

Punishment and Society (SOC 3660)

Response Paper 1

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Do a close reading of Section 2907.02 of the *Ohio Revised Code* (“Rape”). Consider reading the law aloud. Write a paper that addresses these areas:

- 1) Explain the **distinction between the different offenses and penalties**. Consider creating a table for yourself as in your handout from 9/8/17. For context, note that for a first degree felony, the prison sentence in Ohio is 3 to 11 years.
- 2) **Interpret** the “story” about Ohio and its values, as shown in this law. What do these penalties tell about the acts that are seen as more and less serious by this society? Look closely at the treatment of married couples.
- 3) Discuss how this law connects to ideas about punishment that you have learned in **two assigned articles**. Be sure to properly attribute the authors by name when discussing their ideas. Such as: “In David Garland’s chapter, he states, ‘punishment is...’” As in that example, be sure to use quotation marks if repeating the author’s own language. A full reference list is not necessary for this assignment.

Recommended length: 2-4 pages (d.s.).

Skills involved: Analysis of legal language; synthesis of information; critical thinking about the connection between examples and principles.

Due date: Submit the paper **BOTH** digitally on blackboard in “Content” and in paper form in class on **Wednesday, September 20 at 2:00 PM.**