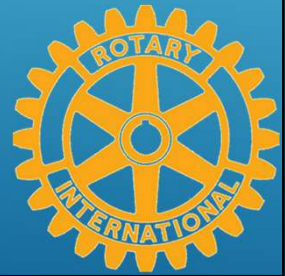


# MASS INCARCERATION, RECIDIVISM, AND PREVENTION

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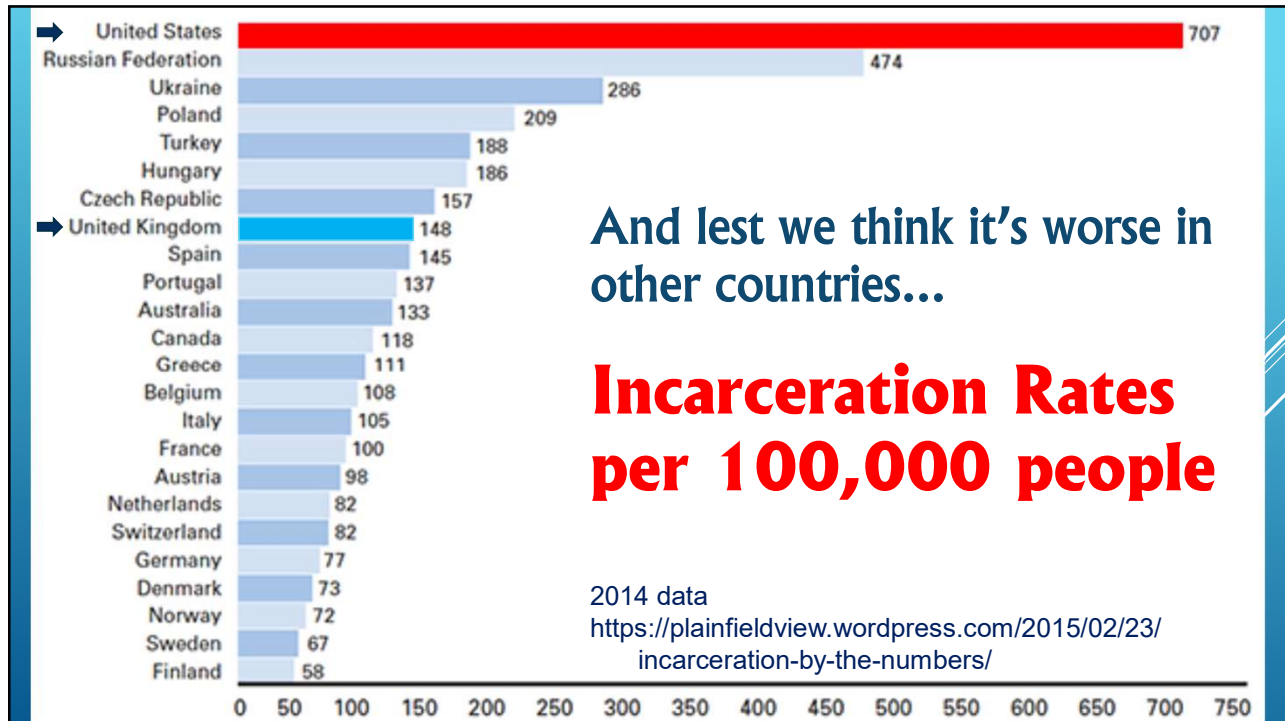
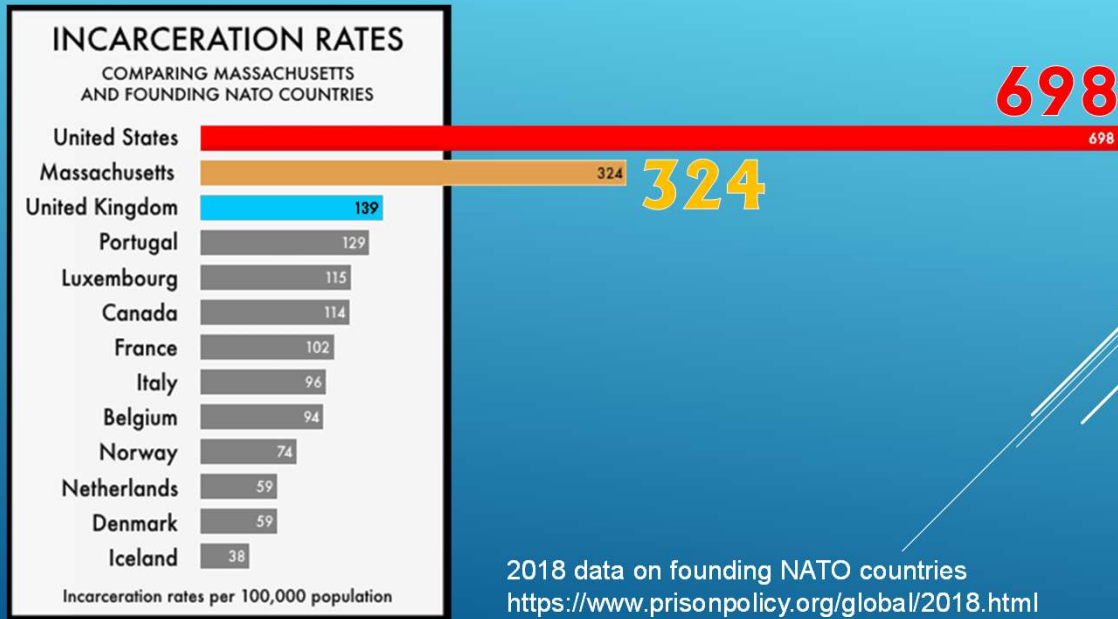
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## The United States has ...



