

Justice Principles

Retributive Justice

Punishment
Obedience to Rules

What rule has been broken?

Who is guilty of breaking the rule?

What is the punishment?

Underlying Values

Vengeance / revenge
“An eye for an eye,
a tooth for a tooth.”

People do things that hurt others
because they are bad.

Corrective method

Punishment (along with rewards).
Extrinsic motivation - doing something
because other people force them to.

Punitive Use of Force

Designed to make someone suffer
enough to see the error of their ways

Generates resentment and hostility
which manifests as ‘attitude’.

Motivates people to act out of fear,
guilt or shame and reinforces that if you
are bigger or more powerful than
someone else, then you can make them
do things they don’t want to do.

Restorative Justice

Mediation and similar approaches
Restoring Harmony

What is the injury, loss or harm?

Who did it affect?

How do we repair and restore harmony?

Underlying Values

Restoring harmony between people.
Facilitating mutual empathy and
understanding.

People do things that hurt others
because they are unaware.

Corrective Method

Education
Intrinsic motivation - doing something
because they choose to.

Protective use of Force

Designed to ensure safety and
protection for all

Educates the person into an
understanding of feelings and needs

Educates the person into understanding
the needs they were trying to meet for
themselves, and seeks to find other
ways to meet those needs that are more
effective and less harmful.