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Stark Raven Digest: Dec 1, 2009  
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The Stark Raven Media Collective takes a critical look at prisons and issues of criminalization.

Podcast, News Highlights, More Info: <http://www.prisonjustice.ca>

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[http://www.prisonjustice.ca/organizations/stark\\_raven.html](http://www.prisonjustice.ca/organizations/stark_raven.html)

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Upcoming Stark Raven Radio Programs  
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== Mon Dec 7th, 7-8 pm: WOMEN BEYOND BARS  
A group of formerly incarcerated women in Kamloops are providing support and resources to each other and those still in prison.

== Mon Dec 14th, 7-8 pm: STORIES FROM BEHIND BARS  
Patricia "Rocky" Zimmerman, who spent 17 years in prison, shares her story called My Journey, and her struggle to deal with her mother's death while behind bars. Hear her story.

== Mon Dec 21st, 7-8 pm: REFLECTIONS ON TORTURE AT ABU GHRAIB

Sherene Razack, on Reflections on Torture at Abu Ghraib. (from a recent talk in Vancouver). Dr. Razack is a professor at OISE and author of Casting Out: The Eviction of Muslims From Western Law and Politics,. [tentative]

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Recent Stark Raven Audio Interviews  
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Links to download and listen to recent interviews:  
(always available at <http://www.prisonjustice.ca>)

== MEDITATION INSIDE PRISON ==

Tibetan Buddhist nun Ann McNeil talks about meditation in prison prior to a film screening of The Dhamma Brothers

<http://rabble.ca/podcasts/shows/stark-raven-prison-justice/2009/11/buddhist-nun-brings-meditation-inside-prison>

== ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS FIGHT U.S. TERRORISM LAW ==

Animal rights activists are increasingly being targeted by the state as terrorists. A lawyer with the Center for Constitutional Rights is challenging the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act in the U.S.

<http://rabble.ca/podcasts/shows/stark-raven-prison-justice/2009/11/animal-rights-activists-fight-us-terrorism-law>

== SRI LANKAN REFUGEES REMAIN IN DETENTION IN BC ==

The BC government refuses to free the 76 Sri Lankan migrants who arrived in mid-October.

<http://rabble.ca/podcasts/shows/stark-raven-prison-justice/2009/11/sri-lankan-refugees-remain-detention>

== PRISONERS FIND ACCESSING SAFE SEX...ISN'T SO SAFE ==

A Montreal prisoner support group works with prisoners to design a workshop on sexual safety and queerness on the inside. The workshop features statements from gay, queer and trans prisoners across the US and Canada on what sexual "safety" means when condom access is restricted or when queer sex is criminal.

<http://rabble.ca/podcasts/shows/stark-raven-prison-justice/2009/11/prisoners-find-accessing-safe-sex-isnt-so-safe>

== BC COURT LEAVES DEFENDANTS WITH NO WAY TO GET HOME ==

A North Vancouver lawyer speaks out about the lack of transportation for low-income defendants in the Sea-to-Sky area.

<http://rabble.ca/podcasts/shows/stark-raven-prison-justice/2009/11/bc-court-leaves-defendents-stranded>

== SOUTH KOREA JAILS YOUNG MEN WHO REFUSE MILITARY SERVICE ==

Interview with filmmaker, Jeff Lazar, who is documenting the conscientious objector movement in South Korea.

<http://rabble.ca/podcasts/shows/stark-raven-prison-justice/2009/11/south-korea-jails-young-men-who-refuse-military-se>

== MIGRANT WORKERS DETAINED IN SOUTH KOREA ==

Korean activist and researcher discusses discusses the plight of migrant workers in South Korea who challenge the draconian laws which criminalize their presence in the country... and the government's response of increased force.

<http://rabble.ca/podcasts/shows/stark-raven-prison-justice/2009/11/migrant-workers-detained-south-korea>

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Other Recently Aired Audio

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== A FLAWED COMPASS: A HUMAN RIGHTS CRITIQUE OF THE TORIES' PRISON PLANS ==

A recent report blasts the Tories "Roadmap to Public Safety" and prison plans as lacking any evidence and taking us down a US-Style Road to criminal justice.

<http://www.radio4all.net/index.php/program/36233>

== ANTI-DEATH PENALTY PANEL==

A look at Death Row in the United States, asking the question: how does it compare to Canada?

<http://www.radio4all.net/index.php/program/36060>

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Recent Prison News

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Recent news posted on <http://prisonjustice.ca>

\*CANADIAN CRIME AND AMERICAN PUNISHMENT

Link to full story:

[http://www.prisonjustice.ca/starkravenarticles/american\\_punish\\_1209.html](http://www.prisonjustice.ca/starkravenarticles/american_punish_1209.html)

**\*WHY WE SHOULD ALL BE CONCERNED ABOUT BILL C-43: AMENDING THE CORRECTIONS**

**AND CONDITIONAL RELEASE ACT AND CRIMINAL CODE**

Link to full story:

[http://www.prisonjustice.ca/starkravenarticles/c43\\_concern\\_1209.html](http://www.prisonjustice.ca/starkravenarticles/c43_concern_1209.html)

**\*SOLITARY CONFINEMENT 'NOT SAFE, NOR IS IT HUMANE'**

Link to full story:

