

## Literature Circles For Non-Fictions

### Ethos

- From Barack Obama to Carly Fiorina
  - They use well known politicians' opinion to sway the readers in trusting that the issue is very prominent
- Writing in Slate, Leon Neyfakh emphasized that if you released every drug offender from state prison today, you'd reduce the population only to 1.2 million from 1.5 million
  - Neyfakh is an American journalist who graduated from Harvard Law School showing the reader that Neyfakh is a credible source in quoting him
- Experts differ on this, but some of the most sophisticated work with the best data sets has been done by John Pfaff of Fordham Law School. When I spoke with Pfaff on Monday I found him to be wonderfully objective, nonideological and data-driven.
  - This shows that they did an interview and looked through an expert's data and research trying to persuade the reader in trusting that Pfaff's data is correct and his theory is possible

### Logos

- About 90 percent of America's prisoners are held in state institutions
  - The writer used percentage to show the amount of prisoners
- Only 17 percent of these inmates are in for a drug related offense, or less than one in five
  - The author uses percentages to better show the reader that the war on drugs that they mentioned earlier in the article really is not a big factor in the amount of inmate
- Moreover, the share of people imprisoned for drug offenses is dropping sharply, down by 22 percent between 2006 and 2011
  - More percentages and a time frame has been used to further show the reader that the war on drugs is not the main factor in incarceration rates
- Roughly half of all prisoners have prison terms in the range of two to three years, and only 10 percent serve more than seven years
  - This shows the reader that about half the prison really isn't incarcerated for major crimes and that only a minor group of inmates are serving over seven years of time

### Pathos

- Second, mandatory-minimum sentencing laws led to throw-away-the-key culture, with long, cruel, and pointlessly destructive prisons
  - They used very descriptive wording to cater towards the readers emotions
- But today's incarceration levels do little to deter crime while they do much to rip up families, increase racial disparities and destroy lives

- This passage attempts to make the reader feel emotional when learning that the crime rates are now going down while minor crime offenders are incarcerated destroying lives and relationships