances, Take property thats not bogus.

Clayton Work Camp

OPEN-ENDED SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q12. What are the most positive things about life in this prison?

1. Most have out-dates
2. Dorms.
3. The fact that you can get help in ways to help better yourself as a person, depending on the prison you're in. There is plenty of rec time here.
4. The food is a little better. The phone situation is better. They actually let you use cleaning supplies. More recreational time. Can take a shower almost any time.
5. Nothing
6. Having the time to meditate on what I did wrong, and ask God to make me a better person.
7. So with any prison, one must be willing to increase their own capacity in a positive way, only you can change you, because after all, you know you, better than anyone else does

Q13. What are the most negative things about life in this prison?

1. This building needs to be shut-down it's ranned down, old & everything else
2. No, Schooling.
3. There are no programs here. I want to better myself, but they don't offer anything here.
4. In the winter only one dorm has heat so everywhere else is cold. There is only one dorm with A/C so it gets really hot inside this place. There are really big spiders running around in the summer and fall
5. COs
6. Most of the inmate don't want to change
7. To me, none, I have continued to grown wherever I was planted, despite the difficulties!

Q14. What suggestions do you have for improvement?

1. Close down
2. Invest in schooling.

3. More programming, and more open movement. Our mother prison is a medium-max, but here, it's a minimum.
4. Help us get more programs. Help us get a mandatory GED/ABE class. We need a way to be able to earn more good time.
5. Send me home
6. Clayton work camp, needs a lot of upgrades. Shower, restroom, water leak in doors.
7. Well, there are many thing that need rectifying. Preventative maintenance has not been applied, rendering the end result here at Clayton work camp!

Q15. Please write any other comments or feedback on this survey below.

1. Most People/Inmates get or receive good time at 50% & 75% sentence; 85% ers don't get any good time. By this being a work camp the inmates should get a hold day of good time not just some (those that work road crews) get 1/2 days & not enough programs here & no schooling at all. Plus I just got denied work release cause of my criminal history **[NAME AND ID REDACTED]**?
2. Some Staff have a bogus demeanor (demented)
3. There are a lot of jobs here that people work over 4 hours a day and they only get a 1/2 a day good time. The contract that they have us sign clearly states that you should be getting a full day of good time for working 4 hours or more. Please try to help out with this problem.
4. You'll never see me again
5. To me, not enough sincere time and effort is being applied to matters of importance at IDOC, and JHA and I and IDOC staff know this Fact very well. Proof is in the pudding. But truthfully, no one is sent an invitation. Choices, not chances Determine anyone destiny! Besides, I am a witness, there are and were many, many signs and warnings that "one" (A person Male - Female) was headed to self destruction long before it come to fruition! So now any excuse, reason or explantation are bridge to nowhere and monuments to nothing = one simply continued to mess up! Truth and honesty be told!

OTHER MARGINALIA COMMENTS

Q3. Are you within 2 years of release?

1. [N] As of **[DATE REDACTED]** I be within 3

Q6. Are you currently getting at least two hours a day out of your cell or sleeping area?

1. [Y] All day. I'm in a dorm at work camp in Clayton IL.

Q11. Overall, on a scale of 1 to 10, mark the box this prison deserves in terms of the quality of life/general treatment of incarcerated people here.

1. [Blank] -5 Very Low.

Miscellaneous Comments

1. I am possibly going to check at JHA when I get out Just maybe there's a job with my name on it!... I'm **[AGE AND TIME OF RELEASE REDACTED]**. If it "God's Will"



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