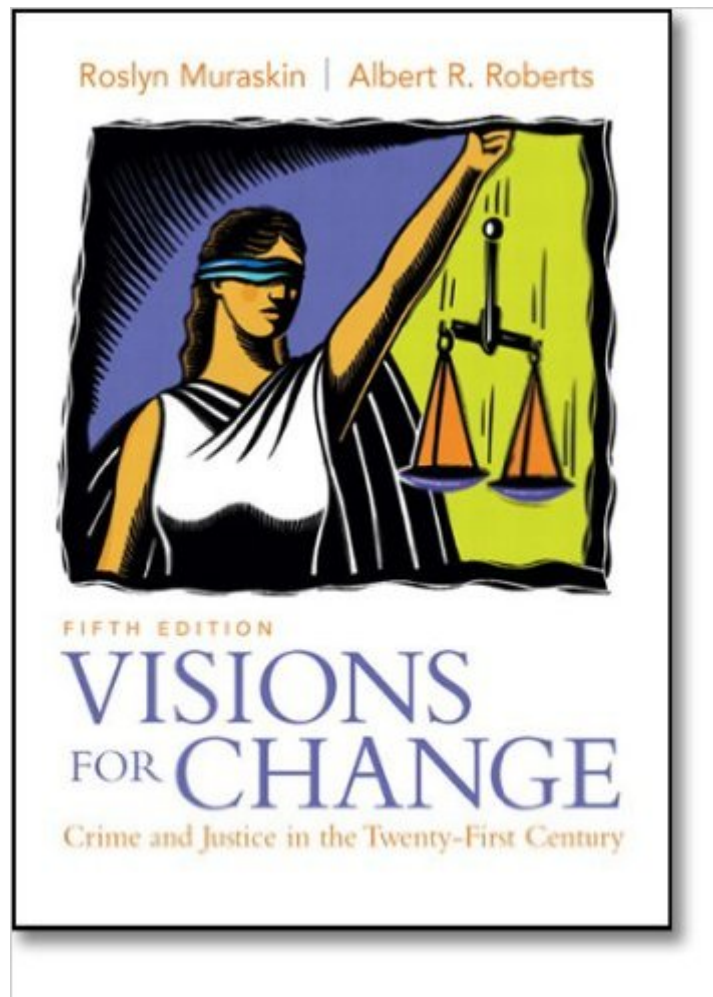


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As a Criminal Justice instructor who has reviewed this text (and almost had to use it) I cannot recommend this book. It portends to be a book about solutions, when in fact it essentially attacks every aspect of policing and the criminal justice system as it exists today, and the only solutions it provides are from the left to far left. There is no balance of opinion, no counter-point, and absolutely no effort on the part of the authors to inform students that they are in fact only getting one side of the issue. Far too often do I see this approach by liberal writers and educators: attempting to pass off their out of the mainstream ideas as fact. College is a marketplace of ideas, discussion, and debate. However, this book turns the debate into a one sided discussion on how awful and wholly without merit the current system is. I am not one as a CJ educator that believes we are to be cheerleaders for law enforcement. However, we do need to present the good with the bad, and this book would do nothing but discourage would-be law enforcement professionals. If the goal is to

make such persons believe the profession they are about to enter into is completely corrupt and without merit, this is the "test" to use. If forced to use this book, I would suggest supplementing it with articles or texts that offer a counterpoint. That is, if you are interested in giving your students both sides of the issue - which I believe we as educators are charged to do, not just simply indoctrinate them with the opinions of those with whom you might agree. This book is nothing more than an attempt to indoctrinate, not foster intelligent debate and discussion on the topics contained therein. A candidate for zero stars, if that choice were available.

This "textbook" cites a conspiracy theory blog as an academic resource to claim that prisons have rice-sized chips embedded in prisoners which are capable of delivering incapacitating shocks. It is not a credible textbook.

I enjoy this textbook, it is being used in my CJ201 class which is about the issues of policing in the community. I do agree that the book is written from a bias left leaning point of view, however the book is assisting me with passing my class. It is a very good read.

The authors of this book are truly using this "text" as a platform to preach their ideals. The authors about how unfair the U.S. system is and how it is going to change to conform to their views (this will never happen) is sickening. It is not a good "text" book and professors should never subject their students to this mess of a "learning tool."

My soul weeps for the trees that were used to print this steaming pile of dung. I actually cannot believe that I attend a college that would subject their students to this collection of liberal garbage. It is quite evident that the authors of this book have zero actual experience in the field of criminal justice; they are only armchair warriors who believe that their academic vision for the world is the only true way for CJ administrators to conduct themselves. Here is a quote from the "authors"- not a third party. "This important text was written by persons who have the needed expertise in those areas that are of major concern to all our citizenry. The future has unfolded, and our visions for the next several decades must continue to grow and to be realized." (pg 11) What a bunch of narcissistic garbage. Do yourself a favor and avoid this collection of idiocy if you can (I am unfortunately forced to digest this vile drivel).

This is written from the perspective of the extreme left with no moderate or conservative perspective

what so ever. Makes for a biased read

Received an A in class

Although the book arrived 3 weeks into the class, I was able to complete my class assignments due to the easy reading of the text. The understandability, I believe, made my tasks easy to complete -

THANK YOU Rosalyn

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