Toward Global Human Flourishing

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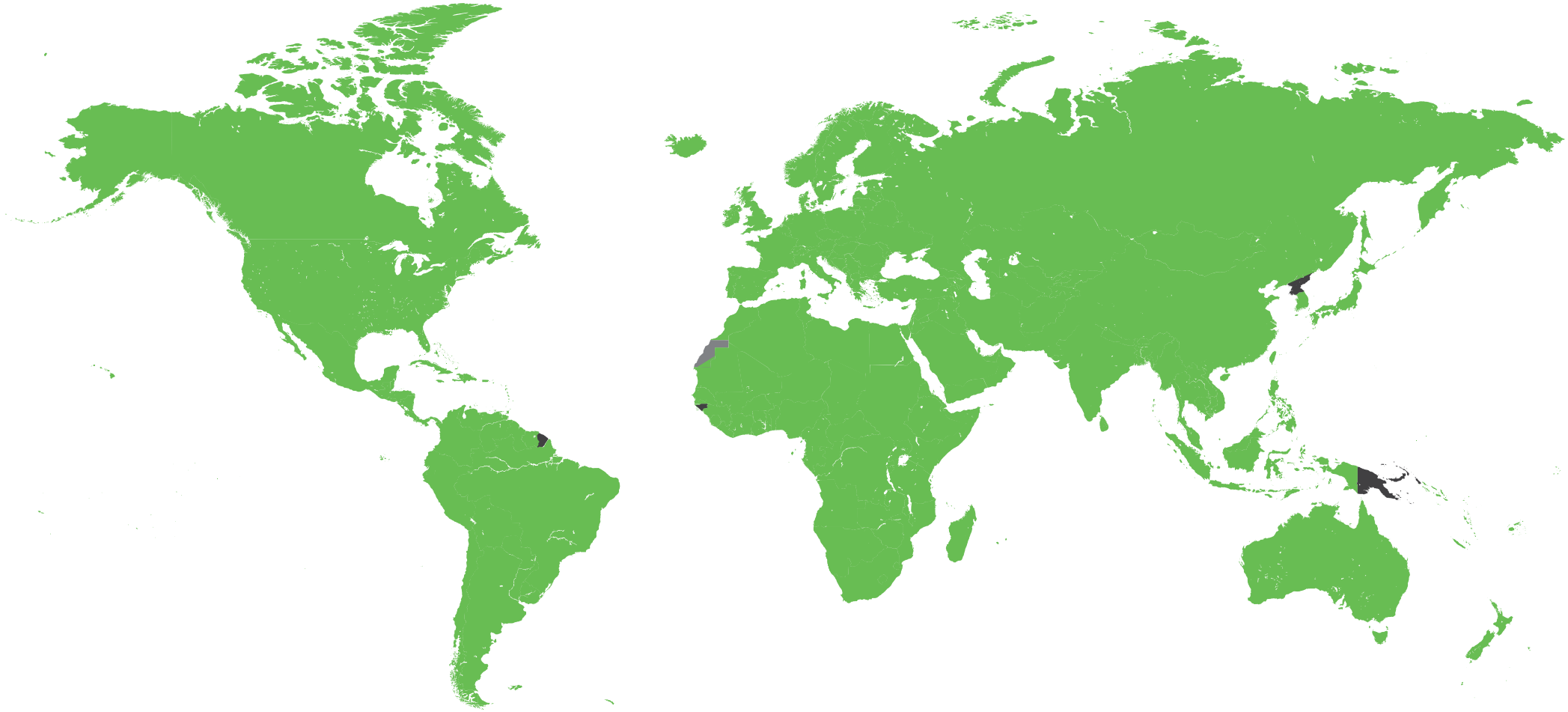
The Gallup World Poll: Country Coverage



