

## Specious Verisimilitude

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In Susan Greene's (Denver Post [http://www.denverpost.com/search/ci\\_16545619](http://www.denverpost.com/search/ci_16545619)) column she exposed a "controversial study" by Colorado's Corrections Department that allegedly claims to debunk the long and widely held theory that solitary confinement harms prisoners. This despite innumerable examples such as America's asylums of the 40's, 50's and 60's and reams of studies to the contrary and all the empirical evidence available. While the world, reality and Ms. Green were understandably incredulous, we the Administrative Segregation inmates, chief researcher Maureen O'Keefe claims to have been aghast and horrified at the idea that any legitimate person could possibly give credit to a self-serving, self-generated and unscrupulous "study." Colorado's State Corrections chief researcher? Maureen O'Keefe (who called the report "her baby") has said "her office launched the 'project' largely because her department was concerned about being cited for civil rights violations." Not surprisingly and rightfully so.

Considering that Colorado already houses inmates in Administrative Segregation (solitary confinement) at nearly 3 times the national average and at a cost of more than twice the average of inmates housed in the general population. Another factor for Colorado taxpayers to consider is that during 2010 with a \$300 million budget deficit the DOC opened a new \$300 million Ad Seg Facility Centennial Correctional Facility South (C.C.F. South), formerly C.S.P.II with over 300 of the pricy accommodations.

Furthermore, the facility is already built and has 600+ more cells and there is room to be a-bail-in of over 600 more souls to be damned to D.O.C. purgatory. This new facility built with bonds using a witch's brew known as Incremental Financing to circumvent Colorado's TABOR (Taxpayers Bill of Rights Amendment) has to open because an empty facility cannot payback bondholders (Colorado's Dirty Little Secret). So while the rest of Colorado and its citizens face a projected \$1.3 Billion deficit for 2011, Colorado's Department of Corrections continues its irresponsible expensive expansion in good times and bad.

As a man who has fully experienced, recently and currently, all Colorado's Ad Seg programs have to offer, I can personally testify that it's self-reasoning and self-findings are completely and demonstrably untrue.

I have never seen Chief Researcher Maureen O'Keefe here when the hooting and howling of the jungle howls reverberate back and forth off the walls at night. I doubt she's ever experienced the urine splash or the pre-prepared package of excrement that is regularly delivered by its supposedly happy customers.

Frankly, concerning the C.D.O.C. self-examination and the seemingly unconditional and astounding self-proclaimed findings about its Ad Seg programs are farcical. If only this sort of self-examination and findings could be utilized throughout history: The Trails of Tears could be the renamed the Trail of Trying To Hard. The Bataan Death March could be the Bataan Tropical Trek. The Holocaust and its death camps could be the holistic camp jamborees for Jews.

If only we “inmates”, the beneficiaries of their newly self-revealed and now self-found palliative largess could too be offered the same opportunity to self-study and self-judge ourselves. Actually, using C.D.O.C.’s own new (baby) model we could now consider self-charging, self-trying, self-interviewing and self-punishment; thereby, the need for the most expensive cells could be eliminated. Taking C.D.O.C.’s method to its logical conclusion, we could obviate the need for C.D.O.C. altogether and instead Colorado could re-open the (soon to be famous) prisoners Colorado’s cathartic, corrective, cell curation therapy, turning the state of Colorado’s expected \$1.3 Billion deficit into an incalculable budget surplus AND at the same time create job, jobs, jobs.

Or perhaps anybody possessing half-a-brain and a foot in reality will easily recognize this delusion of a study as their self-serving claptrap that it so obviously is.

Nazi Germany had Hitler who had his Himmler who had the Gestapo. Here in Colorado, we’ve got DOC Executive Director Ari Zavaris, he’s got Maureen O’Keefe and she’s got her abortion. Hey look at that, I’m feeling better already.

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