

## Crime

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Crime can only be understood in relationship to society. In class society crime is a product of alienation, want or resistance. Under capitalism the criminal justice system is anti-working class, irrational and inhuman. Property is considered primary; the person merely a form of property.

Against this Left Unity demands:

1. The codification of criminal law. Judges cannot be allowed to 'rediscover' old offences or invent new ones.
2. All judges and magistrates must be subject to election and recall.
3. Defend and extend the jury system. Anyone charged with an offence that carries the possibility of a prison sentence can elect for a jury trial.
4. Fines to be proportionate to income.
5. Prison should always be considered a last resort. There must be workers' supervision of prisons. Prisoners must be allowed the maximum opportunity to develop themselves as human beings. People should only be imprisoned within a short distance of their home locality – if not, families must be given full cost of travel for visits.
6. Prison life must be made as near normal as possible. The aim of prison should be rehabilitation, not punishment.
7. Prisoners should have the right to vote in parliamentary and other such elections and to stand for election. Votes from prisoners to count within the constituency where they actually live, not where they happen to originate.