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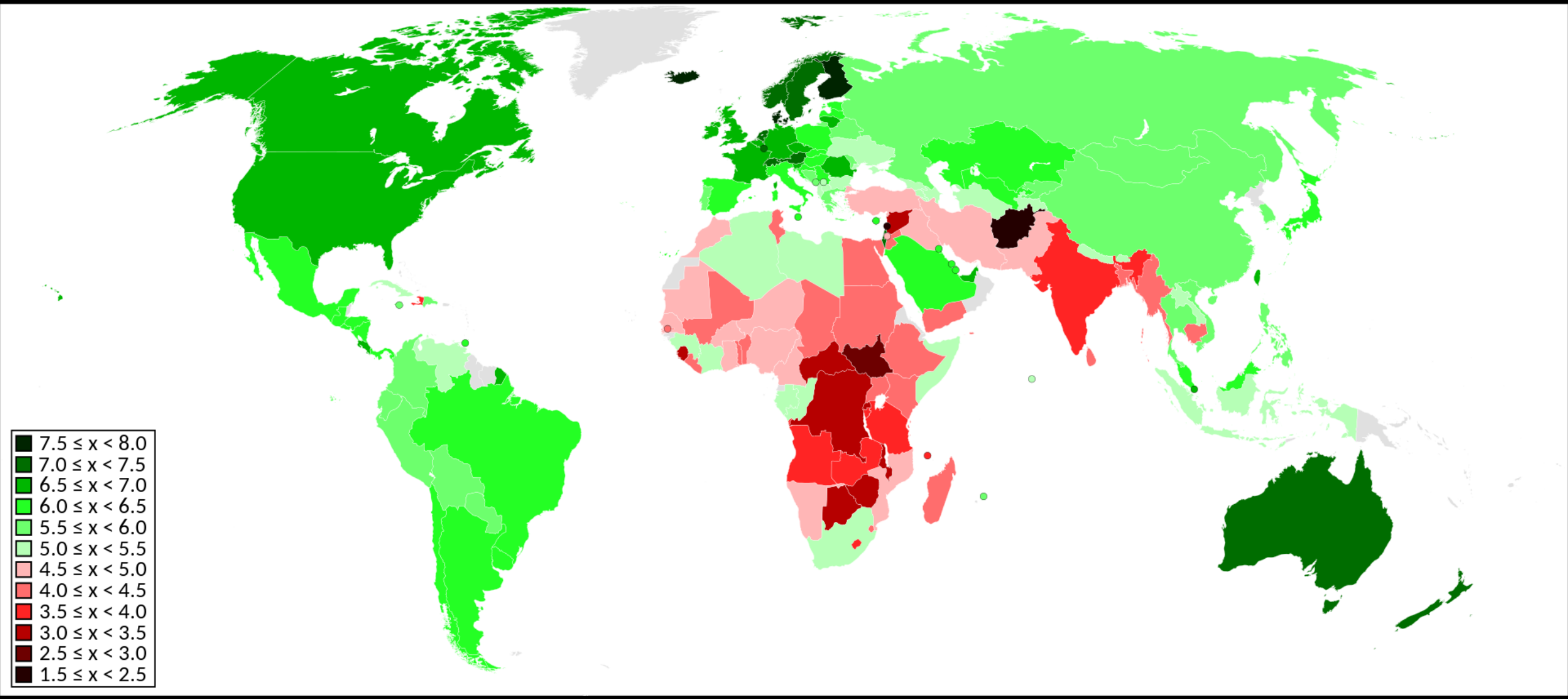
Measuring Happiness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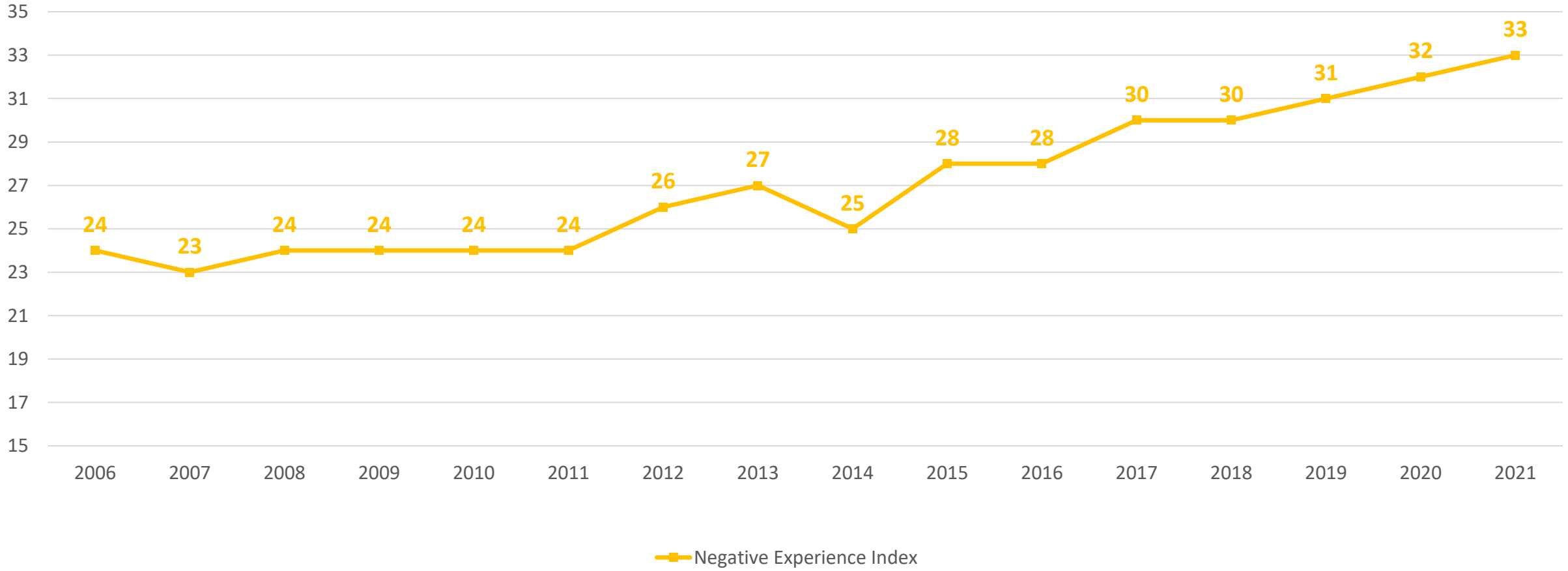
The World’s Official Statistics for *Unhappiness*

