

Punishment

Pure moralistic retributivism

1. Moral guilt is a necessary condition for justified punishment
2. Moral guilt is a sufficient condition (“irrespective of the consequences”) for justified punishment.
3. The proper amount of punishment to be inflicted upon the morally guilty offender is that amount which fits, matches, or is proportionate to the moral gravity of the offense.

Utilitarian theory of punishment

1. Social utility (correction, prevention, deterrence, etc.) is a necessary condition for justified punishment.
2. Social utility is a sufficient condition for justified punishment.
3. The proper amount of punishment to be inflicted upon the offender is that amount which will do the most good or the least harm to all those who will be affected by it.

Vindictive theories of punishment

1. Escape valve
2. Hedonistic
3. Romantic

