

Teoria della pena e giustizia

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Theory of Punishment and Justice

Abstract: Nowadays a growing number of authors claims that (a) enough experimental evidence is available for believing that the conceptual galaxy centered on the notion of free will has no objective empirical correlate; (b) the retributivist conception of punishment presupposes free will-related concepts such as responsibility, merit, and desert, and consequently has to be abandoned; (iii) we are left with a purely utilitarian conception of punishment, which is a very good thing from a moral point of view. In this article I challenge this line of argument.

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