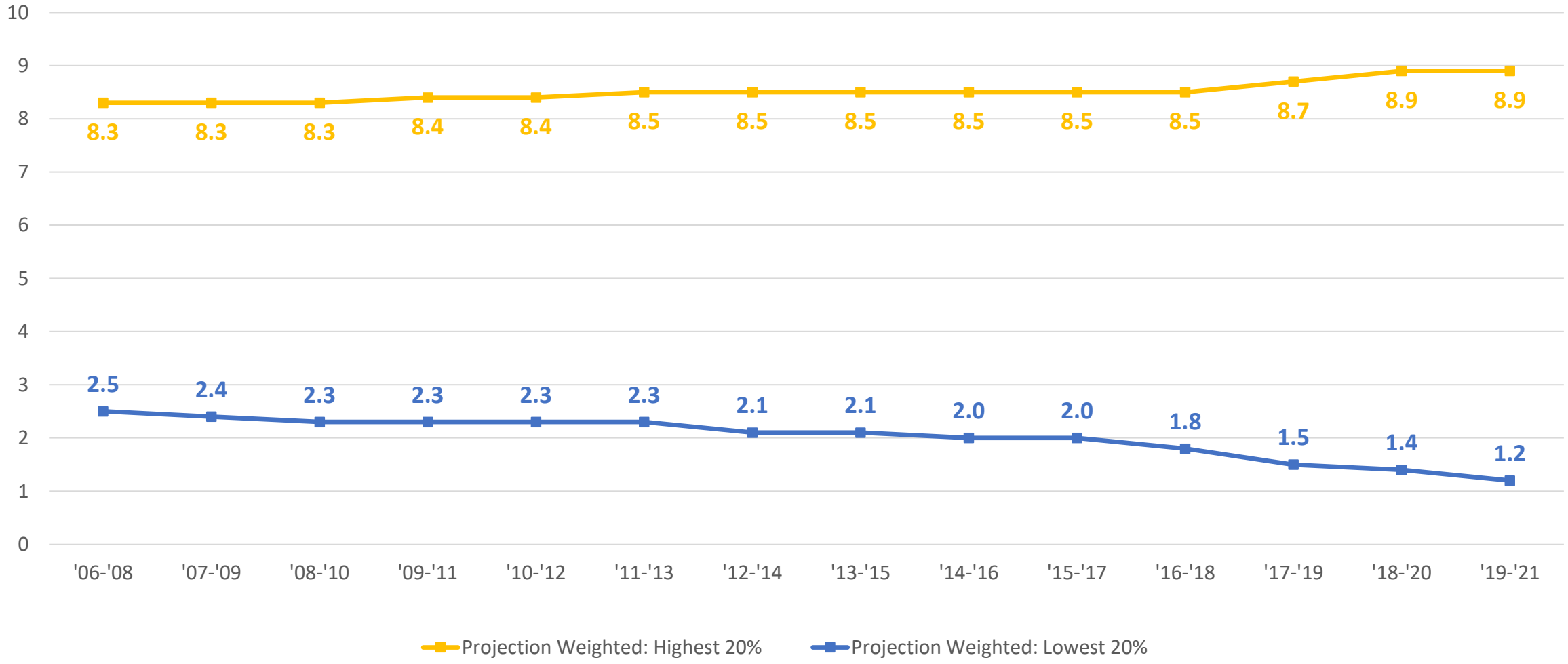
The Global Rise of Unhappiness

The Negative Emotions Index measures experienced anger, stress, worry, physical pain and sadness



