Chapter 13
The Mass Incarceration of Undocumented Latinos/as in the Prison–Immigration Industrial Complex: The Collateral Consequences

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ABSTRACT
In this chapter, the authors discuss the current mass incarceration of Latinos/as in the United States. While Latinos/as have always been overrepresented in the criminal justice system, especially in relation to their population size, the number of Latinos/as, especially those who are undocumented, is now increasing at epidemic proportions in prison. Paralleling the Black experience about mass incarceration, which has its historical roots in slavery, the authors discuss impact of mass incarceration on the Latino/a community, and how mass incarceration places the Latino/a population at-risk for destruction of its community, most notably the family. The authors, who are primarily mental health professionals, share their concerns about how mass inca
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In this chapter, the authors discuss some of the “collateral consequences” of the mass incarceration of Latinos/as, especially those Latinos/as who are imprisoned for immigration offenses. Based on the increasing rates of incarceration of Latinos/as, some limited research on the collateral consequences of mass incarceration, and the deportation of Latinos/as who are undocumented, and our collective experiences in working with those affected by mass incarceration, the authors believe that history is repeating itself, with the Latino/a population being the primary target of mass incarceration. In other words, we are now witnessing the beginning of the collateral consequences of mass incarceration and deportation on the Latino/a community. We fear that over time, the collateral consequences will be similar, if not identical, to what has occurred to the African American community.

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