

TABLE 1.1

Summary of Key Elements of Different Correctional Perspectives

	RETRIBUTION	DETERRENCE	INCAPACITATION	REHABILITATION	REINTEGRATION
Justification	Moral Just deserts	Prevention of further crime	Risk control, community protection	Offenders have correctable deficiencies	Offenders have correctable deficiencies
Strategy	None: Offenders simply deserve to be punished	Make punishment more certain, swift, and severe	Offenders cannot offend while in prison	Treatment to reduce offenders' inclination to reoffend	Concrete programming to make for successful reentry into society
Focus of perspective	The offense and just deserts	Actual and potential offenders	Actual offenders	Needs of offenders	Needs of offenders
Image of offenders	Free agents whose humanity we affirm by holding them accountable	Rational beings who engage in cost-benefit calculations	Not to be trusted but to be constrained	Good people who have gone astray and will respond to treatment	Ordinary folk who require and will respond to concrete help