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I have been employed with Governmental Departments (ie Prisons, County Jails, Group Homes from 1982 to present, uninterrupted). Having worked both in the private and Public Sectors, experiencing firsthand the pros & cons, the "ups" and "downs" of each system. I feel strongly against Privatization. The private sector offers very little accountability, give jobs to unqualified personnel, and the professional standards simply go undetected, overlooked, buried, or otherwise discounted. The Public Sector does not accept this outlook. Let's be serious here, the problems in American Privatized Institutions (albeit a much different culture) should spell out the quite obvious conclusion, creating a multifold scenario of potentially 'difficult' situations, which unfortunately become a reality, the increase of tension, violence and ultimately deaths in more instances than the Public Counterpart.

Thank you for your time, I believe my 28 years in both "systems" may shed some light on what potentially will occur if this goes through. I am totally against privatization.