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Government Poisoned Generation With Lead, Then Imprisoned Victims for Brain Damage

A GPS investigation reveals the U.S. government knowingly allowed corporations to pump 8 million tons of lead into the environment for 70 years, causing permanent brain damage in children that manifested as crime 20 years later. Instead of acknowledging this environmental poisoning, policymakers blamed 'moral poverty' and imprisoned millions of victims through 'tough on crime' laws enacted during the 1990s 'superpredator' panic.

QUOTABLES

For most of the century lead poisoning, in all its guises, was silenced by design

The superpredators were never the children. The real predator was the lead we let poison themu2014and the system that imprisoned them for it

ACCOUNTABILITY

EPA Administrator (delayed lead phasedown until 1973), Surgeon General (ignored 1925 warning), state legislators who enacted Three Strikes laws (1993-1995), and federal officials who provided grants incentivizing mass incarceration policies

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