*Source: "18 things you should know about mass incarceration"*  
Southern Poverty Law Center

# To put that in perspective ...

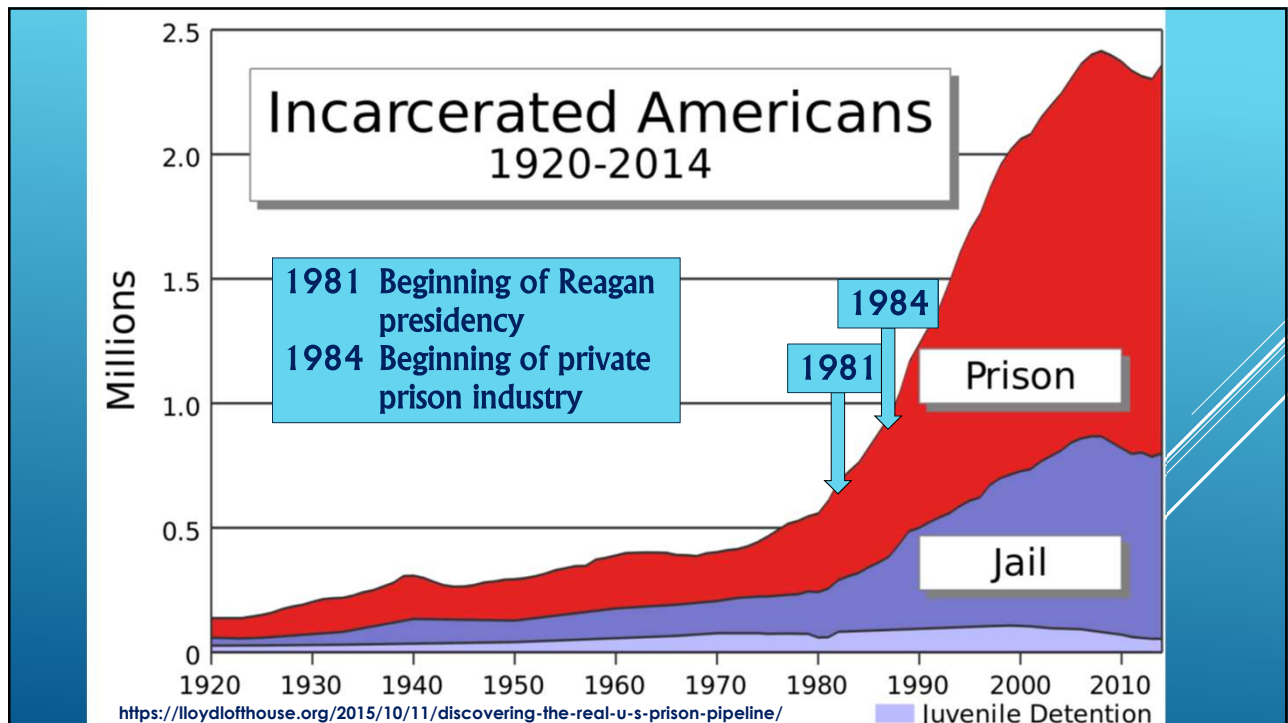
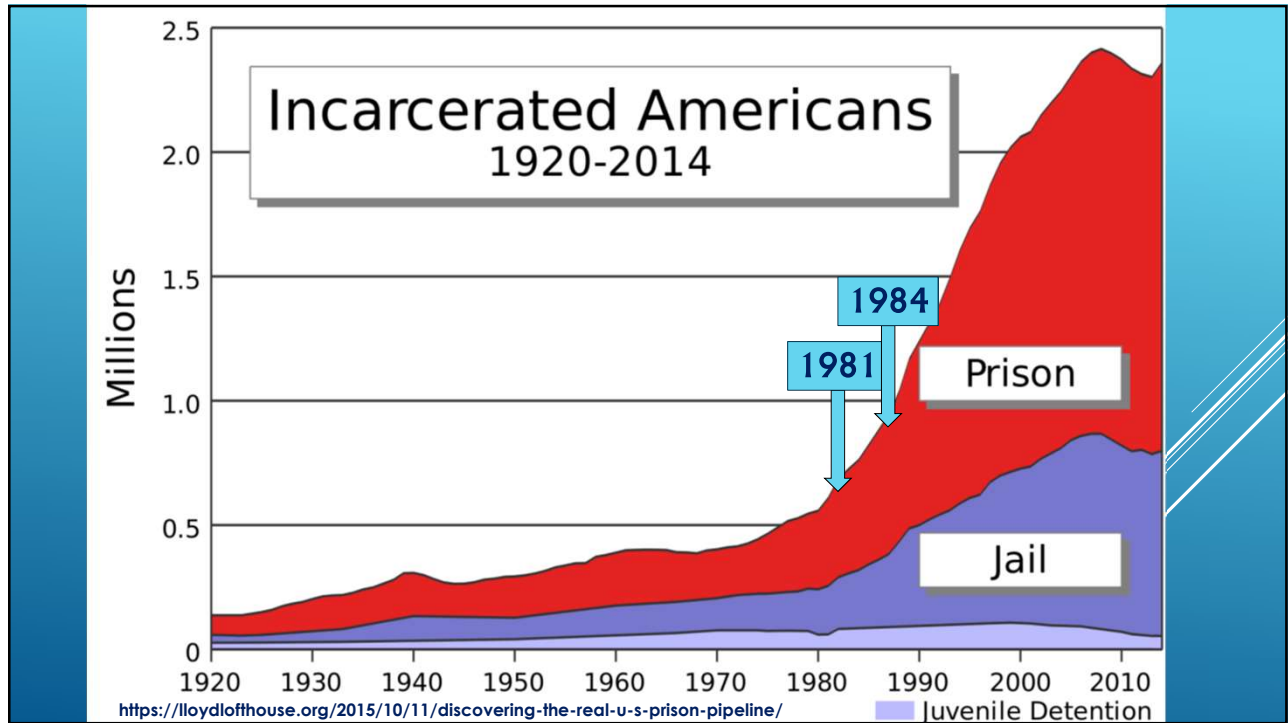


