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Artifact #1.
Title: *Faith-Based Programs Reduce Recidivism (infographic*)
Publisher: *Prison Fellowship*
Year: 2022
Type: Infographic

The first artifact is from the Faith-Based Programs Reduce Recidivism infographic. This graphic presents data and visual elements that demonstrate how faith-based rehabilitation programs help reduce recidivism among inmates. It was helpful in my research. It relies heavily on pathos to inspire emotional engagement, logos through clear but simplified data on reduced re-offense rates, and ethos by being published by Prison Fellowship, a credible and widely recognized Christian nonprofit ministry. It must be noted, of course, that as a Christian organization it has an alternative mission to persuade people to be Christians.

Artifact #2.

Title: Religion and Crime: A Systematic Review and Assessment of Next Steps
Authors: Adamcyk, Frelich and Kim
Year: 2017
Type: Academic Journal

My second artifact was this academic journal which proved invaluable to my research. In Amy Adamczyk, Joshua D, Freilich, and Chunrye Kim's article, they systematically review empirical research of the last ten years on religion and crime. While this is found to be true, the article also points out there is room for error in these findings as there is an over reliance on self-reported data. This can result in some finding not accurately representing the broader population due to personal biases and other mitigating factors. This was helpful to me because it helped me to be observant of other possible biases, like the fact that the prison study was conducted by a Christian organization, when researching my topic.