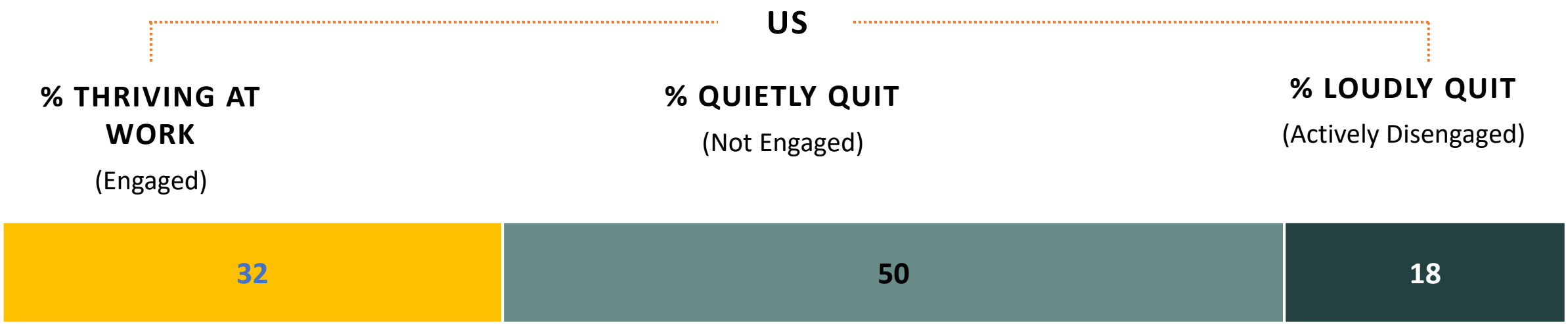
Rising Wellbeing Inequality

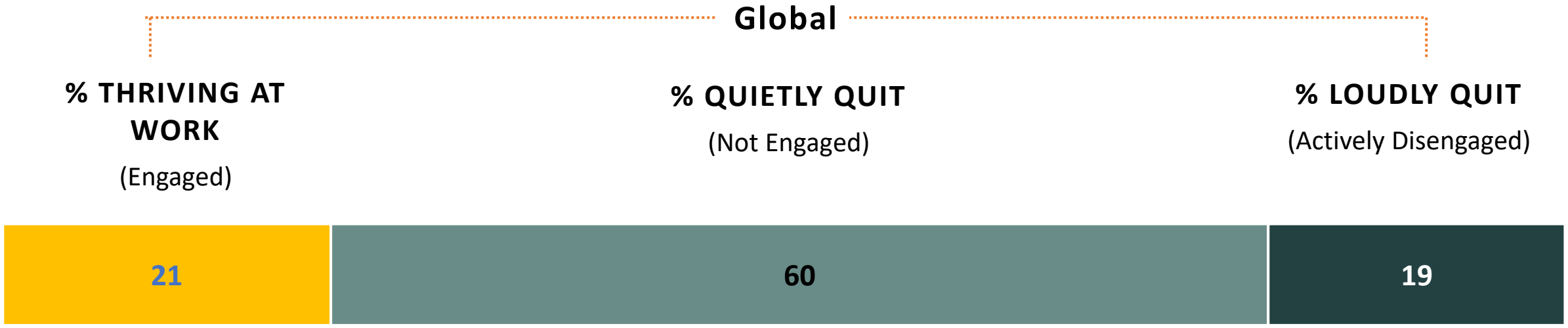
The highest and lowest quintiles of life evaluation



The Emotional State of the Workplace

How People's Lives Are Going At Work





How Your Life Is Impacted By Your Life At Work

	Thriving at Work (Engaged)	Quietly Quit (Not Engaged)	Loudly Quit (Actively disengaged)	Unemployed
Experiencing a lot of…				
Sadness	24%	27%	42%	43%
Anger	16%	19%	29%	26%
Physical Pain	31%	32%	42%	36%
Stress	28%	36%	50%	44%
Worry	37%	44%	59%	57%

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Human Flourishing Around the World

Human Flourishing Measure

12 Question, 6 Domains
See appendix for full text of the 12 survey questions

Domain 1: Happiness and Life Satisfaction
Domain 2: Mental and Physical Health
Domain 3: Meaning and Purpose
Domain 4: Character and Virtue
Domain 5: Close Social Relationships
Domain 6: Financial and Material Stability

Global Flourishing Study

Key details

- 200,000+ participants from 21 countries
- Roughly half of the world's population
- Nationally representative, probability-based samples
- Five years of panel data
- Richest longitudinal dataset on human flourishing
- Includes adherents to world's largest religious traditions, and people of no religious affiliation

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Human Flourishing Measure
12 Questions, 6 Domains

Domain 1: Happiness and Life Satisfaction

- Overall, how satisfied are you with life as a whole these days?
  [0=Not Satisfied At All; 10 = Completely Satisfied]
- In general, how happy or unhappy do you usually feel?
  [0=Extremely Unhappy, 10=Extremely Happy]

Domain 2: Mental and Physical Health

- How would you rate your overall physical health?
  [0=Poor, 10=Excellent]
- How would you rate your overall mental h*ealth*
  [0=Poor, 10=Excellent]

Domain 3: Meaning and Purpose

- How would you rate your overall physical health?
  [0=Not at All Worthwhile, 10=Completely Worthwhile]
- How would you rate your overall mental health?
  [0=Strongly Disagree, 10=Strongly Agree]

