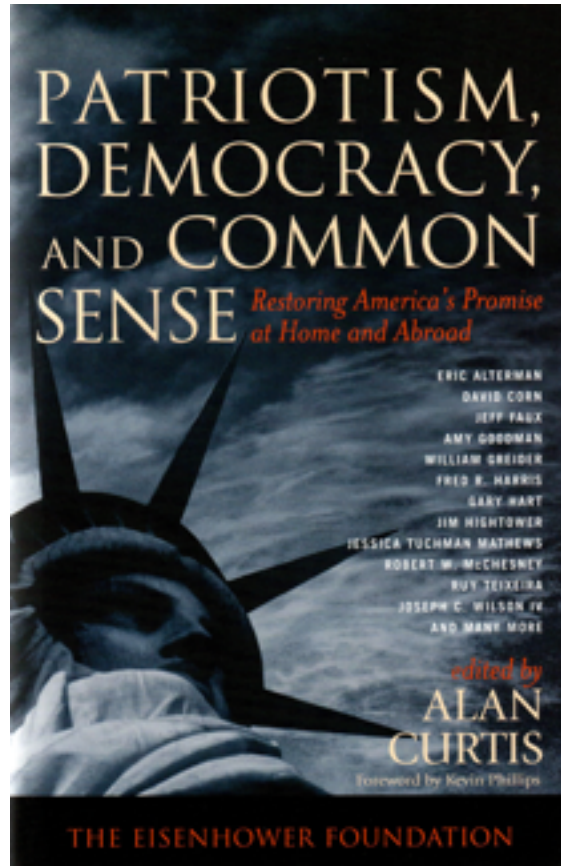


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Federal and local policy should significantly shift away from prison building and toward cheaper, more effective treatment alternatives in the community, following existing, taxpayer-approved models in, for example, the state of Arizona. Interrelated models of success like the national Delancey Street program for the reintegration of ex-offenders, drug courts, and community courts should be replicated to scale. A National Sentencing and Drug Treatment Commission should be formed to review federal and state sentencing practices, the impact of recent sentencing trends on the fiscal health and public responsibilities of federal and state governments, the impact on serious crime, and the feasibility of a broad range of alternatives. The commission should gather evidence on promising alternatives, including innovations in other nations that have kept their levels of incarceration and crime low by American standards.