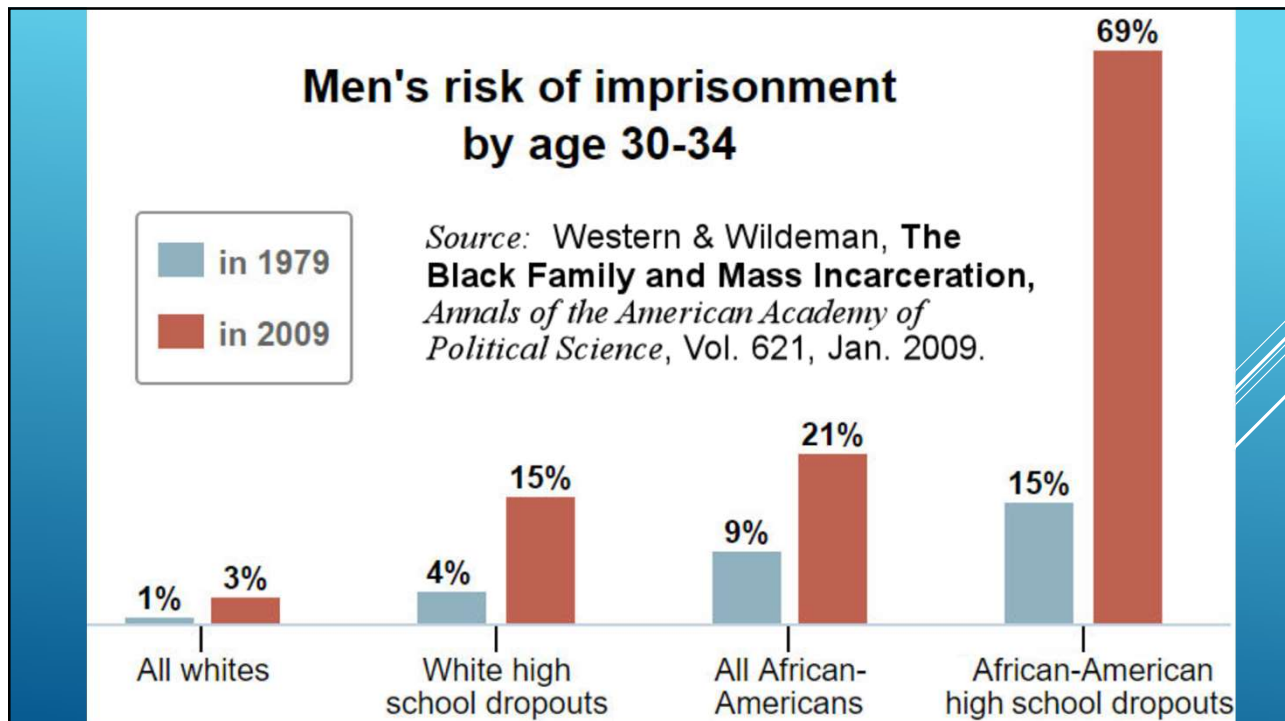
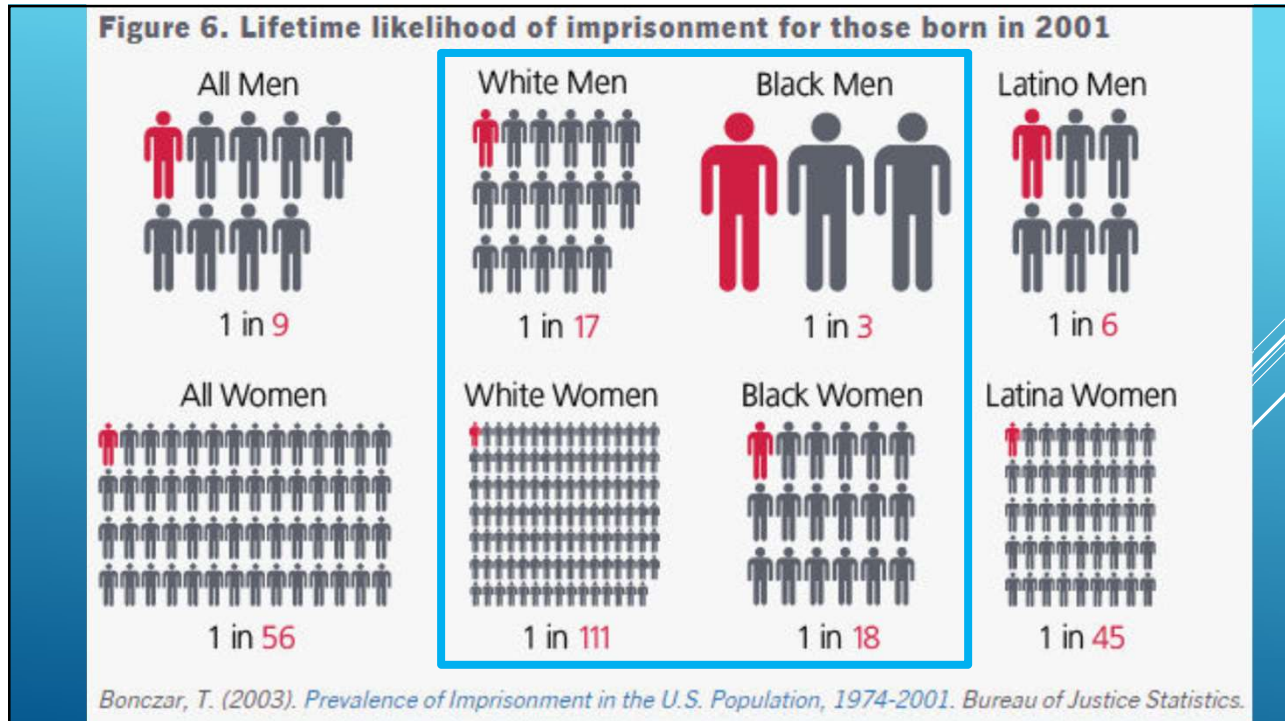
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