

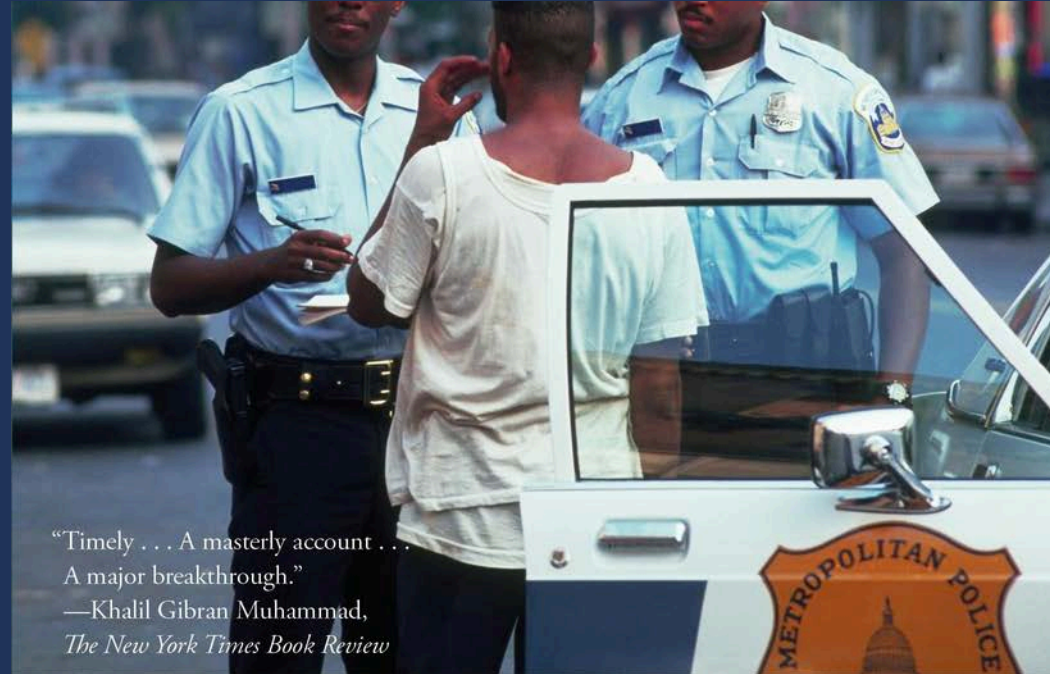
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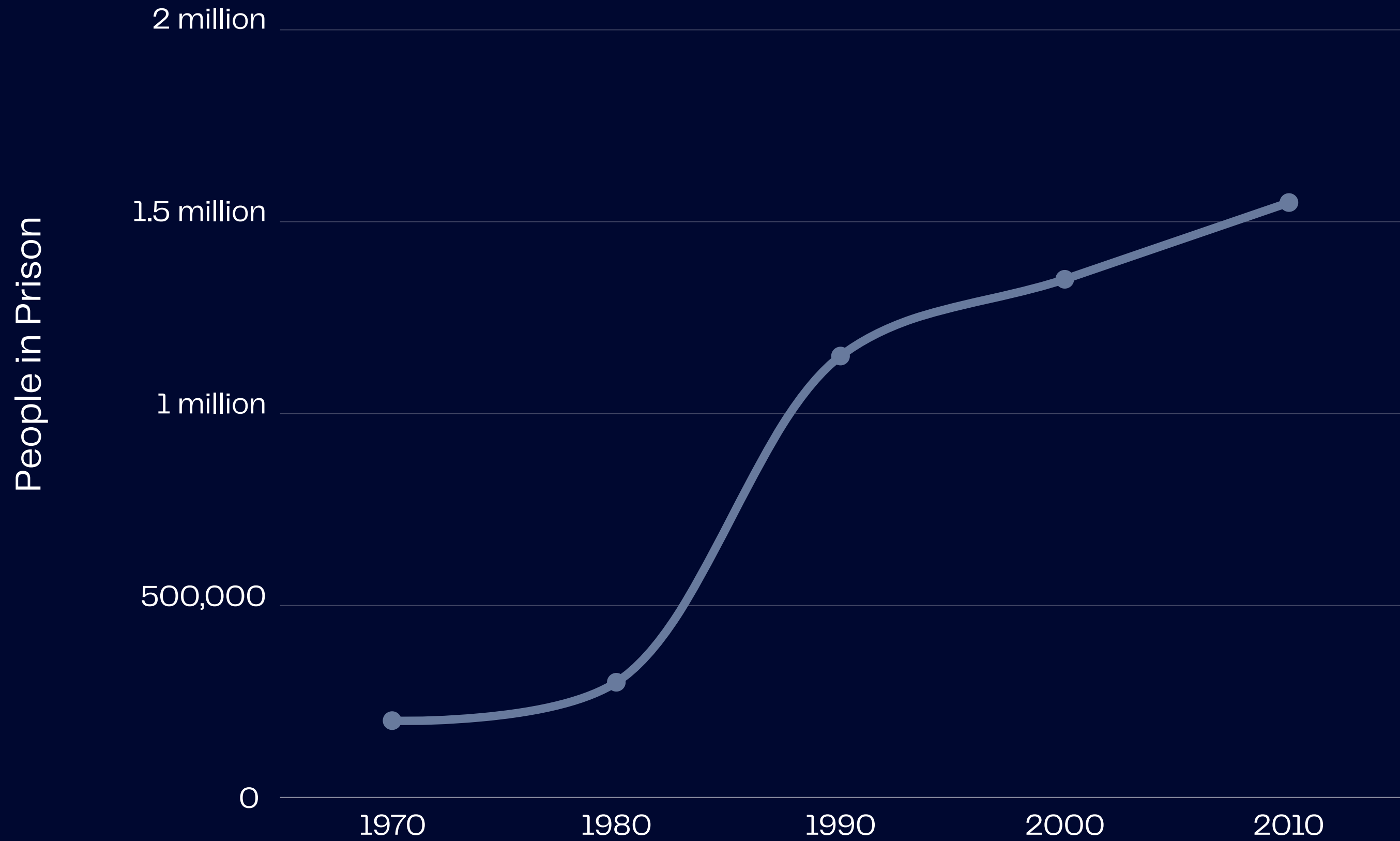


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OUR OWN
