Jus-455 Legal Traditions

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Various types of crimes exist in our society today. One of the types of crimes which are prevalent in society is a violent crime or personal crime. Violent crime is used to denote the type of crime which is committed against an individual. Violent crimes result in the harm or pain on individuals. Examples of such crimes include; assault, homicide, kidnapping, and false imprisonment. Another type of crime which is prevalent in society is property crime. Property crimes are used to refer to the offenses or crimes that are committed against property. Property crimes do not inflict harm to individuals; instead, they interfere with the right of an individual to possess or own property.Embezzlement, forgery, theft, burglary, and arson are examples of such crimes (Hurwitz and Peffley, 2010).Next, we have the white-collar crimes which refer to the crimes that are carried out by individuals who are in the high social ranking and occupation. Examples of the white-collar jobs include; accounting malpractices and employee crimes. Organized crimes are also prevalent crimes in society (Hurwitz and Peffley, 2010).Organized crimes are used to refer to criminal engagement by organizations and groups for the sole purpose of committing crimes. The next type of crime is the consensual crime whereby criminal individuals engage voluntarily in behaviors that violate the law.Gambling and substance abuse are examples of consensual crimes.

Various types of punishments exist in society. One of the common types of punishment is incapacitation. Incapacitation is used to imply the type of punishment whereby criminals are moved from the community or society. The type of punishment is aimed at preventing the occurrence of future crimes by physically moving offenders from society. The second type of punishment is deterrence. Deterrence is used to refer to the type of punishment in which is aimed at persuading the offenders or criminals to ensures that they conform to the particular laws and regulations (Gottschalk, 2015). Retribution is another type of punishment which involves the injuring of criminal offenders by considering the harms that they inflict in society. Another type of punishment is rehabilitation, which emphasizes on aiding criminals to overcome factors that trigger them to engage in crimes.

Regarding the ethical exploration of the linkage between the crimes and punishments in the United States, it is imperative to denote that in the United States an initiative has been undertaken to ensure that the principles of justices are followed when offering punishment to the offenders Additionally; the country has incepted guidelines which are aimed at ensuring that punishment is offered fairly without depicting inequality. The United States has also made an initiative of ensuring that the procedure of the punishment is predictable, transparent and fair, However, research studies have demonstrated that in some situations, the US prisons violate the principle of proportionality by inflicting severe punishment without considering the proportionality of their crimes (Anderson and Waggoner, 2014).

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