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Sommario/riassunto	Yates examines the role of congressional debates in generating support for current prisoner education policy. He explores the 1994 Crime Bill and 2008 Second Chance Act debate transcripts to discover political stakeholders' attempts to influence and maintain social policy through the creation of legitimizing myths. These include the idea that prisoners are hopelessly flawed or that they have potential only as human capital in the marketplace. Education, when available, is often limited, narrow, and vocational. Counter-hegemonic discourse is also described as well as alternative educational pat