Crime and
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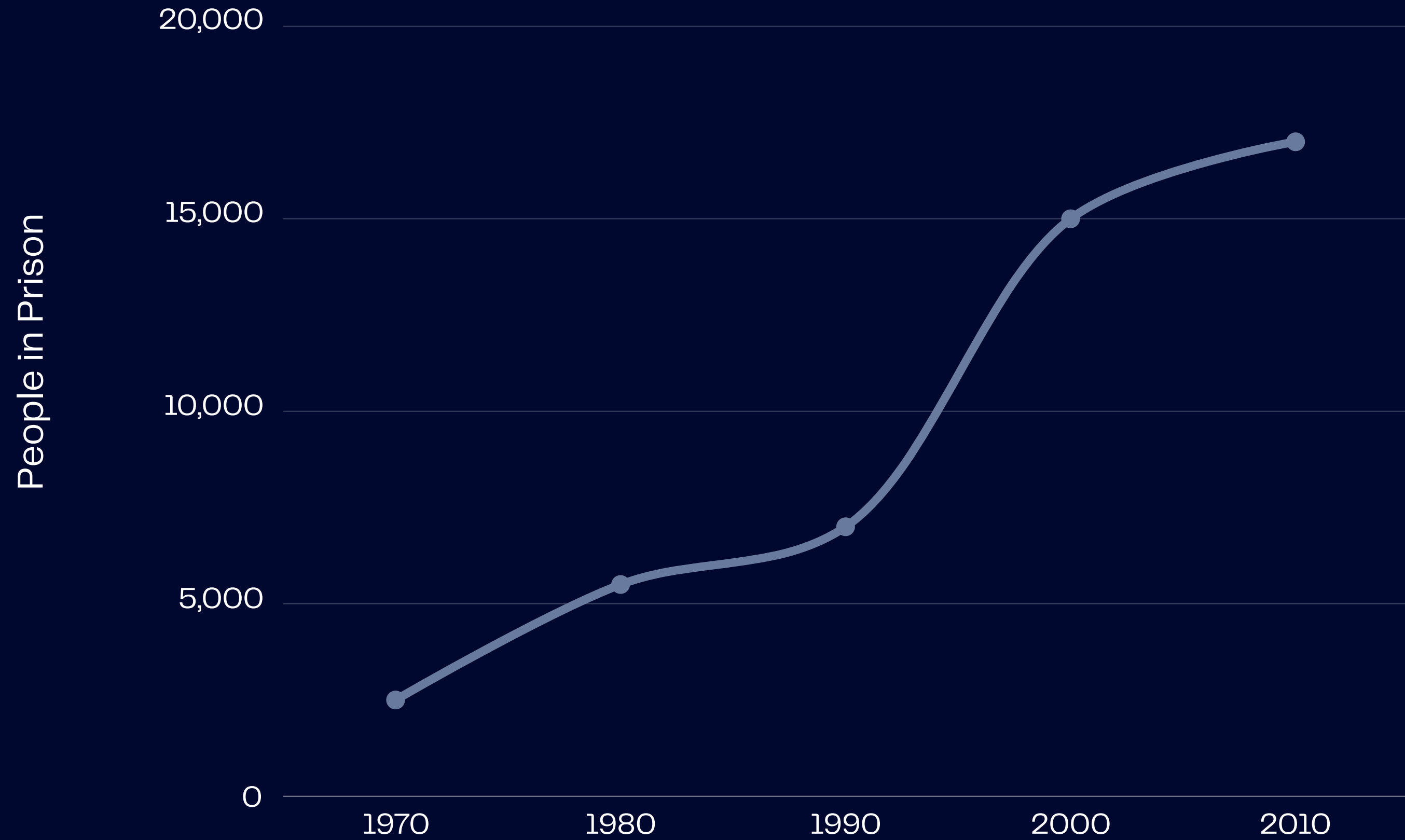


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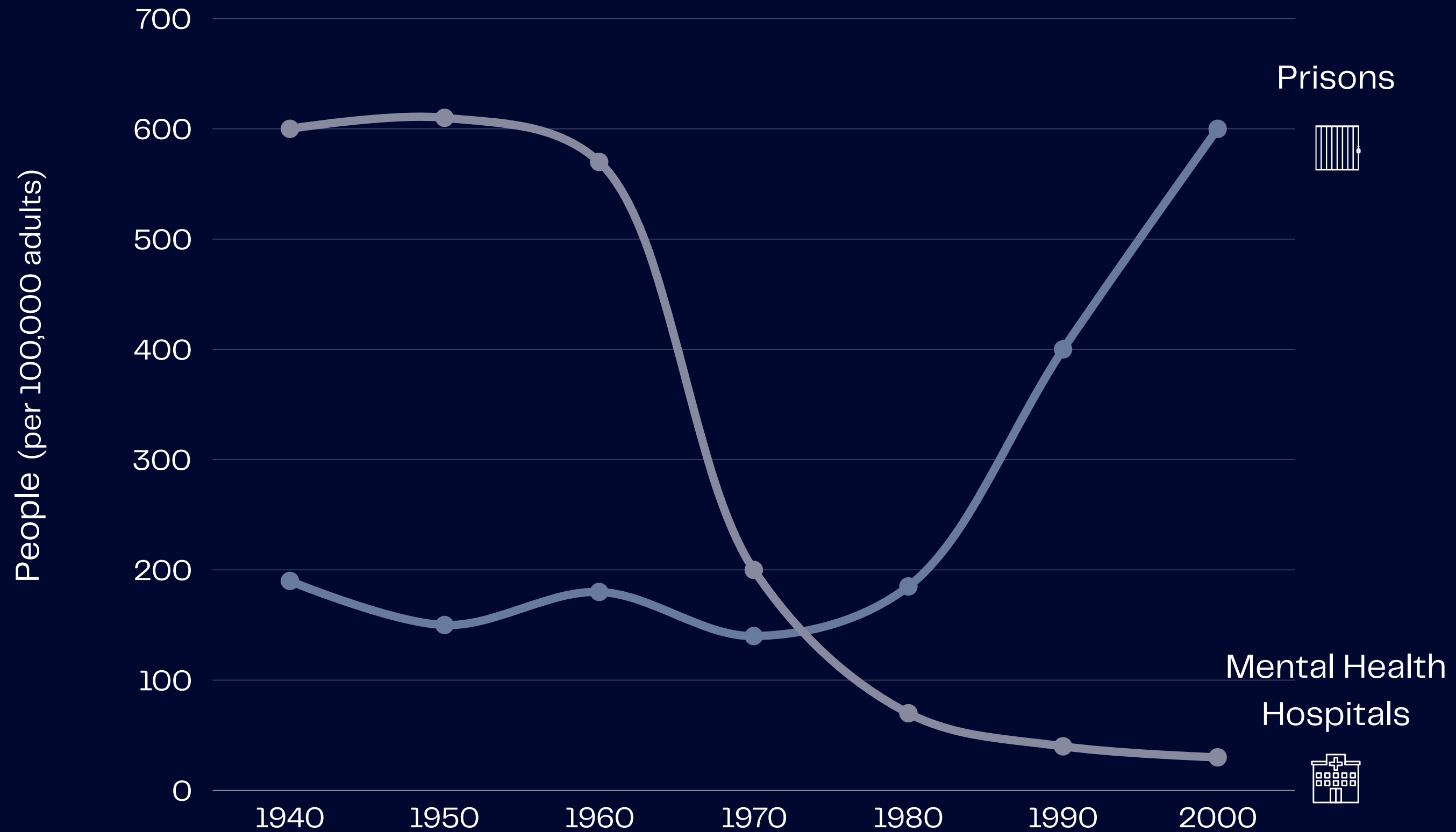
