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### Punitive Punishment vs. Rehabilitation

American prison systems have been scrutinized as a punitive punishment system, really grazing the metaphor an eye for an eye. German prison systems however are viewed in a more lax and rehabilitative state. The question is, is the efficacy of this valid and if so, could this work in America?

I think we must look at one major question before we can really delve into this and that is "what does it take to be disqualified from humanism." I think talking about repercussion and reprimands are going to vary vastly based on person to person and not so much as a unity. When I think if Germany's reform approach could work in America, I ponder the question on whether I could place a debt on a crime such as murder, and whether or not I think that debt could be resolved or reformed.

I think, personally, just in speaking to murder (in cold blood), that anyone capable of it is maybe not mentally healthy and I'll explain what I mean. When I say unhealthy, I think what I'm trying to say is in a morally civilized populous someone doesn't just murder someone; to me someone that can do this could potentially benefit from essentially a rewire and reintroduction to morally accepted societal values that German justice systems try to implore. However, I do not feel that this approach would work in America for a couple reasons.

In America we run a punitive punishment system which essentially is an "eye for an eye" or more accurately "a life for a life". I say this wouldn't work because I believe as a country or a vast majority of it; especially under our current leaders that there is a debt in part of your actions. And I don't disagree, I think that your wrongs must be righted. In American I think not so much in part of our justice system forming an outcry, but the citizens that strongarm the belief of an "eye for an eye" would be a bigger controversial potential. I think this would be especially true for families of victims that have been murdered. These families want justice, and the outcry does not reflect upon reform or forgiveness too often. As a country we have become so bold and brazen to retaliate against our communities and government and lead with the belief that strength comes in numbers. This has severely injured any chance of reform justice in our country. In recent events with #blacklivesmatter movements and riots (because there are both kinds) that at the sight of change that does not reflect within the greater populous, all hell breaks loose.

I think America *needs* a system like this, I think it would get into murky water trying to agree on setting the debt for specific crimes and the moral values behind the crimes and whether they are reformable, but I do believe that our justice system is overcrowded and saturated to say the least.

