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Racial Disparities in the Prison System Over Time

Read the article, "The gap between the number of blacks and whites in prison is shrinking."

What are the numbers and math that the author uses to make the argument that the gap between the number of blacks and whites in prison is shrinking?

How do the numbers and math used reflect choices that someone made about "which data are collected, which numbers represent the most accurate data, which definitions should guide how the data are counted, which methods should guide how the data are collected, which was the data should be disaggregated, and which are the most truthful ways to describe the data to the public?"

What information about definitions and methods is missing? Is this information important for understanding the data? What insights could you gain by disaggregating the data differently?

What do you think would be the most truthful way to describe the data?