

Suitable Distance between Offenders Rehabilitation Facility & the Community

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INTRODUCTION

- Opposition Movement against Offenders Rehabilitation Facilities (ORF) in Japan —Not In My Back Yard
- Two Questions

Do opposition movement and reaction to it **make the community easy to desist for ex-offenders?**

Is **'correct information or data'** helpful for both the community and ex-offenders?

- What they—ORF staffs, probation officers, researchers, etc.—should inform
- & How they—ORF & the Community—can coexist?

Reaction to NIMBY against ORF in Japan

- **Exclusion** --- some ex-offenders cannot live in ORF for the community
Ex.) drug offence, sexual offence, arson etc.
- **Inclusion** --- some community members can join the management of ORF for the community
Ex.) conference with staffs in ORF
- **Contribution** --- ORF and its residents make some contribution to the community
Ex.) opening up their hall or garden, volunteer work by residents

Problems associated with such Reaction

- Focusing on 'In order not to be displaced'

Is the community the place for the members who are not ex-offenders?

- Where can they — who had committed drug offence, sexual offence, arson — live ?

They are living next to your home etc. without support or surveillance in ORF !?

⇒⇒ Is it a good community for both ex-offenders and non-ex-offenders?

'Understanding'? 'Communication'?

Support by some
understanding
volunteers or staffs

Little
Information &
communication

Little Image on
offenders
rehabilitation

NIMBY ?!

For privacy
and security
reason

- Enlightenment Activity by MOJ in Japan

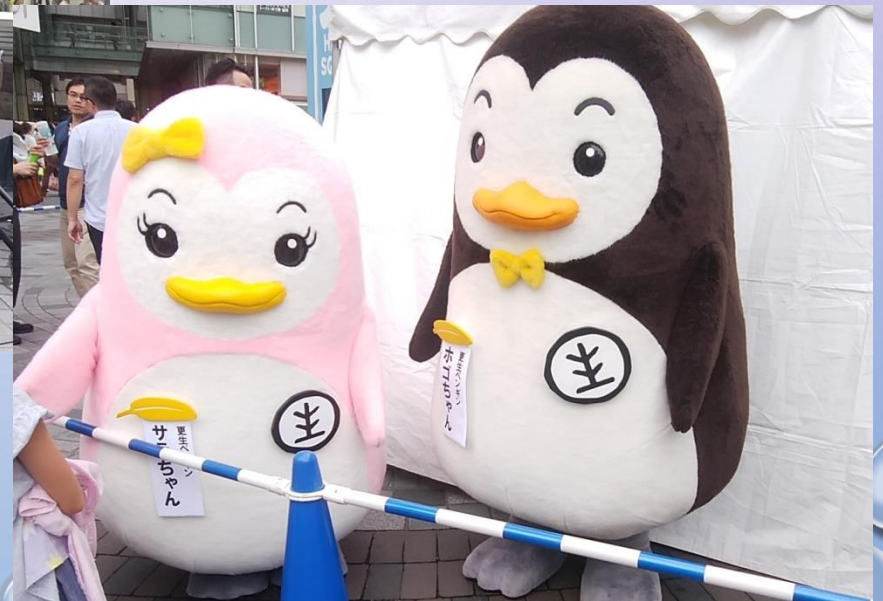


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→ deliver 'one-sided' episodes on offenders
rehabilitation

▪ ▪ ▪ Ex-offenders with low risk have **desisted obscurely**
and now **acts positively**.

• Is it **a 'correct Information or Data'** on offenders
rehabilitation?

'Correct Information' on Offenders Rehabilitation

- **Quantitative Data** is Powerless ?

Ex.) Re-offending rate of sexual offenders

← Some might dislike them because of their ex-offending or fear of 'if ...'

- **Qualitative Data** is Powerless ?

Ex.) 'Zig-Zag' desistance process drawn by Shadd Maruna

← No one wants to be victimized by their 'failure' in the course of desistance

What they should inform

- Little Understanding is consisted partly of 'those desisted and living obscurely'

→The community needs not to be the one 'coping with New Risk'.

- Some ex-offenders— committed sexual offence, murder etc.—might not act as 'the one who had desisted desirably'.