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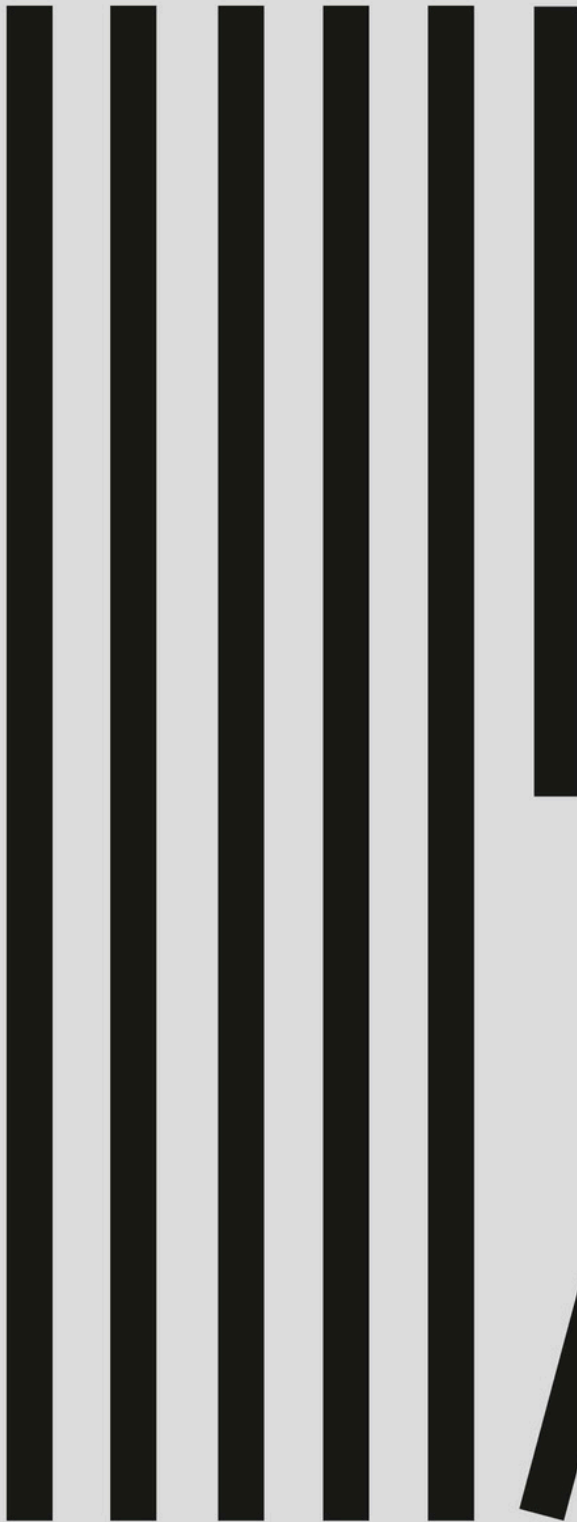


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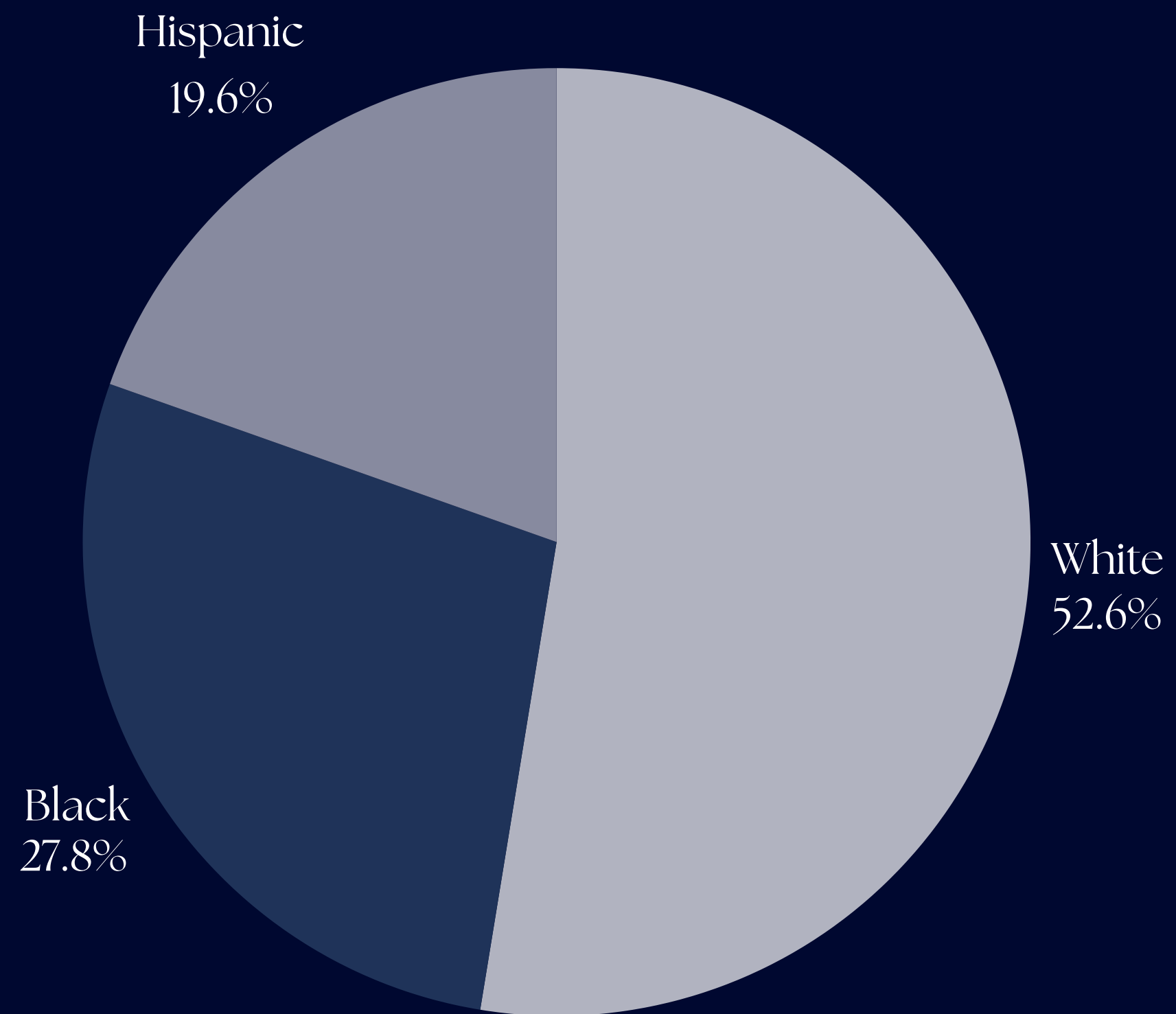


