

The background features a light gray gradient with several realistic water droplets of various sizes scattered across the frame. A faint, circular, textured pattern is visible in the upper center, resembling a fingerprint or a similar circular motif.

PUNISHMENTS

JUDGES CONSIDERATIONS

- MITIGATING FACTORS: A **MITIGATING FACTOR** IS ANY INFORMATION OR EVIDENCE PRESENTED TO THE COURT REGARDING THE DEFENDANT OR THE **CIRCUMSTANCES** OF THE CRIME THAT MIGHT RESULT IN REDUCED CHARGES OR A LESSER SENTENCE.

JUDGES CONSIDERATIONS

- ANY FACT OR CIRCUMSTANCE THAT INCREASES THE SEVERITY OR CULPABILITY OF A CRIMINAL ACT
- **AGGRAVATING FACTORS** INCLUDE RECIDIVISM, LACK OF REMORSE, AMOUNT OF HARM TO THE VICTIM, OR COMMITTING THE CRIME IN FRONT OF A CHILD, AMONG MANY OTHERS.

WHY DO WE PUNISH

- RETRIBUTION – REVENGE FOR THE CRIME: JAIL, PRISON
- DETERRENCE – IF YOU KNOW YOU’LL GET IN TROUBLE YOU WON’T DO IT
- REHABILITATION – TAKING A PERSON BACK TO THE BEHAVIOR THEY HAD BEFORE THEY COMMITTED THE CRIME (OR DID THE DRUGS/ALCOHOL, ETC.)
- RESTITUTION – GIVING THE VICTIM MONETARY COMPENSATION

PUNISHMENTS

- JAIL – MINOR INFRACTIONS (USUALLY ABOUT A YEAR OR LESS)
- PRISON – MAJOR INFRACTIONS (PRISONS VARY IN SECURITY BASED ON SUCH INFRACTIONS)
- RECIDIVISM – REPEATING CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR
- PREVENTATIVE DETENTION – TEMPORARY INCARCERATION (EX. DRUNK DRIVING ARREST)
- CAPITAL PUNISHMENT – DEATH PENALTY

PREVENTING DISCRIMINATION

- NO EQUAL PROTECTION LEADS TO INSTABILITY. HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOU WILL BE SINGLED OUT?
- METHODS CITIZENS USE: CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE, USE OF TECHNOLOGY, LAWYERS, MEDIA
- NO EXCESSIVE BAIL – CAN'T BE IMPRISONED WITHOUT OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE TEMPORARY RELEASE
- NO CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT – CAN'T BE IMPRISONED FOR AN “UNREASONABLE” AMOUNT OF TIME

WHAT MAKES IT A FEDERAL CASE?

- CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES
- CRIMES COMMITTED OVER INTERSTATE LINES
- DISPUTES BETWEEN STATES OR TERRITORIES
- TERRORISM OR INTERNATIONAL ISSUES (AMBASSADORS, ETC)

JURISDICTION

- EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION: FEDERAL CASES ARE ONLY HEARD IN FEDERAL COURT
- APPELLATE JURISDICTION: HEARING CASES FROM A LOWER COURT
 - WRIT OF CERTIORARI: DOCUMENT REQUESTING RECORDS FROM A LOWER COURT
- ORIGINAL JURISDICTION: FIRST TIME A CASE IS HEARD