ABSTRACT: Since January 2017 when Donald Trump became president, there has been a shift to the right in criminal justice policies in the United States. Drawing upon his latest book, Beyond These Walls: Rethinking Crime and Punishment in the United States, Tony Platt assesses these changes and asks: How did the Trump administration reinvigorate the politics of law and order? How is it different from a long tradition of bipartisan support for expansion of the carceral state since the 1960s? What is old and what is new about recent developments? And what are the chances for a revitalization of progressive and radical visions of social justice?

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