

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 for committing it, should always be taken into account when deciding on the punishment.

Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

While many individuals hold the idea that a certain penalty ought to be applied for a crime regardless of the reasons behind the crime such as motivation, age and mental health of the wrongdoer, the opponents argue that a fair judiciary system can consider the reasonable grounds behind an unlawful act. When it comes to applying a penalty for a criminal activity, I subscribe to the view that we had better study the case carefully to find the root causes behind it or a machine can read a look up table and pronounce the verdicts.

First and for most, we have to note that the main reason behind a punishment is to show the wrongdoer and other members of society that retributions are defined and will be applied if someone commits a crime whereby we can curb the criminal activities in societies. Capital punishment, for example, is an acceptable punishment in many parts of the world where legislators believe it can prevent brutal criminal activities such as murder. Undoubtedly, judging a wrongdoer regardless of decisive factors at play could reduce the crime rate in a primitive society.

Having said that, applying a specific punishment for a wrongdoer regardless of his age, mental wellness, and motivation is not fair. Compared to the past, we are now living in an age where every single part of life has dramatically improved, hence an improvement in our judiciary system seems unavoidable. The expected punishment of a person who suffers from a mental disorder, or a child who cannot recognize the consequent-consequence of their actions should be completely different from normal individuals. From my point of view, obligatory educational sessions for the abovementioned group work far better than traditional penalties.

To sum up, I subscribe to the view that modern punishment has to ~~be-replaced-with~~ the traditionally old ones thereby expecting societies with lower crime rates. Only when the lawmakers manage the punishment fit the crime considering other factors at play can we expect an impressive reduction in crimes.