

# Why Norway's prison system is so successful. Article.

1. Could we take the Norway prison system and implement it into Canada. Why or Why not. Explain?

For the US, the answer would be no, but for Canada, it is a lot more difficult to say. Canada has a recidivism of around 40%, whereas Norway is 20% (lowest in the world). Prisons cost a lot of tax money, that's part of the reason why Norway's Personal taxation rates are so high, around 40% I believe. But, in Canada the tax rates are around 30%. So, looking at this info, it is clear that we would need to increase our taxes, but maybe not as much as we think. In Norway, they also have lots of other luxuries, like free university, which takes up a lot of taxes. So, if Canada was to just adopt the Norwegian prison system, we would not have to increase our taxes that much. But it's not just all about taxes. Canada would also have to be willing to adopt the Norway system, which would not be easy. I think it would take many years to get a lot of people on board for the Norway system to be implemented into Canada, but i think it can be done.

2. Is Norway's prison system based on retribution or rehabilitation? Ok... just finishing up.

Norway's prison system is based on rehabilitation. The definition of rehabilitation is the action of restoring someone to health or normal life through training and therapy. The best way to do this is to treat these prisoners like normal human beings. Which means creating a "normal" life for them. Waking up at 8:30 am, going to a job, making their own food, and going to church. When you do this, and treat these people like normal human beings, it helps them behave like normal human beings in society.

3. Why is it good to have a 21 year sentence as the max sentence?

In Norway, they use an indeterminate system that relies on an assessment of whether or not the offender is rehabilitated as a basis for release from prison. So, instead of just giving a sentence and making that person serve it no matter what, the prisoners are assessed on how well they are doing. This means that if a prisoner is doing very well and has been fully rehabilitated, and is ready to function in society then he/she can be released. On the contrary, If the courts think that an individual has not fully rehabilitated or is not ready to be in society yet, then he/she can be sentenced to five year increments, until the prisoner is ready to be released.

4. Why is Norway 's recidivism rate so low? Explain.

The main reason as to why Norway's recidivism rate is so low is because it is based on rehabilitation. Giving these prisoners a routine based day, and jobs, and other luxuries helps make them feel like real humans, not just animals. If you were to lock up a human and treat them like an animal, keeping them in a tiny cell for 23 hours a day, they are extremely likely to reoffend, and be even more dangerous. That's why the recidivism rates in the US are so high (76,6%), because the US system is based on retribution. In Norway, they pretty much let the prisoners run the prison. The more you treat a human with respect and treat them like a grownup, the more likely they are to behave normally in society. That's why it's no shock that the recidivism rates in Norway are the lowest in the world.

5. Do gun restriction laws affect the amount of crimes committed in Norway?

Norway has some of the strictest gun control laws today. It is only possible to obtain permission to own a weapon by having officially documented a use for the gun. Hunting is very common in Norway, and so is the biathlon. But, guns are rarely seen outside of those settings. Barely any of the prisoners in Norway are in there because of gun related crimes. Whereas, In the US 66% percent of homicide victims were killed using a firearm. If the US was to have stricter gun laws, like Norway, imagine how many fewer people would be in prison because of guns. Looking at all the informations above, it shows that the norweigan prison system, truly is superior.

Exceptional work overall. Clearly a great deal of work and effort went into this project. From the quality of the questions, to the depth of your analysis, combined with your multiple sources, this is high quality work which is evidence of a solid work ethic. They would result in a great discussion with a group..

Overall, 12/12 - a sophisticated response!

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