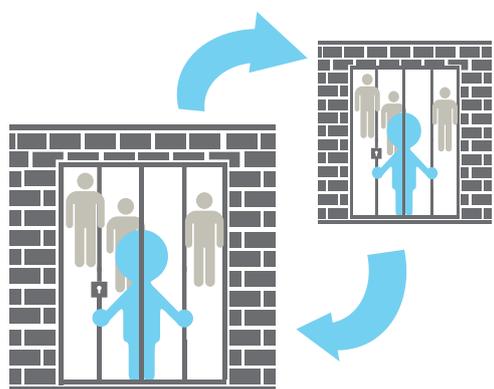


IS THIS 'JUSTICE'?

5 reasons why juveniles should not be tried in adult courts

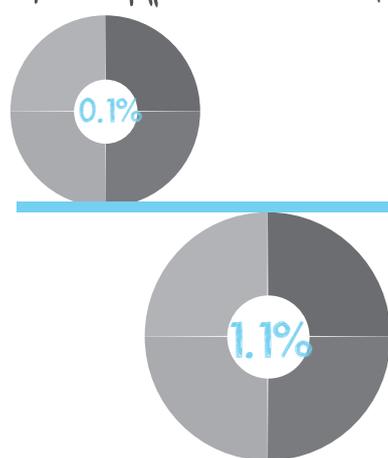


PRISONS MAKE CRIMINALS OUT OF CHILDREN

Data from across the world (especially the USA) tells us that re-offense is higher among those juveniles who have gone through adult prisons than juvenile correctional facilities. Studies show that around 80% of youth released from adult prisons reoffend, often going on to commit more serious crimes.

DATA DOES NOT BACK THE CHANGE IN LAW

In 2013, children comprised only 1.1% of all persons arrested. A mere 0.1% of these children were arrested for rape and murder. If the government goes ahead with this amendment, what they're saying is that they cannot even make an effort to rehabilitate as few as the 3304 children which is the number of children arrested for rape and murder in 2013, in a country that's over a billion people strong. The data does not show any alarming increase contradictory to the picture painted by the proponents of the tough approach system.

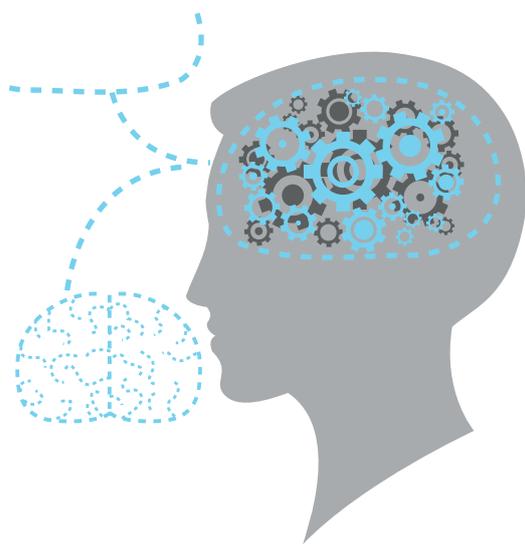


TRYING CHILDREN AS ADULTS VIOLATES THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA & UNCRC

India's constitutional right to equality is about ensuring fairness. It provides for special provisions for women and children. Juveniles do not neuro-biologically possess the capacity for decision making and impulse control as adults, and are therefore not on an equal footing. The proposed system also violates the rights of juveniles stipulated in the United Nations Child Rights Convention (UNCRC). The UNCRC strongly recommends that all nations change their laws with a view to achieving a non-discriminatory full application of their juvenile justice rules to all persons under the age of 18 years.

CHILDREN ARE NOT MATURING FASTER

Children today are far more exposed to consumerism and to violence than the media and technology beams to them daily. However, this does not mean that they have the mental maturity to process information or fully understand consequences of their actions. Studies in brain science from across the globe have proven that the brain system develops at different times throughout adolescence. Researchers have found that older adolescents (14-17) are actually more prone to reckless behaviour.



SUPREME COURT HAS UPHELD THE CONSTITUTIONAL VALIDITY OF THE EXISTING JUVENILE JUSTICE LAW

The rehabilitative foundation of the Juvenile Justice System in India will be lost. Two Supreme Court Judgments have upheld the constitutional validity of the existing law on juvenile justice and rejected the need for changing it. The inability of the system to deal with 16-18 year olds committing heinous offences cannot be the reason for lack of rehabilitative measures for children.