

Infamous: What are some of the hopes that the other inmates have regarding Barack Obama?

Cedric: All of the federal inmates are hoping for Federal Parole. Obama had a hand in the passing of the Second Chance Act which provides re-entry programs for inmates being released. However, the Federal Bureau of Prisons still isn't giving inmates near release the opportunity to get at least 6 months halfway house. This is important, because most people released from prison are released with nothing, and being at a halfway house gives them the opportunity to work and save up some money. When you release inmates back to the streets the same way they were when they came to prison, it's inevitable that they'll be coming back. Most inmates just want Obama to help them help themselves not come back to prison.

Infamous: What are some of the changes you think he will make?

Cedric: Obama has spent his entire adult life working on behalf of issues that are relevant to the black community. From being a community organizer working in poor neighborhoods on the South Side of Chicago, to being a civil rights attorney, to being a state senator and providing health care, passing racial profiling legislation, to reforming a broken criminal justice system in Illinois - He has taken on the kind of issues that no other presidents since Kennedy and LBJ have taken on. Personally, I think Obama is going to put an end to the war in Iraq, and use the 10 billion being spent there every month to help rebuild the American economy. So much is at stake, and putting an end to the U.S. occupation in Iraq will almost certainly put an end to the high gas prices. Food is sky high because of the gas prices. He knows the problem better than any other president in U.S. history; I just pray that he knows the solution as well.

Infamous: Thanks for your insight. And give our regards to the brothers in there.

Cedric: No! Thank you for giving brothers like myself a voice. You are appreciated!