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Activity: Media
Problems of retributive justice

Learning objective

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

• understand the problems of retributive justice.

The clip below discusses five harmful things about retributive justice. As you watch the video, briefly explain what is meant by each of the five problems listed below. Where possible, include examples that illustrate the points being made.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLVieCyg66A

You can use the points from the clip as headings for your notes.

- 1. It makes justice into a transaction.
- 2. It makes it more difficult to consider mitigating factors.
- 3. It prioritises punishment over treatment.
- 4. It dehumanises offenders.
- 5. We already know there's another way.