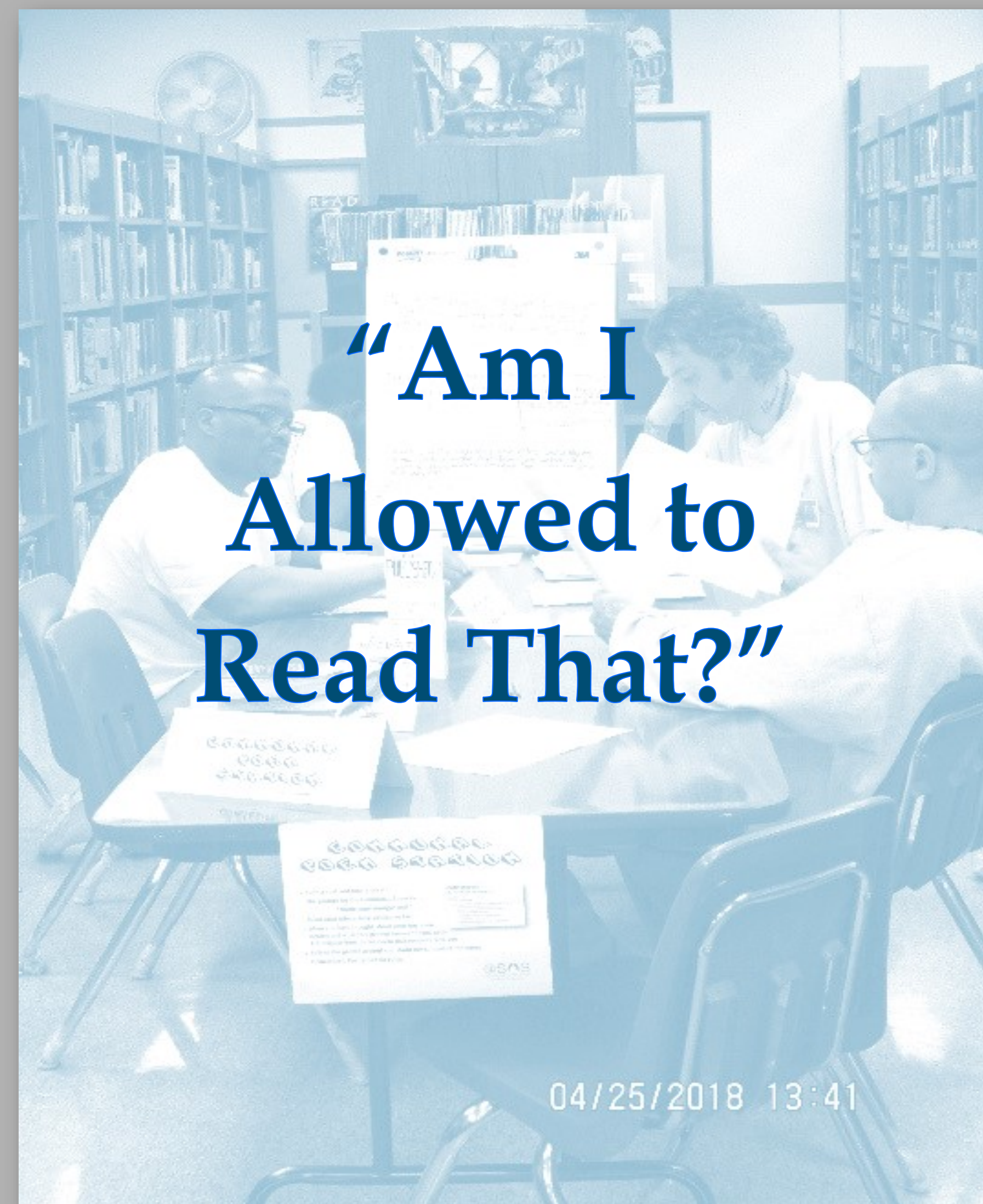


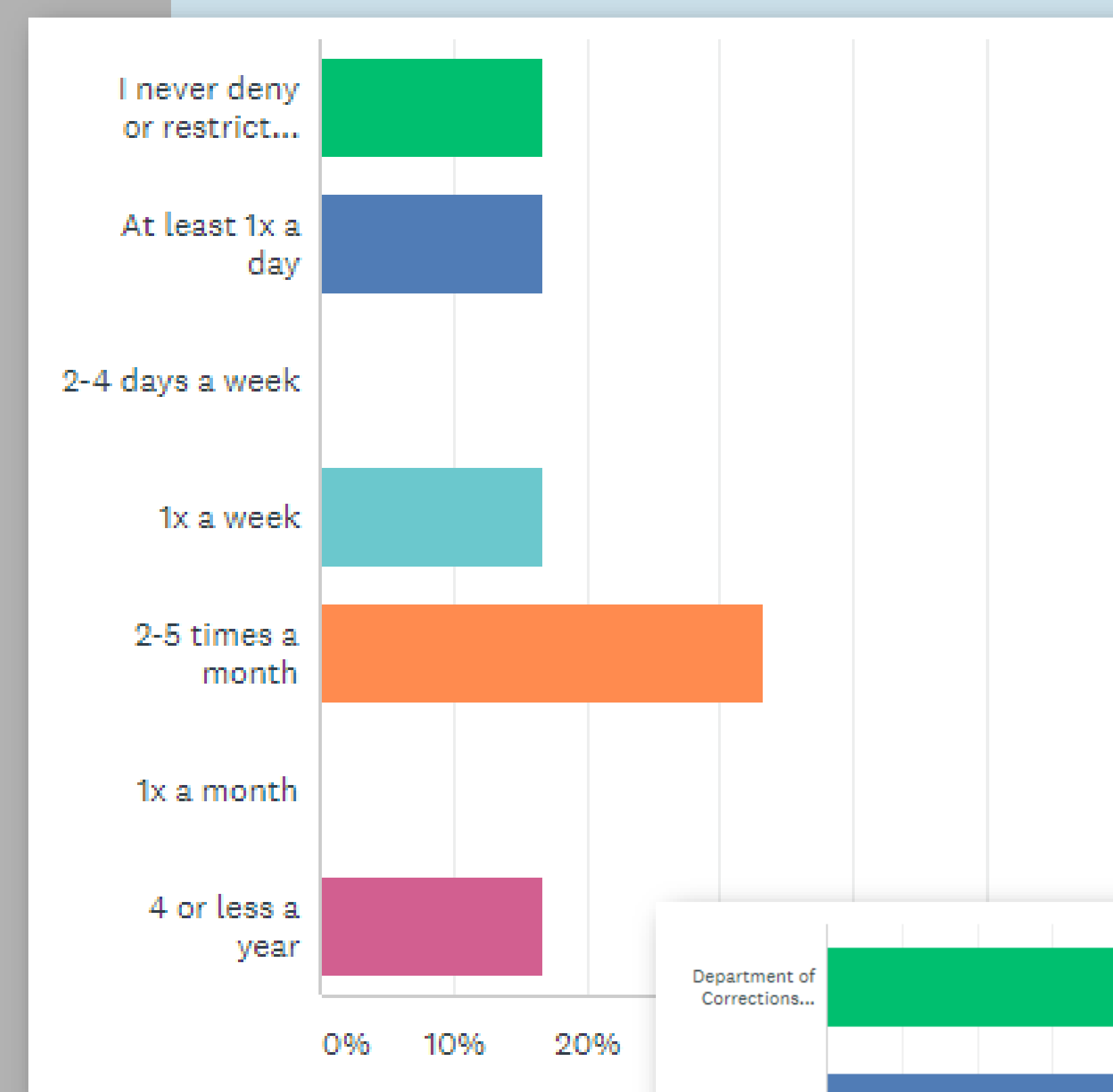
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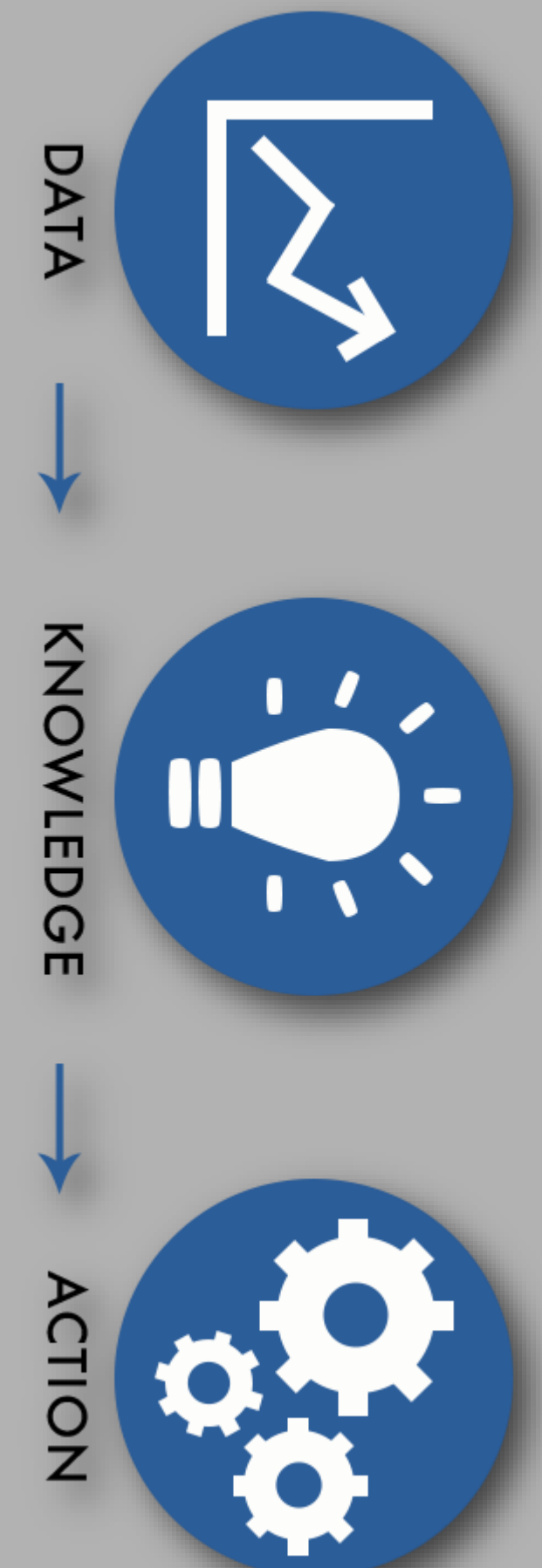
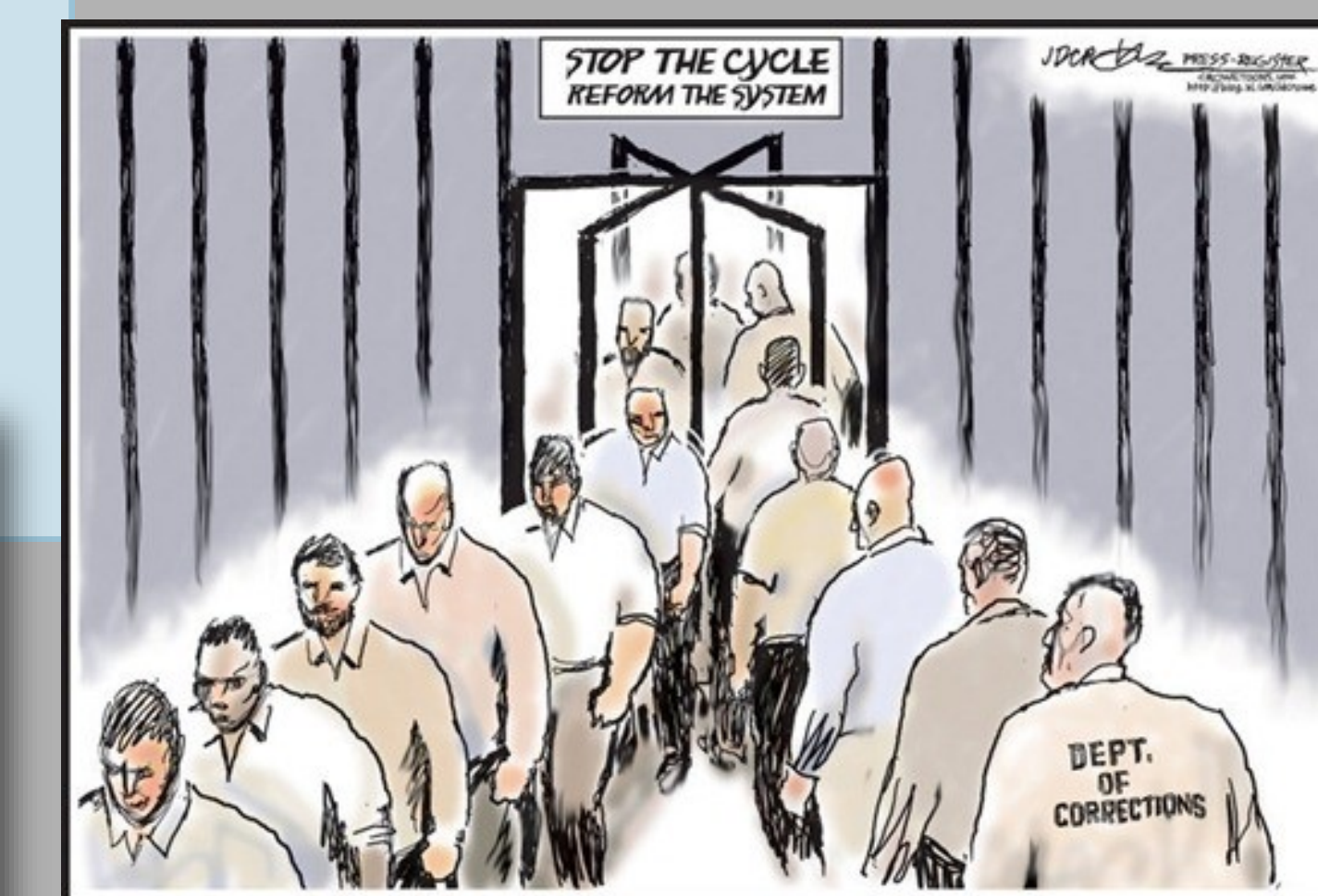
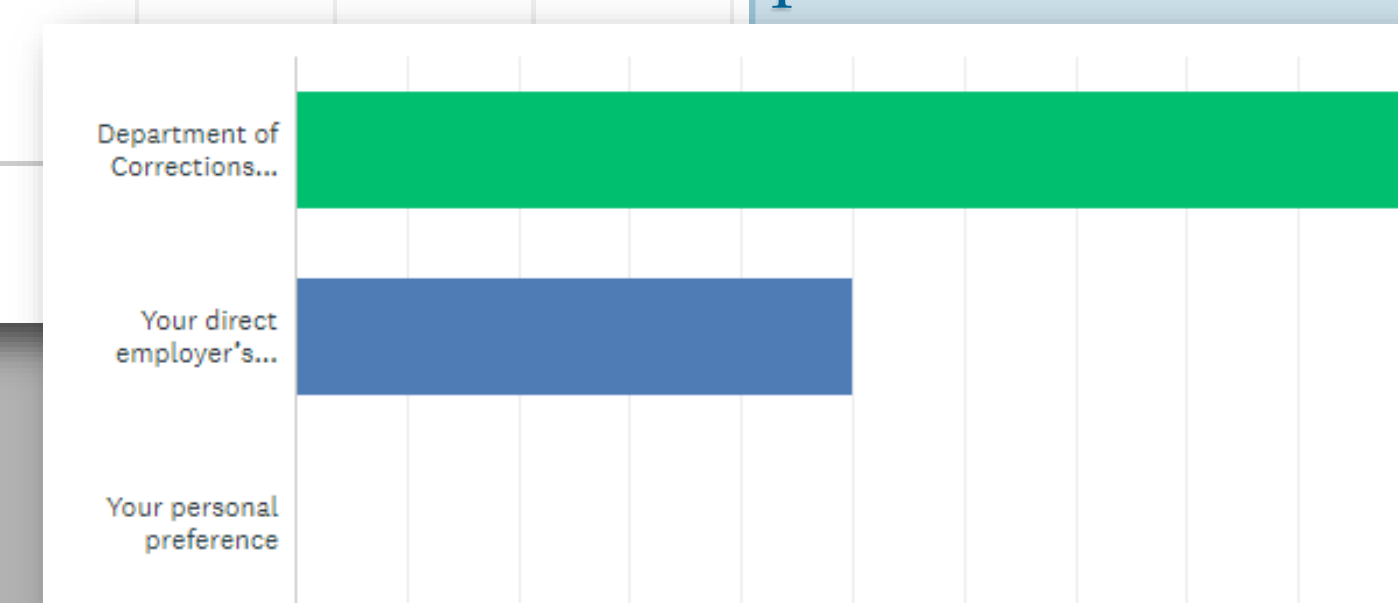
Administering Survey & Results

Institutional Librarians surveyed during my research reported patrons feel that the biggest issues with restriction of library materials are:

- = their ability to engage in leisure activities
- = quality of life
- = mental wellbeing



2/3 of Institutional Librarians cite that they restrict library materials 2 times a month or more due to Department of Corrections or their parent agencies' policies.



Librarianship embraces the value of intellectual freedom, meanwhile Institutional Librarians are required to restrict materials to promote safety and security, which impacts people who are institutionalized.



NEXT: Approval to conduct survey with incarcerated populations to continue further analysis and reporting.

When the prison gates slam behind an inmate, he does not lose his human quality; his mind does not become closed to ideas; his intellect does not cease to feed on a free and open interchange of opinions; his yearning for self-respect does not end; nor is his quest for self-realization concluded. If anything, the needs for identity and self-respect are more compelling in the dehumanizing prison environment. - Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall