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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
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Issue: Inmate internet usage
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Message: I am, quite frankly, a liberal. So I find it odd that I am questioning the following:

"Why are inmates allowed to use the Internet?"

Perhaps I am not as liberal as I profess to be, but I do not understand the validity of allowing inmates to use the Internet. There are so many ways to abuse the Internet. Who better to abuse this than inmates? Where do we draw the line with inmates? It cannot be easy to live in a prison, but to allow them "all the comforts of home" does not imply punishment. Help me to understand the luxuries that inmates possess. There are countless people outside of jails that do not have even half of the basic necessities in life that our inmates have.

How can they be free to use the phone as much as they do? This only allows more access to the "outside" giving them more power to manipulate those on the outside. (And by the way, I have heard that they can only call collect and the government gets a kickback from the phone company. Is this correct?)

I can approve of televisions in prison. If prisoners are not aware of what is going on outside, it will be more difficult for them to adjust when they enter society. I am not suggesting that inmates not learn about using computers, but Internet access?? Where is the punishment?

I do not begin to say I understand how the entire prison system works, and I am sure we only see a watered down version of prison life, but from what I do see, I find no real punishment, just confinement.

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