

Fixed Punishment

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 these views and give your own opinion.

There are different views about the retribution for the criminals. While some people think that punishment should befit the crime, others give arguments in favour of keeping standardised punishments. In my opinion, the measurement of punishment must depend upon the atrocity of the crime as well as the conduct of the criminals.

It is probable that fixed crime-related punishment is a useful tool. Firstly, criminals usually plead guilty to receive reduced sentences and sometimes they hire lawyers to do that. Therefore, guilty people do not get what their crimes deserve. Secondly, this system ensures our society to know the consequences of committing crimes. Furthermore, it helps the judges and polices to decide the sentences easier and faster by following the standardised rules.

Nevertheless, the circumstances of each case should be taken into consideration. In fact, people sometimes are forced to commit a crime by dint of self-defense or poor living conditions. For example, the juvenile offender who steals food to feed family for the first time should receive a different punishment to a repeat offender who steals money. Because the juvenile may not perceive the severity of their crime, they can get a fine while a repeat offender should be sentenced to several years in prison.

In conclusion, I favour the idea that the judges and polices should consider each circumstance as well as the motivation to protect the justice, hence the guilty people have to suffer in a way appropriate for their wrongdoing.

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