MEET THE BUILDERS OF THE DRUG PRISON BOOM

NY Gov. Nelson Rockefeller laid the 1st brick in 1973, his harsh sentences were copied in many states & the federal government.

Pres. Ronald Reagan in 1981 declared the "war on drugs." Aiming lots of money at military-style policing in urban areas.

CA Gov. Pete Wilson hit a political home run: 25 years to life for a 3rd felony (even non-violent.) The law was copied by 22 states & the federal government.

Pres. Bill Clinton: Some folks call me a liberal, but watch how tough I am on crime!

Increased sentences

Banned people with drug convictions from welfare and food stamps

No student loans if you are incarcerated or a former "drug felon."

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