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## "Prison Abolition? The Uses and Abuses of Incarceration"

Across the political spectrum, many think that prison systems, around the globe, are in need of major reform. But some have come to believe that prisons should be abolished altogether. Angela Davis, perhaps the most influential thinker in this latter group, has defended prison abolition as a morally required and realistic political goal. My aim is to critically examine the moral case she makes for this position.