

**Focus:** A future-focused workshop around the group's vision for youth safety and the criminal justice system by 2060

**Goal:** Identify shared values and visions, as well as the steps and tools to achieve them



## KEY TAKEAWAYS

**Collective imagination is an integral part of social change, enabling greater empathy and pushing the boundaries of the possible.**

In envisioning the ideal (not most likely) 2060, the top responses, in order of frequency, were as follows:

### Values shaping the world in 2060:

- Justice
- Equality
- Empathy
- Peace
- Fairness

### Words describing criminal justice in 2060:

- Restorative
- Just
- Hippocratic oath
- Obsolete/inexistent/unnecessary

*Less frequent but thought-provoking responses:*

Comprehension, non-legal, honorable, and participatory

### Key actors involved in the criminal justice system of 2060:

- Neighborhoods
- Family
- Communities of color/Impacted communities
- Education/Educators
- Civil society/Citizens
- Academics/Specialists (e.g. mental health specialists, psychologists, anthropologists)

*Not mentioned:* Judges, prosecutors, national/state governments

### Top tools and mechanisms identified:

- Mediation/Dialogue
- Open minds and healing
- Meditation
- Therapy
- Education

*Less frequent but thought-provoking:* Prevention programs, social welfare, labor habilitation, peer support/mentoring, faith

*Not mentioned:* Data, metrics

### Key aspects of today's system that should survive in the new system:

- Rule of law
- Advocacy
- Public safety

*Less frequent but thought-provoking:* Restricting movement/isolation necessary time, social recognition of failure, accountability, support for victims, functional courts, "almost nothing"

**The need for empathy and for the population to understand the conditions within the carceral state—often hidden from most of society—were understood as key factors in achieving reform.**

**Themes of poverty alleviation and early childhood investments arose consistently as means of constructing a more just system and removing reasons for criminal activity.**

**Likewise, the themes of mediation and dialogue, as well as individuating justice, i.e. determining a person's needs and designing their rehabilitation accordingly, were central to the group's vision.**

### There were also consistent questions around sustainable reform:

- How does a society achieve deterrence?
- Is there a human urge for harsher "justice" and how can that urge be curbed?
- How does a reformed society respond to waves of violent crime that often give rise to calls to restore order through harsher punishments?
- How many people need to be removed from society, i.e. incarcerated, to protect it from the very few who are truly dangerous and beyond rehabilitation?
- How might technology enable those physically removed to participate virtually?



## KEY EXAMPLES

- [Civic Imagination Project](#) (USC, California, US)