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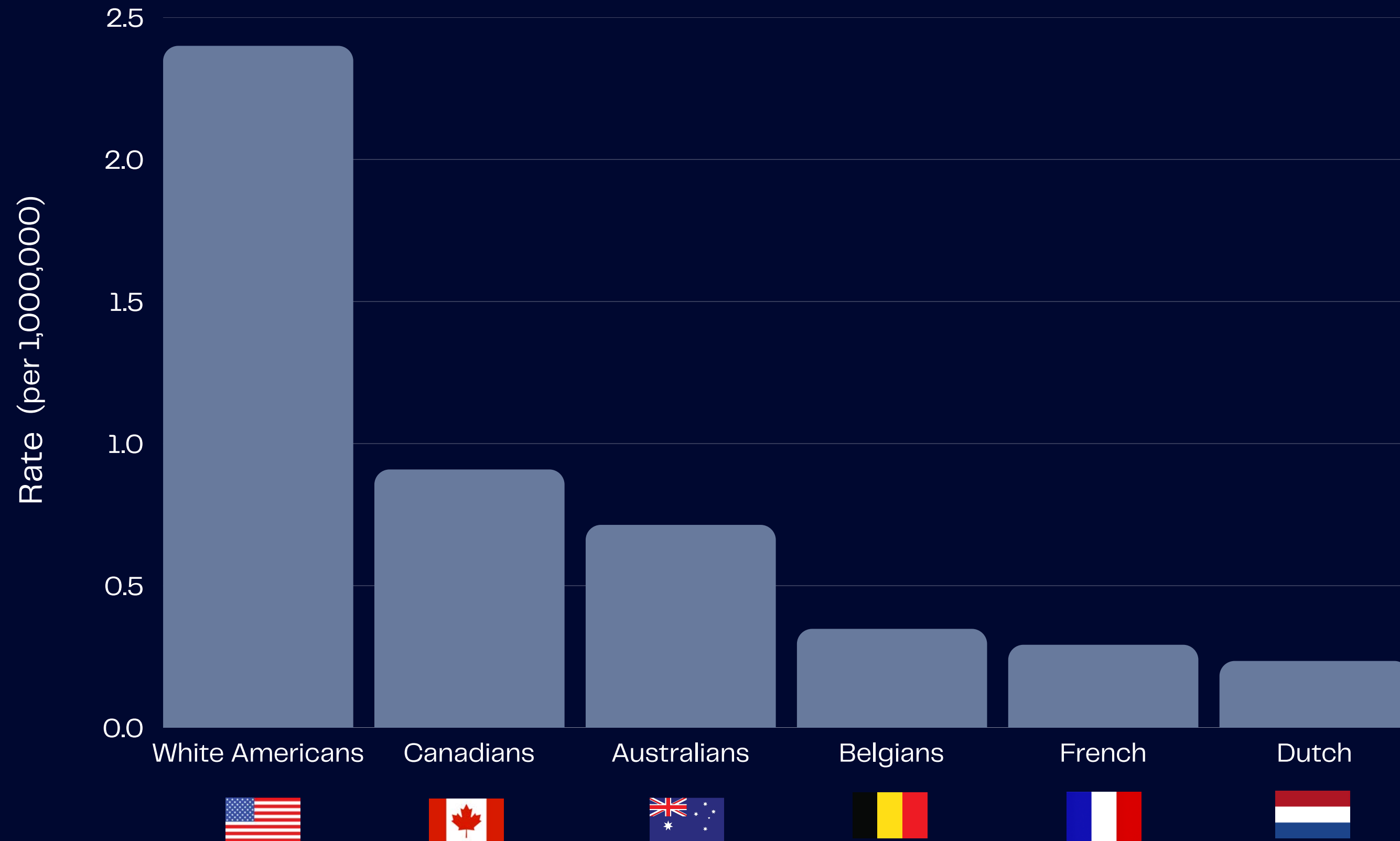


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...24 gelassen. Und wenn der Herr heute selber im Himmel werden

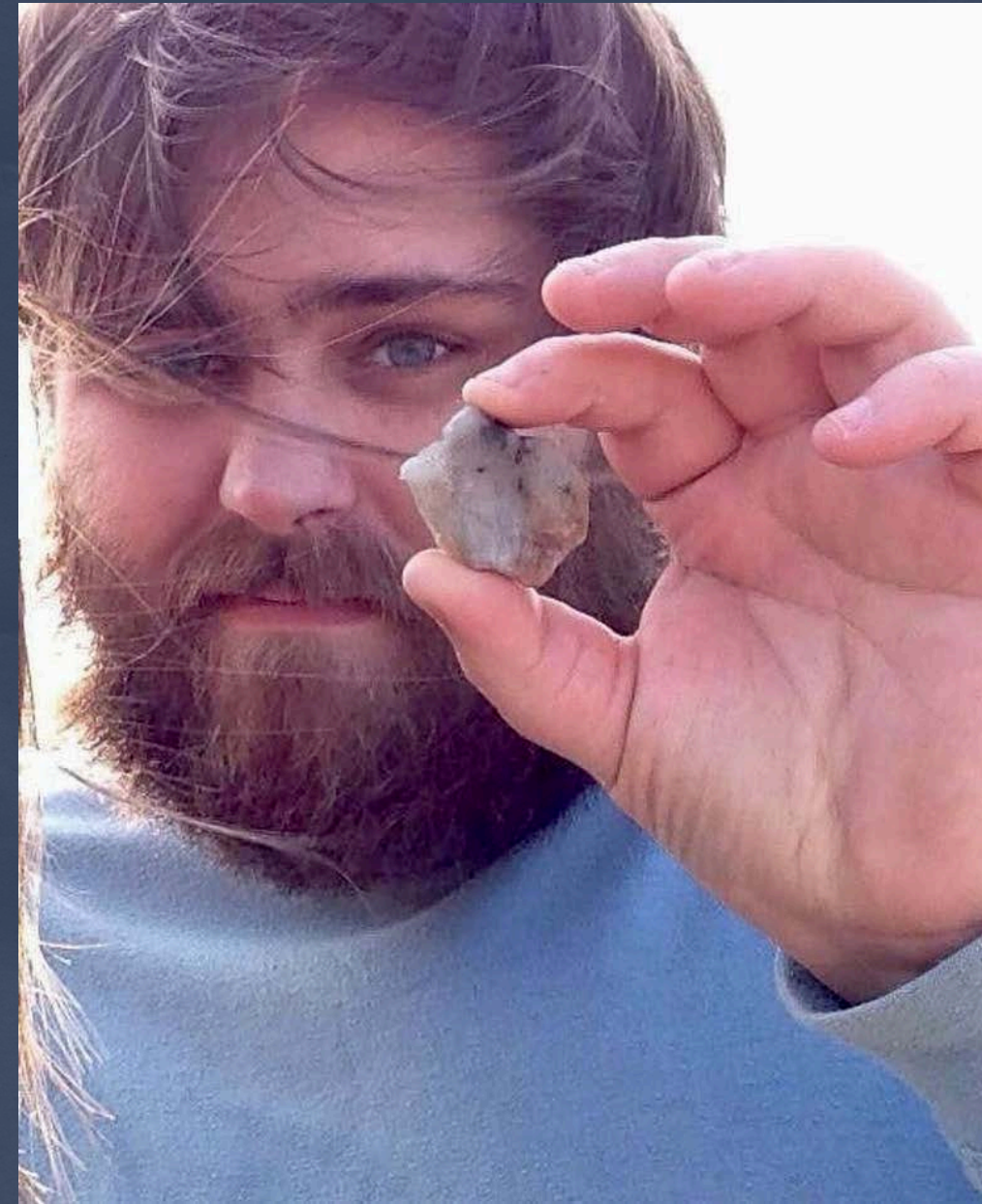
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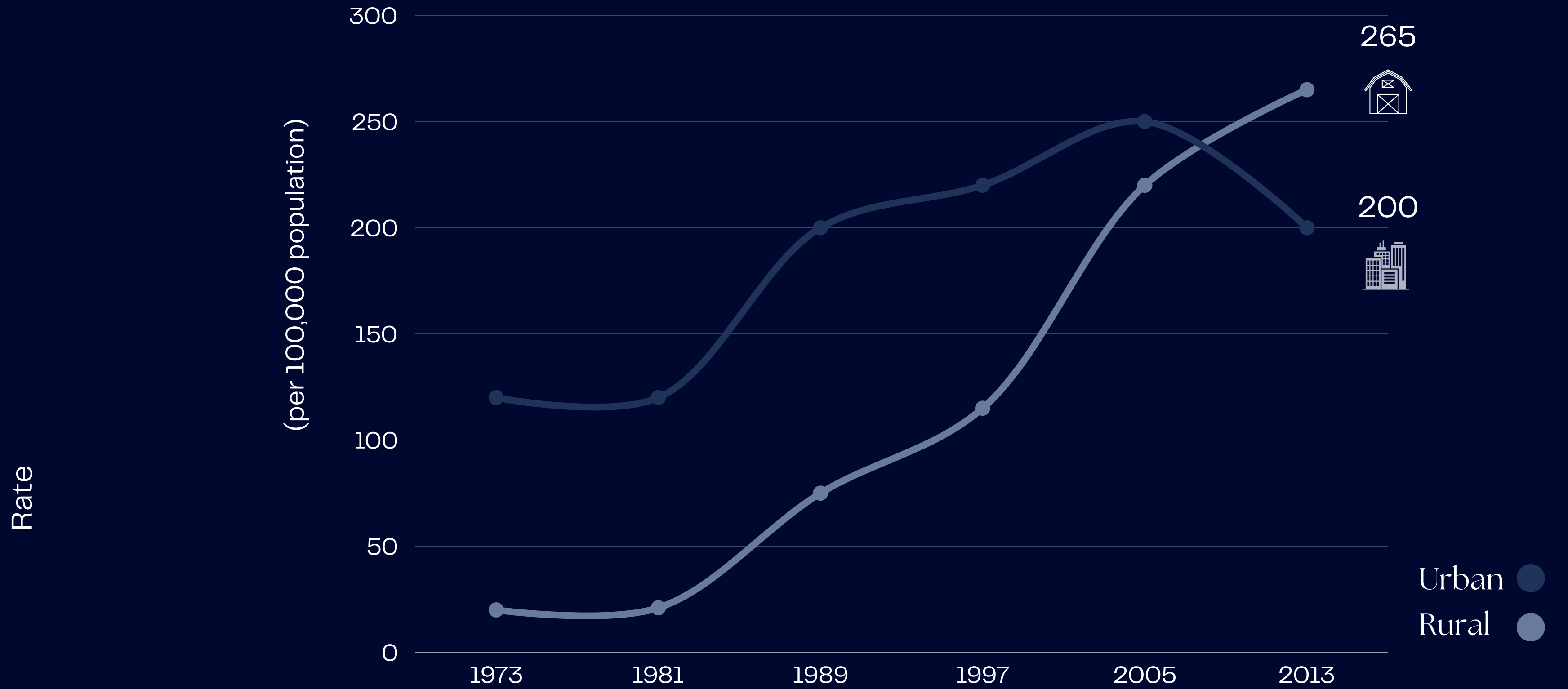
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“You isolate yourself, you know, even though the other person don’t know what you’re going through, you really don’t want to open up and talk to them about it.

