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have what it would take to commit suicide. So rather than face what to them seems an unbearable situation, and being unable to exit this world, they find a way to mask over that problem, and various drugs will be resorted to. The drug of choice for many white people, young white people, and you all listen, is methamphetamine. They say the drug of choice of black people is crack. Because Congress persons were made to believe that, there are humongous sentences imposed on people who use crack, but here is something that is never told. Over 90 percent of the crack users in this country are white, over 90 percent of the crack users are white. Those who control the crack trade are white, yet black people who make up less than 10 percent of the crack used comprise over 90 percent of those who get the heavy sentences. And that's the way it is throughout this society. I mentioned it with reference to the seat belts, and everything. Our situation, and when I say our I mean like black people, can be perceived and understood if you compare our situation to that of a pyramid. At the top sit white people who are the elitist. The higher you go up the pyramid, the lesser becomes the punishment. The farther you go down the pyramid, the more serious becomes the punishment. And we are at the bottom of the pyramid. So though we make up less than 10 percent of crack users, we make up more than 90 percent of those who get these heavy punishments. Federal judges finally had this dawn on them because they saw the way the prosecutors were bringing these cases. One such judge is in Omaha, a federal judge, and he refused to sentence black people convicted of crack offenses in accord with federal guidelines. He said it is unfair, it is racist. There is no proof that crack is 100 times more deadly than powder cocaine which white people used. He pointed out the disparity in terms of the number of black people getting these heavy sentences...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...compared to their relatively small percentage of users. But when he imposed what he thought were juster sentences, he and other judges around the country were reversed. So they went to the Sentencing Guideline Panel, the federal. They refused to do it but they said it made sense. Congress, however, refused to change those punishments. That's why I say there's racism in the law itself, and that's what is