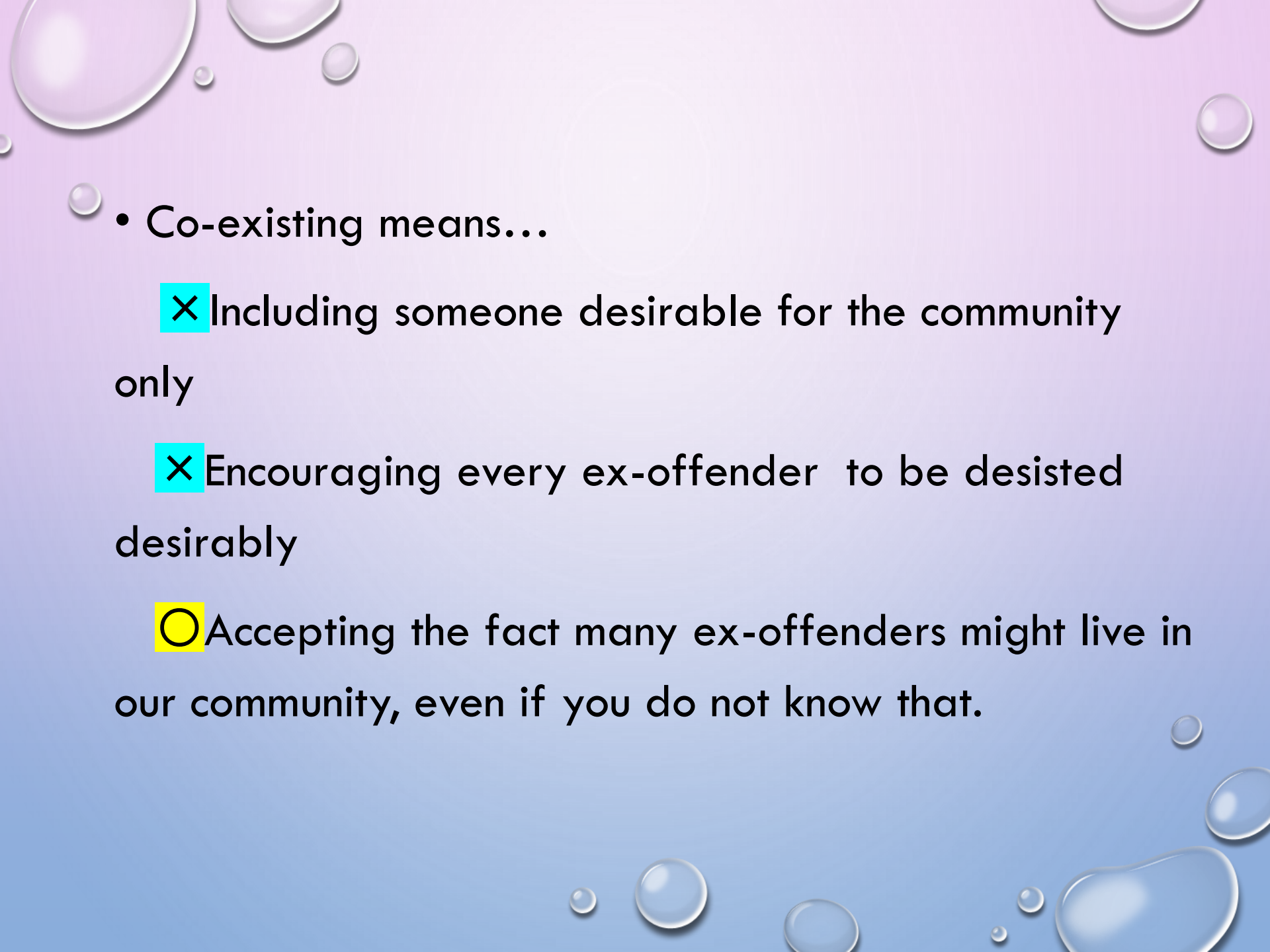
←They pose little risk to our community

You might not act as 'the one who had achieved something desirable for the community', either.

CONCLUSION

- Barrier of overcoming NIMBY is...
 - ✗ Shortage of 'Correct Information or Data'
 - A Feeling of Disgust —NIMBY itself!!

→ORF supported by ALL of the community members
might exclude Many ex-offenders.



- Co-existing means...

- ✗ Including someone desirable for the community only

- ✗ Encouraging every ex-offender to be desisted desirably

- Accepting the fact many ex-offenders might live in our community, even if you do not know that.