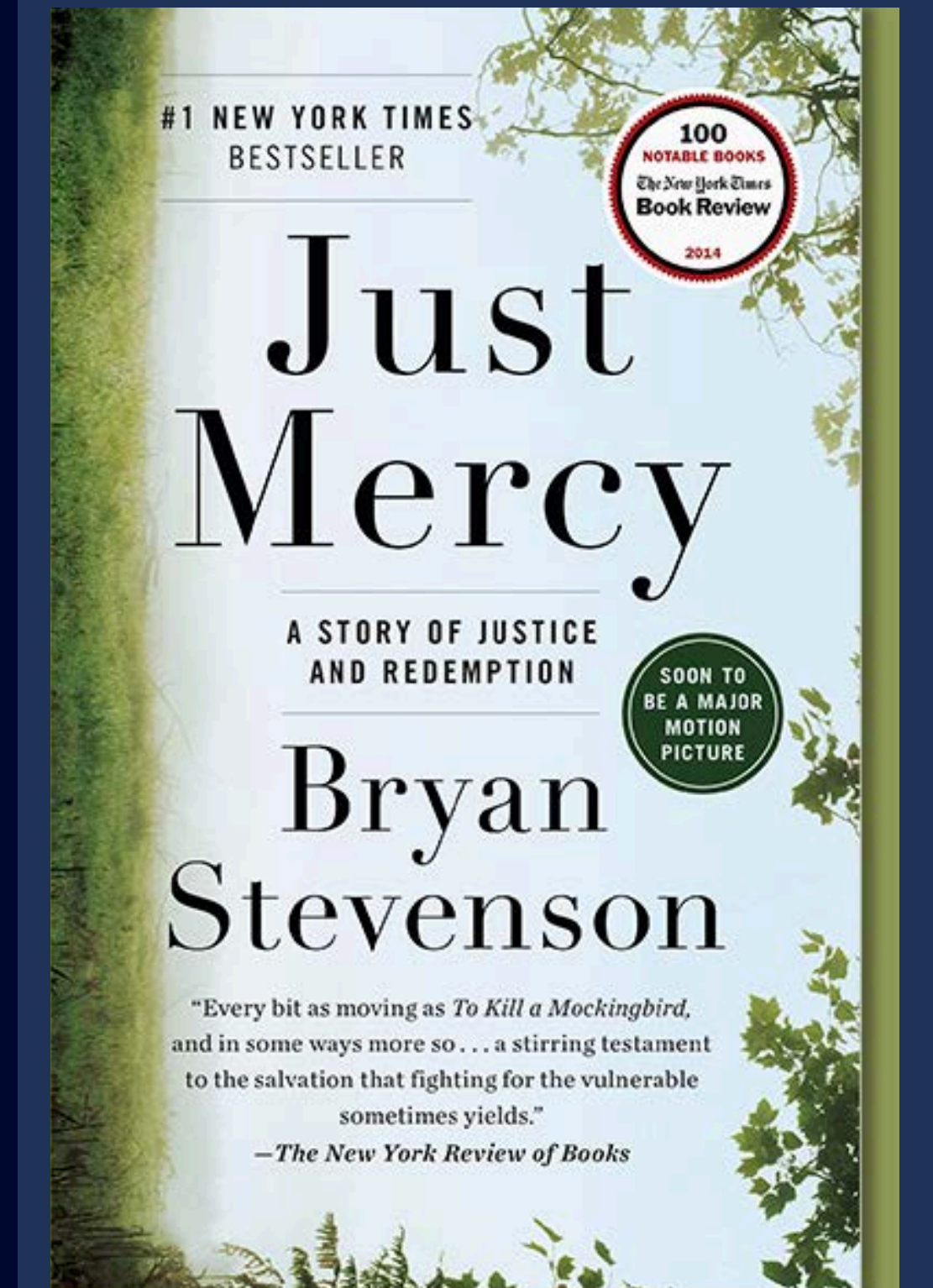
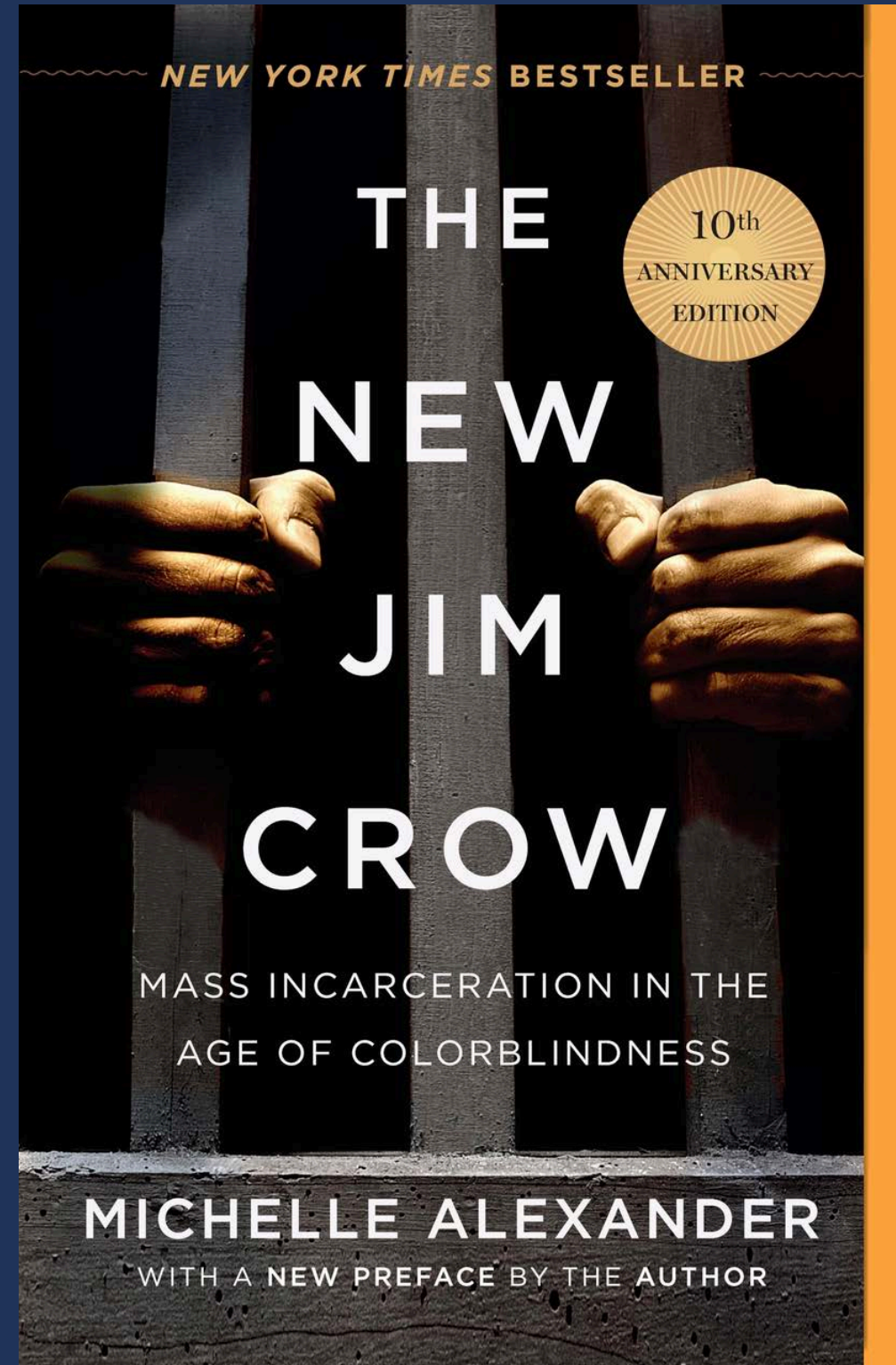
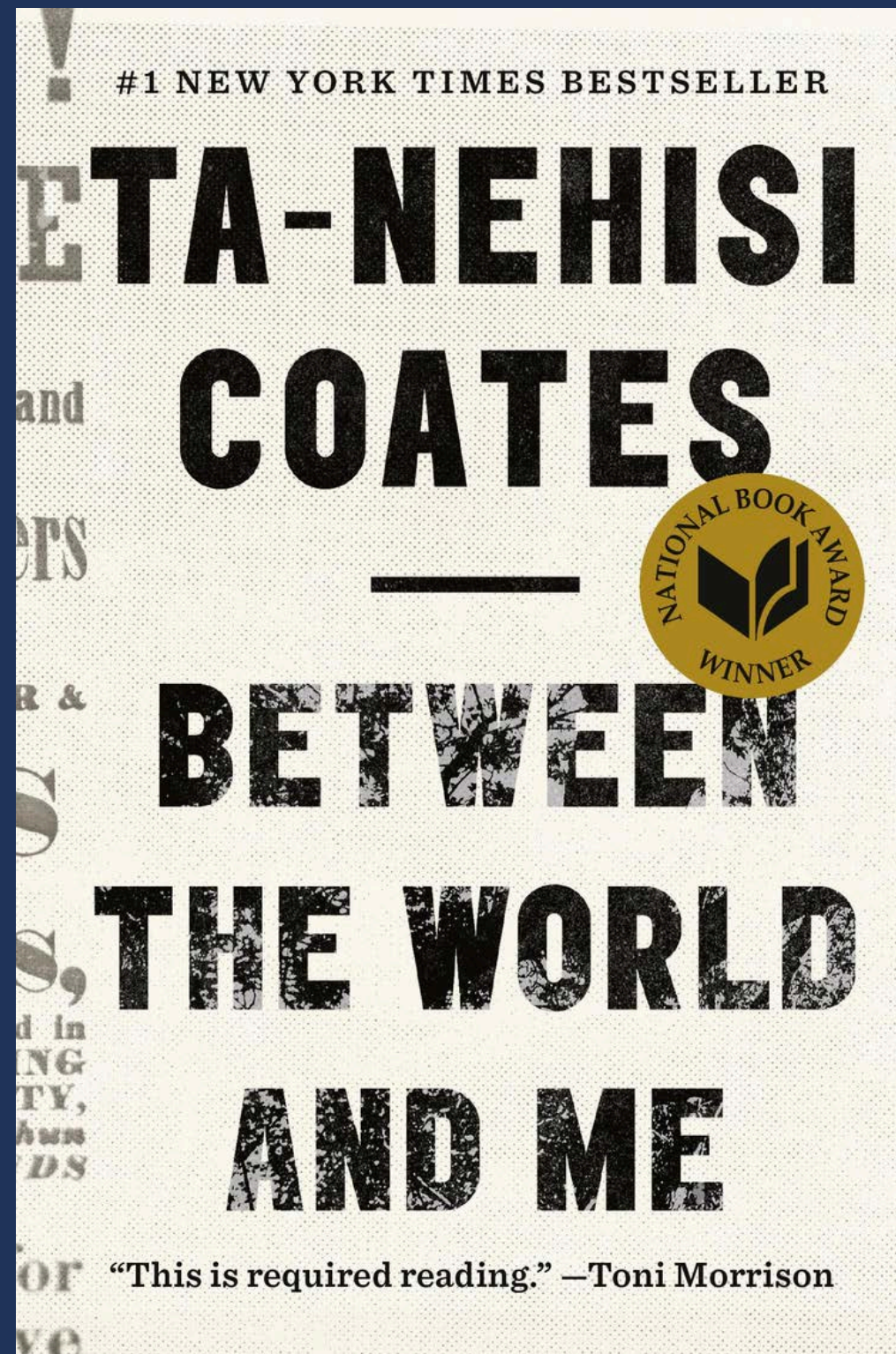
You don’t want them knowing about your business.

I just don’t like the idea of people knowing that he’s incarcerated.”

Louisa, husband incarcerated

“Regardless of what you feel like you’ve done for your kid, it still comes back on you, and you feel like, ‘Well maybe I did something wrong. Maybe I messed up. You know, maybe if I had did it this way, then it wouldn’t have happened that way.’”

Constance, son incarcerated





The Drum Major Instinct, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.





