

Some people believe that there should be fixed punishments for each type of crime. Others, however, argue that the circumstances of an individual crime, and the motivation of committing it, should always be taken into account when deciding on the punishment.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Imposing predetermined penalties for an offender has been conducted traditionally by several judicial systems throughout the mankind's modern history. However, this form of retributive justice has gained great amount of criticism with the rise of human rights movements in the recent decades. For sure, any lawbreaking should be condemned by both the public and the officials, yet how the infliction of a punishment proceeds, raises serious discussions.

Takeing murder ~~for~~ as an instance related to this subject, manslaughter and mass shooting as two of its examples. When a mentally ill individual unintentionally commits homicide, considering possible motives of his act, and then deciding on his punishment sounds more humanitarian. Although this by no way means remission of his misdoing, or deeming him as less culpable of his act, our human manner somehow persuades us to take the offender's incentives into account.

However, on the issue of mass shooting, a crime against humanity, thoughts of ~~the~~ both, the public and officials, become more solid and determined. Even though the mass shooter might suffer from mental health illnesses, just as the previous case discussed, it is tend to believe that any further remission on his misdemeanor is decriminalizing the situation and a disrespect to all of the victims of that act and their families. Rigid pre-assigned punishment has to be preferably charged for the offender.

Giving my own opinion to conclude, this issue is far more subjective and complex that one unprofessional individual can assume. However, generally, I do believe that motives of a crime has to take place in the process of investigation, if it doesn't cause any further harm to the fellow victims of the crime.