An LWOP Perspective

The struggle for the abolishment of LWOP (The Other Death Penalty) has grown to include Americans from all walks of life. From the most liberal of Democrats to the farthest of the Right Republicans, the struggle for a chance at a new life through rehabilitation is in full bloom. The men and women most likely to bear fruit once laws are changed through restorative justice, and LWOPs begin to go before the Board of Parole Hearings, are those who have consistently worked to rehabilitate themselves and have demonstrated those efforts through their participation in self-help classes, higher education and service to others. These men and women stand out because while they were sentenced to the burden of forever being locked up, they pushed forward. It's one thing to change when there is incentive to do so, but change is far more impressive when the only incentive is change itself.

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