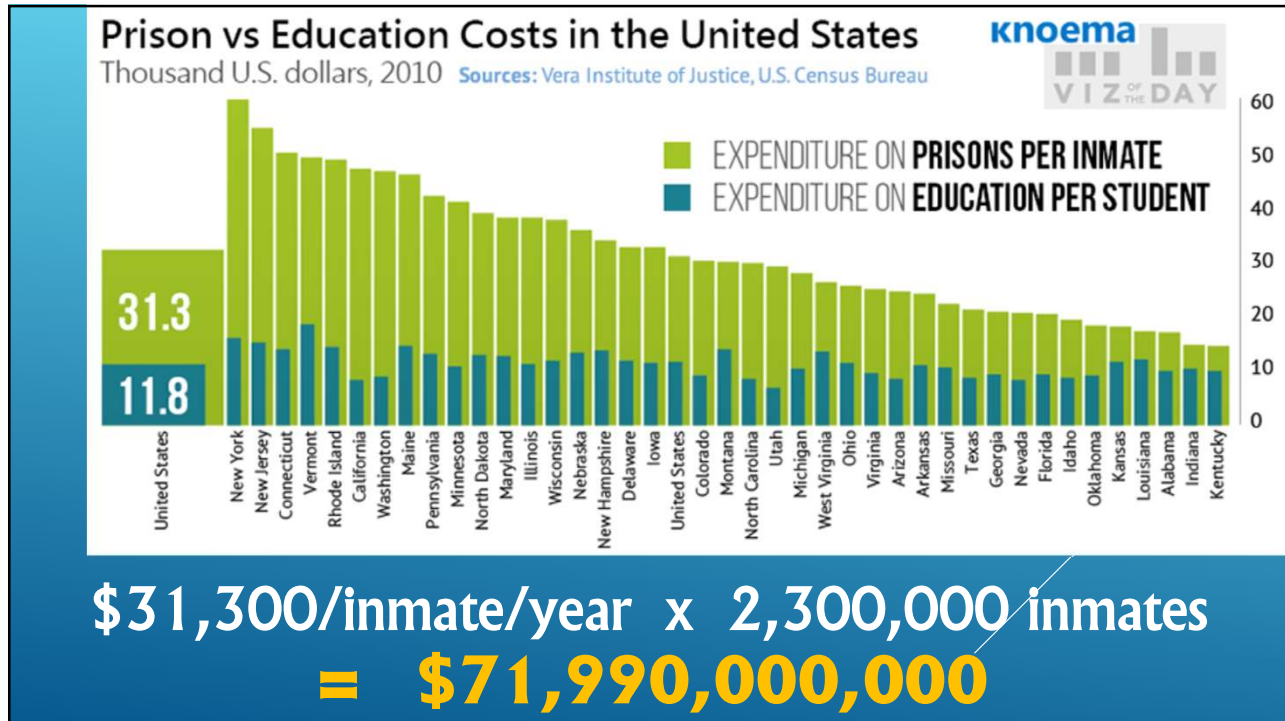
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How did we  
**GET HERE?**