Domain 4: Character and Virtue

- I always act to promote good in all circumstances, even in difficult and challenging situations.
  [0= Not True of Me, 10=Completely True of Me]
- I am always able to give up some happiness now for greater happiness later.
  [0= Not True of Me, 10=Completely True of Me]

Domain 5: Close Social Relationships

- I am content with my friendships and relationships.
  [0= Strongly Disagree, 10=Strongly Agree]
- I am always able to give up some happiness now for greater happiness later.
  [0= Strongly Disagree, 10=Strongly Agree]

Domain 6: Financial and Material Stability

- How often do you worry about being able to meet normal monthly living expenses?
  [0= Worry All of the Time, 10=Do Not Ever Worry]
- How often do you worry about safety, food, or housing?
  [0= Worry All of the Time, 10=Do Not Ever Worry]

Human Flourishing Measure

- Sum scores across 12 questions
- Divide by 12
  [0= Not Flourishing at All]
  [10=Fully Flourishing]

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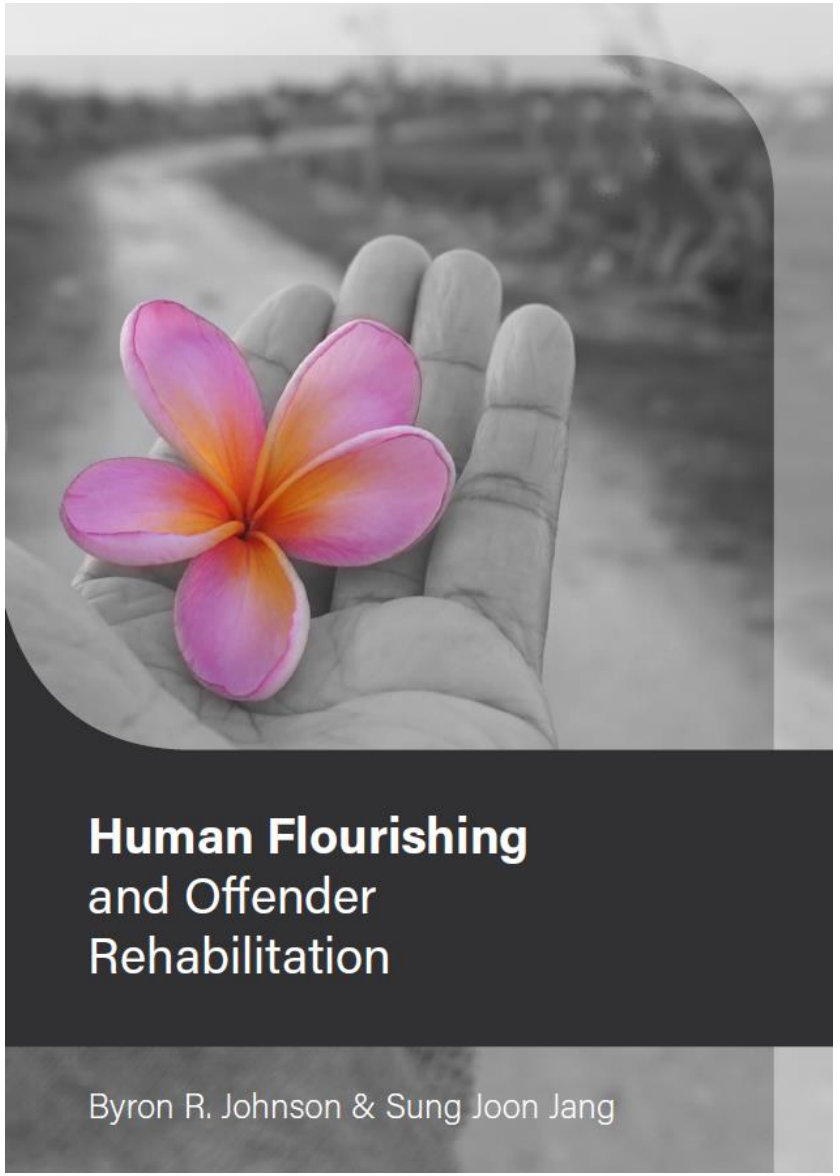
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ROUTLEDGE INNOVATIONS IN CORRECTIONS

The Angola Prison Seminary

Effects of Faith-Based Ministry on Identity Transformation, Desistance, and Rehabilitation

