

Re: OT – I may be in the minority

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Haven't attended any. I just know what I've heard and read from the Religious Right: Law and Order; Tough on Crime; build more prisons; etc. etc.. It's increasingly clear that their idea of forgiveness applies only to little stuff like sassing mom, not putting your clothes away, and things like that. Major sins must be punished, and punished as severely as possible.

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Anne Vasquez wrote:

You must have been attending different Christian churches than I have, Eli. I've never heard that doctrine.

Eliyahu wrote:

That's called "specific deterrence" (as opposed to the general deterrence you've advocated earlier). Since we do virtually nothing in the way of rehabilitative programming in our jails and prisons, it generally translates into doing a life sentence in installments. I suppose we could eliminate recidivism by following the North Korean model and imposing life sentences and/or death penalties for just about all crimes. It's made NK a relatively crime-free country where the only thing the people have to fear is the State. It would also fit perfectly with the current Christian doctrine of "no forgiveness, no redemption, and punish as hard as possible." By coincidence, that's also the Islamic philosophy... strict justice without mercy.

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