

END THE SYSTEMIC CHOKEHOLD

Officials use these **CHOKEHOLDS** to coerce accused individuals into forced or false confessions, plea bargains, and other harms.



**GUILT BY
ACCUSATION**



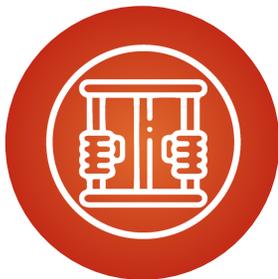
OVERCHARGING



EXCESSIVE BAIL



**POLICE
MISCONDUCT**



**PRETRIAL
DETENTION**



**MEDIA
MANIPULATION**



FINANCIAL ABUSE



**PROSECUTOR
MISCONDUCT**



**PRETRIAL
RESTRICTIONS**



**FAMILY
SEPARATION**



**LOSS OF
EMPLOYMENT**



LOSS OF HOME



GPS MONITORING



**JUDICIAL
MISCONDUCT**



**WRONGFUL
CONVICTION**



TIME



American Justice Project combats wrongful convictions, mass incarceration, and abuse of power. We challenge institutions that abuse the public trust, expose misconduct and corruption, and expand access to justice for those who need it most.

THE PROBLEM

Our government has failed to implement Constitutional safeguards to prevent harms to innocent Americans. Benjamin Franklin stated that it is better 100 guilty persons go free than that one innocent person should suffer wrongful conviction. Yet today, oppressive Chokehold tactics are used routinely across agencies to deprive countless Americans of their civil liberties, causing immediate distress and often leaving lasting scars on their families and communities.

IMPACT REVEALED

>3,600

EXONERATIONS (SINCE 1989)

60%

EXONERATIONS – FALSE ACCUSATIONS/PERJURY

>900

NO-CRIME EXONERATIONS

55%

EXONERATIONS - OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT

15%

EXONERATIONS – GUILTY PLEAS

>32,000

YEARS LOST

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