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The goal of this presentation is to conduct research in regards to women's right violations experienced by incarcerated women. We are proposing to address three specific women's right violations present within American, Russian, and Brazilian correctional facilities. We chose these countries because according to research, Russia and Brazil have rough prison systems, and we aim to compare these findings to the type of female treatment found in US prisons. First, we will discuss some general statistics about female incarceration and the rights violations that occur in female penitentiaries. Second, we will discuss health violations, specifically those experienced by pregnant inmates. Third, we will discuss physical and sexual abuse present within correctional facilities. Fourth, we will highlight the disconnection to children and parenting that female inmates experience. Lastly, we will present strategies that can be employed to address the above women's right violations and bring about prison reform. In doing so, we hope to provide applicable knowledge for social workers and other individuals in the community.