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## **PHILOSOPHY OF PUNISHMENT AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Punishment and the right of its application has long been the subject of attention of philosophers. Theoretical philosophical developments on the nature, objectives, impact, and sense of punishment serves as a basis for the development of the ideas of the philosophy of law. The depth and richness of the existential problems can not leave indifferent neither theologians nor scientists – representatives of knowledge in various specializations and time.

The punishment is associated with coercion, retaliation, deprivation of natural rights, bringing individual to responsibility for his actions. Social role of punishment requires a deep understanding and learning.

Morally oriented measures of legal coercion aim to maintain a balance between individual freedom of will and the common good. The

common good is seen as creation of criterion of constructiveness of human activity, which is formed from a complex combination of a variety of actions, positive and negative in terms of universally valid morality.

Social responsibility is an important aspect of the relationship of the individual with other individuals, state, society, one of the most important mechanisms of connection of freedom of human will and conscious necessity of observance of social norms. The purpose of punishment should contain a moral criterion that allows restricting the space of human activity and preventing its dehumanization. The content and meaning of punishment in terms of social responsibility in a modern, multicultural global environment can not be considered in isolation from the cultural identity of the person.