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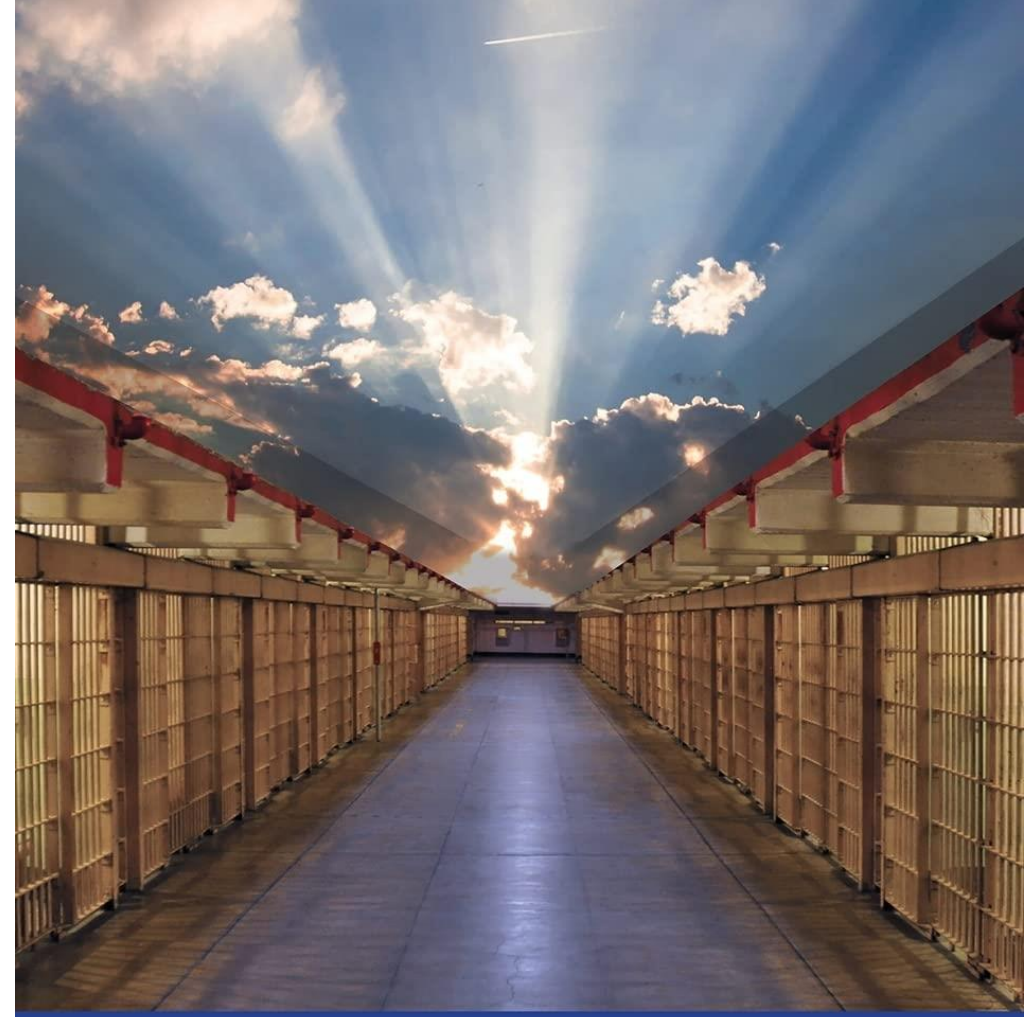

THE RESTORATIVE PRISON

Essays on Inmate Peer Ministry and Prosocial Corrections

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What Do Correctional Leaders Think About Faith-Based Programs? Results from a National Survey

MEN'S PROGRAMS (21)			
YEAR	STATE	PRISON	ACADEMIC INSTITUTION
1995	LA	Louisiana State Penitentiary – Angola	New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
2005	MS	Mississippi State Penitentiary – Parchman Farm	New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
2006	GA	Phillips State Prison	Truett McConnell University
2007	SC	Kirkland Correctional Institution	Columbia International University
2011	TX	Texas Department of Criminal Justice – Memorial Unit	Heart of Texas College of Applied Ministries
2014	WV	Mt. Olive Correctional Institution	Appalachian Bible College
2015	FL	Hardee Correctional Institution	New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
2015	MI	Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility	Calvin College
2015	NM	Lea County Correctional Facility	University of the Southwest
2016	AL	Bibb Correctional Facility	Birmingham Theological Seminary
2017	NC	Nash Correctional Institution	Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
2017	WI	Waupun Correctional Institution	Trinity International University
2018	IL	Stateville Correctional Center	North Park Theological Seminary
2019	AR	Varner Correctional Facility	Mid America Baptist Theological Seminary
2019	OR	Oregon State Correctional Institution	Corban University
2021	OK	Lexington Assessment & Rehabilitation Center (LARC)	Oklahoma Baptist University
2020	MO	Jefferson City Correctional Center	Hannibal-LaGrange University
2022	CO	Limon Correctional Facility	Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary
2024	TN	Morgan County Correctional Facility	Carson-Neumann University
2023	WV	FCI – Hazelton	TBD
2024	GCI	Grand Cayman Islands – HMP Northward Correctional	NW Caribbean Baptist/Lucent University