# Addressing Recidivism: NH Correctional Industries

- Furniture Refinishing and Upholstery Services
- Woodworking Services
- Sign Making and Engraving Services
- Printing Services
- NH State License Plate Making



# Addressing Recidivism: NH Correctional Industries

The United States Department of Labor

Office of Apprenticeship

Certificate of Registration of Apprenticeship Program

New Hampshire Department of Corrections

*Registered as part of the National Apprenticeship System  
in accordance with the basic standards of apprenticeship  
established by the Secretary of Labor*

Date

Registration No.



Secretary of Labor

Administrator, Office of Apprenticeship



The logo for UTECH features the word "UTECH" in large, bold, orange letters on a black background. To the right is a stylized orange sunburst. Below the logo is a red banner with the text "BREAKING BARRIERS TO YOUTH SUCCESS" in white.

**Advocating for Re-Entry  
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# The Boston Globe

EDITORIAL

## In the Merrimack Valley, a vital experiment in criminal justice reform

JANUARY 22, 2019

In a handful of courthouses in the Merrimack Valley, an important experiment in criminal justice reform is underway.

Court officials are partnering with UTEC, a Lowell organization that works with some of the toughest young men in the region, to reimagine probation — that critical way station between freedom and imprisonment.

Some 56,000 people statewide are under probationary supervision — either in lieu of a prison sentence, or as they ease their way back into society after months or years behind bars. And the Merrimack Valley pilot program homes in on one crucial subset of that population: young adults, ages 18 to 24.



## Social Enterprises as Paid Work Experience

### Woodworking



### Mattress Recycling



### Food Services



# THE SUN

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## Patriots go deep for Lowell's UTEC

By Alana Melanson

LOWELL — UTEC members and staff went to Gillette Stadium Monday to give a presentation to the New England Patriots about their mission, and left as the first recipients of the new Patriots Social Justice Fund.

Players Devin McCourty and Matthew Slater surprised the organization with a \$75,000 grant, the first award made from fund.

The Patriots shared a video marking the event on the organization's official Twitter page late Wednesday afternoon.

"A group of us have already researched what you do, and you guys might not have known but as players we've set up our own player fund and we decided to select you guys as an organization that we want to donate to because we saw the work you do and how great it is, and it's all the things that we believe in as a team," McCourty said in the video footage.



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## OUTCOMES & IMPACT • SNAPSHOT | FY2017 •

**RECIDIVISM — EMPLOYMENT — EDUCATION**

### UTEC OUTCOMES

- 90%** of young adults served were not arrested during the year.
- 99%** were not convicted.
- 78%** of young adults who left UTEC programming were employed two years later.
- 32%** of young adults engaged in our HISET classes obtained a high school credential within the last year.

Learn more at [www.utec-lowell.org](http://www.utec-lowell.org)

### MA and U.S. OUTCOMES

- 49%** of 18-24 year-olds incarcerated to county facilities in Massachusetts are not re-arraigned within 1 year.\*
- Former inmates earn, on average, 40% less than they would, had they not been incarcerated. In Massachusetts this totals \$760 million annually in lost wages.\*\* UTEC works to help our young adults avoid this potential wage loss.
- 40%**
- <20%** of incarcerated males ages 18-24 nationally have attained at least a high school diploma or GED.\*\*\*

136 young adults ages 17-25 participated in our intensive programming in FY17.

- 93%** HAD A CRIMINAL RECORD
- 72%** WERE GANG INVOLVED
- 69%** HAD NO HIGH SCHOOL CREDENTIAL
- 36%** WERE PREGNANT OR PARENTING

96% met multiple risk criteria, including 11% who had all four.

**750+** additional young adults were served through Streetworker engagement, enrichment activities, and other events.

\*Statistic from CSG Justice Center, shared with UTEC via email, September 2016. \*\*Forman, B. and Larivee, J. (2013). Crime, cost, and consequences: Is it time to get smart on crime. Boston: MassINC. \*\*\*Schiraldi, V., Western, B., and Bradner, K. (2015). Community-based responses to justice-involved young adults. New Thinking in Community Corrections. Cambridge, MA: Harvard Kennedy School.

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