

Contrasting Views of Justice

Retributive View

What rules have been broken?

Fixing blame central

Focus on past

Focus on offender, victim ignored

Interpersonal relations irrelevant

Wrongs create guilt

Guilt is absolute, either/or

Restitution rare

**Debt paid by taking punishment
(taking one's medicine)**

Victim lacks information

Offender takes no responsibility

Offender denounced

Competitive thinking

Justice tested by intent & process

Process alienates

Win/lose outcomes assumed

Restorative View

Who has been hurt?

Problem solving central

Focus on future

Focus on both victim & offender

Interpersonal relations central

Wrongs create liabilities & obligations

There are degrees of responsibility

Restitution normal

**Debt paid by making it right
(taking responsibility)**

Victim becomes informed

Offender made accountable

Harmful act denounced

Cooperative thinking

Justice tested by outcome

Process aims at reconciliation

Win/win outcomes encouraged