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To Tinelephantseal,

So, first of all, coolest screenname ever? 😊

From my printout, it looks like you posted your comment to me on Nov. 6th... one of my best friends' birthday! Seems to be a B-Day theme in my comments lately. Anyway, ~~this~~ ^{this} should be up just about a month or so after you wrote, so maybe you'll see it. I doubt it, but maybe.

I'm always so grateful whenever someone finds value in something I've written. I don't see much hope for contributing to the world any other way besides my words now, so it's pretty gratifying to hear they've been appreciated in some way.

I couldn't agree with you more when you write, "I feel like cops and prosecutors can kind of do whatever they want, regardless of (legality)." You're right, they can! And... they do. Prosecutors can almost always cobble together some kind of bullshit from the tens of thousands of laws they can pick from, plus, in the well-known case of "plea bargains", they can (and do) ~~bully~~ ^{bully} people with wildly inflated and terrifying charges, often carrying punishments of many decades or more, just to coerce a "plea deal" that boosts their conviction rate and fills jail cells or "rehab" programs, all while knowing full well that the person they've targeted never did anything much like what is claimed. Similarly, do you think you've ever driven more than a mile or two without doing something a creatively malicious pig could pull you over for? A dead taillight; a mildly obscured license plate; a sticker ~~in~~ the wrong place on your window... signalling a fraction too late on a lane change, driving one single mile over a speed limit (or five or so below)... you can literally be stopped for almost anything. And then, however innocent you may be, cops and prosecutors both know their favorite line — "You can beat the rap, but you can't beat the ride." Harassment, expenses, stress, loss of all sorts, all of this invariably accompanies being ticketed, accused, or charged. Often much more. When pigs lie, people suffer, and same for when they have 10,000 "tools" to mess with us, in the form of endless bullshit laws to hold over our heads.

As for "rethinking what requires punishment", I'm sticking with... nothing. Nothing requires punishment. It's only good for creating obedience to authority, fear, and resentment. On the grand societal scale, I think we should focus on figuring out what causes anti-social behavior and harm, then working to fix those problems. How do you see it?

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