WOMEN'S PROGRAMS (7)			
YEAR	STATE	PRISON	ACADEMIC INSTITUTION
2010	LA	Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women	New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
2019	GA	Whitworth Women's Facility	New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
2021	MS	Central Mississippi Correctional Facility for Women	New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
2021	TX	TX Dept. of Criminal Justice – Hobby Women's Unit	Heart of Texas College of Applied Ministries
2020	WV	WV DOC	Appalachian Bible College
2024	NC	NC Correctional Institute for Women	Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
2024	FL	Lowell Women's Correctional Facility	Southeastern University, Lakeland, FL

PROGRAMS IN DEVELOPMENT (16) (15-Men's and 1-Women's):

YEAR	STATE	PRISON	ACADEMIC INSTITUTION
2024	MA	Mass Department of Corrections – Men's	TBD
2024	NJ	New Jersey Department of Corrections – Men's	Pillar College
2024	KY	Kentucky Department of Corrections – Men's	TBD
2024	AZ	Arizona Department of Corrections – Men's	Grand Canyon University
2024	NB	Nebraska Department of Corrections – Men's	TBD -- Union College
2024	VA	Virginia Department of Corrections– Men's	Liberty Unoversity
TBD	WA	Washington DOC – Men's	TBD
TBD	CA	California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation	TBD
TBD	ID	Idaho Department of Corrections – Men's	Karios University
TBD	SD	South Dakota Department of Corrections – Men's	Karios University
TBD	ND	North Dakota Department of Corrections – Men's	Karios University
TBD	MT	Montana Department of Corrections – Men's	Karios University
TBD	IN	Indiana DOC – Men's	TBD
TBD	KS	Kansas DOC – Men's	TBD
TBD	NV	Nevada DOC – Men's	TBD
TBD	VA	Virginia Department of Corrections – Women's	TBD- Hampton University

Source: Prison Seminary Foundation

Prison Fellowship International

Pepperdine University Partners with Multinational Organizations for Extensive In-Prison Study on Prison Programming Efficacy