[http://www.prisonjustice.ca/starkravenarticles/solitary\\_1209.html](http://www.prisonjustice.ca/starkravenarticles/solitary_1209.html)

**\*NUMBER OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE IN PRISON CONTINUES TO INCREASE**

Link to full story:

[http://www.prisonjustice.ca/starkravenarticles/aboriginal\\_prison\\_1109.html](http://www.prisonjustice.ca/starkravenarticles/aboriginal_prison_1109.html)

**\*OMBUDSMAN SLAMS PRISON MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Link to full story:

[http://www.prisonjustice.ca/starkravenarticles/mental\\_health\\_1109.html](http://www.prisonjustice.ca/starkravenarticles/mental_health_1109.html)

**\*CONSERVATIVE AGENDA WILL 'STUFF PRISONS,' ADVOCATES SAY**

Link to full story:

[http://www.prisonjustice.ca/starkravenarticles/stuff\\_prisons\\_1009.html](http://www.prisonjustice.ca/starkravenarticles/stuff_prisons_1009.html)

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How to Podcast Stark Raven  
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#### WHAT IS A PODCAST?

A podcast is an audio file that is available on the internet. The file is usually in mp3 file format, a compressed audio format. You can listen directly online or download the file to your computer. Downloading allows you to listen to the audio on your computer and put it on your mp3 player and listen to it on the go. This means you can listen to Stark Raven interviews at your convenience.

#### WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DOWNLOADING A PODCAST AND SUBSCRIBING TO A PODCAST?

When you download a single podcast episode, that one file gets saved onto your computer or MP3 player. It is then up to you to play it, delete it or download another. When you subscribe to a podcast, the latest podcast episode is saved to your computer or MP3 player automatically. Every time a new podcast episode of the program becomes available your podcasting software (Itunes, Ipodder etc) will automatically download it to your computer.

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<http://feeds.feedburner.com/rabble-podcast-network/StarkRavenPrisonJustice>

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The Stark Raven podcast is registered in Itunes, meaning you can find it & subscribe if you go to the Itunes Podcast listings and search Stark Raven.

Every time you open Itunes or other Podcast program, it will check the rabble.ca website to see if a new Stark Raven posting has been put up. If there is one, it will automatically start downloading it. On the left menu, you will see Podcasts. That is where you will find the audio files. Just click on them once they have downloaded the file(s) and listen at your convenience. They can also be transferred to any MP3 player and listened to while away from the computer.

Itunes is a program you can use to listen to audio files.

You can download Itunes for free from:

<http://www.apple.com/itunes/download/>

Another podcast receiver is Ipodder. Download for free from:

<http://ipodder.sourceforge.net/download/index.php>

Juice is free, open source software for both Mac and PC. It's designed to manage podcasts and has a built-in directory with thousands of listed podcast feeds. <http://juicereceiver.sourceforge.net/index.php>

Once downloaded, the files can be played on your computers media player (Itunes, winamp, realplayer, windows media player etc)

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More Info on the Stark Raven Media Collective  
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The Stark Raven Media Collective takes a closer look at prisons and criminalization.

Stark Raven produces a radio program three times a month featuring in-depth interviews, news and analysis on issues related to prisons and criminalization, both locally and from around the world.

The radio program has been on the air for almost 22 years.

Topics we cover include: Canadian prison conditions, tough on crime agenda, detention & the war on terror, women in prison, alternatives to prison, criminalization of migration & poverty, privatization, security

certificates, government policy, political prisoners, policing, the death penalty, the personal & political impacts of incarceration, prisoner's writings.

The collective's other activities include organizing community events and maintaining <http://www.prisonjustice.ca> - an online resource centre on Canadian prison issues.

Feel free to contact us if you have a story that you think we should cover on the show or have any feedback. Stark Raven is always seeking new volunteers and contributors for help with interviews, news research, musical contributions, web work and more.

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**LIVE RADIO:**

Mondays 7-8pm, (1st to 3rd Monday, Pacific Time. Vancouver Co-op Radio)  
\*102.7 FM in Vancouver  
\*<http://www.coopradio.org>  
\*Satellite: Starchoice #845  
\*Various cable frequencies around BC

**NEWS, PODCASTS:**

<http://www.prisonjustice.ca>

Join our monthly email digest, featuring links to audio & show podcast, recent news and upcoming show highlights. To join, email us!

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Support Stark Raven: Become a Member of Co-op Radio  
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Support broadcast space for programs such as Stark Raven. Become a Member of Co-op Radio and help keep independent media alive!

Vancouver Co-operative Radio, CFRO, 102.7FM is a non-commercial, co-operatively-owned, listener-supported, community radio station. Located in the heart of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, Co-op Radio strives to provide a space for under-represented and marginalized communities.

Support Stark Raven as we cut through the mainstream crime sensationalism with in-depth interviews, news and analysis on the role of prisons in our

society and consequences of criminalizing affected communities.

Memberships start are \$60/year. You can also pay what you can/want to become a member of Co-op Radio. For more details on becoming a member of Co-op Radio check out: <http://www.coopradio.org/member/index.html> or just email us at Stark Raven, starkraven (at) prisonjustice (dot) ca, and we can hook you up as a member.