Empirical, scientific evidence to build case for faith-based prison programs

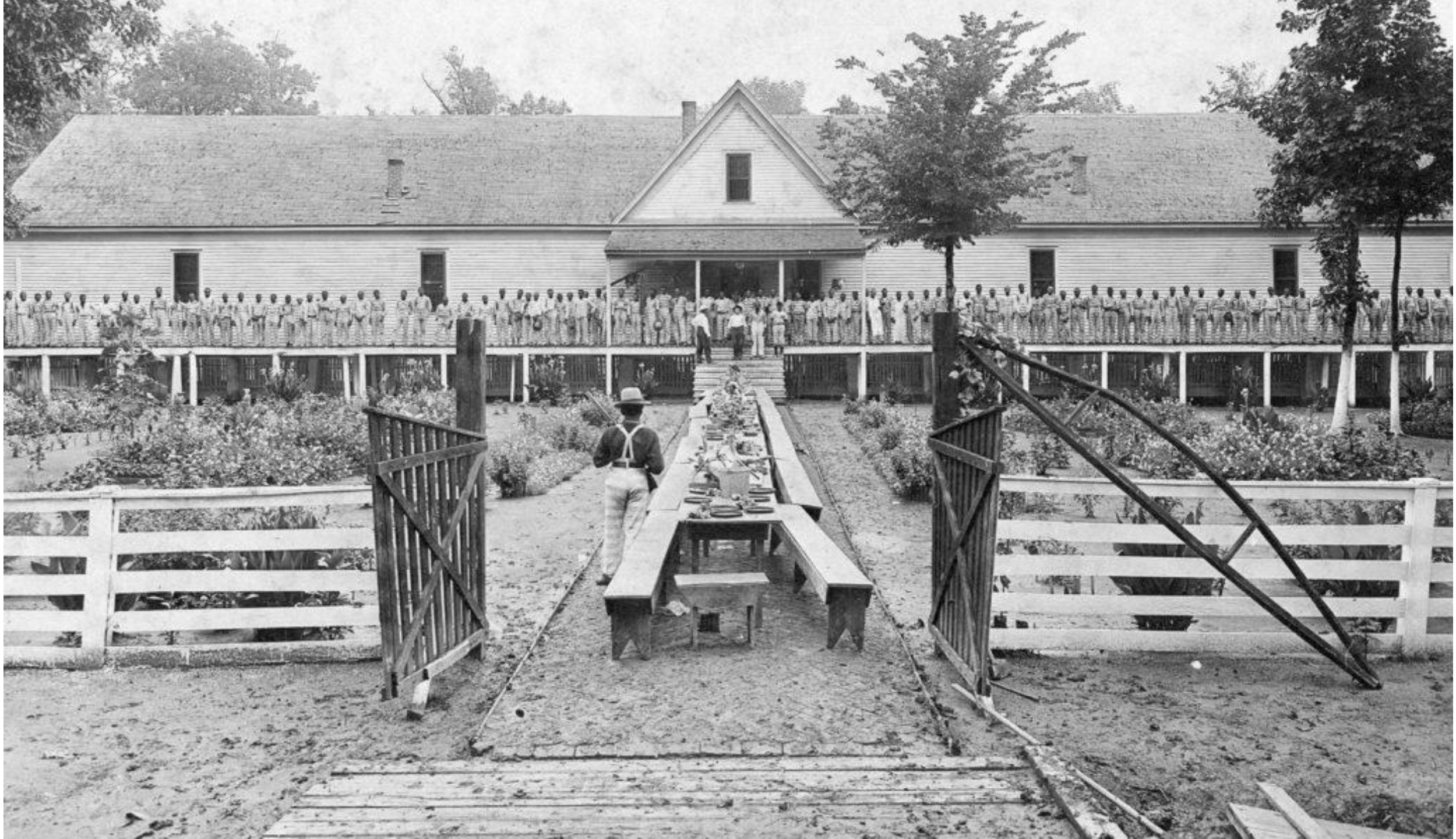
July 18, 2023

July 18, 2023 – Malibu, CA –Prison Fellowship International (PFI) and Pepperdine University, in partnership with the National Penitentiary and Prison Institute of Colombia (INPEC) and Prison Fellowship Colombia (PFC), announce a first-of-its-kind, multiyear study in Colombia's prison system to measure the efficacy of international prison programming in offender rehabilitation, recidivism reduction, and general correctional reform. This experimental study will evaluate the effectiveness of PFI and PFC programs in changing prisoner attitudes, beliefs, and behavior. Findings will help identify specific, evidence-based best practices that drive meaningful change in the lives of prisoners and their families, as measured by changes in individual behavior, family unity, and prison culture.

"We are delighted to be pioneering this ground-breaking initiative to further evaluate the effectiveness of our programs," said Andrew Corley, PFI president and chief executive officer. "Each partner, uniquely creative and credible in their own right, is now joining together to evaluate what interventions are verifiably effective in breaking the cycle of crime." With more than 113,000 prisoners across 132 prisons, Colombia maintains one of the largest prison systems in the world. For the past 20 years, Prison Fellowship Colombia has actively served the country's prison population and currently has access to more than 83 percent of the nation's prisoners through its portfolio of ministry programs. Over the past two decades, the organization has demonstrated its penchant for innovation – pioneering several Prison Fellowship International programs and restorative justice initiatives and advocating for prison reforms. The wide-ranging study also has support from the Colombian Senate and Judiciary.

"We anticipate that the findings of this study will enhance our resocialization programs and equip us, as lawmakers, with the necessary groundwork to amend, reinforce and advocate for new laws pertaining to resocialization and criminal policy in Colombia," said Lorena Ríos Cuéllar, Member of the Senate of Colombia. The study will be overseen by Pepperdine University in California, a highly regarded Christian university ranked in the top 13 percent of all national universities. With more than 10,000 students, four graduate schools and five international locations, Pepperdine is committed to the highest standards of academic excellence and research evaluation. Its Center for Faith and the Common Good, led by Byron Johnson and Pepperdine president Jim Gash, is Pepperdine's academic home for scholarly investigations of how faith and religion impact human flourishing.

"Pepperdine's Center for Faith and Common Good is a relatively young academic research center that is in constant search for strategic partners who can help us develop new opportunities for research and scholarship," said Dr. Lee Kats, vice provost of Pepperdine and academic director of the Center for Faith and the Common Good. "This new partnership with PFI fits perfectly with the Center's mission to expand studies on the role that faith can play in impacting societies." "We are delighted to undertake a study of this scope in Colombia. So much of what we know from previous research is based on short-term studies of prisons in the United States. In this present project, we will be able to study multiple prisons and multiple programs inside of prison as well as in the community, and to do this over time." said Byron Johnson, executive director for the Center for Faith and the Common Good at Pepperdine University. "This is truly an unprecedented opportunity that will yield many studies that will help to improve the prison. This would not be possible without the partnership between INPEC, Prison Fellowship International, and Pepperdine University."

The longitudinal study will follow participants in 12 Prison Fellowship programs throughout eight prisons for five years or more. Initial participant cohorts will launch in October 2023 with thousands of prisoners and their families being studied over the course of the evaluation. The publication of these research findings and subsequent training of prison ministries and correctional leaders around the world will promote the widespread adoption of prison programming best practices, especially within the Prison Fellowship program portfolio. The Colombian government will also use findings to improve the national prison system and will be built into training curriculum for prison guards.

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