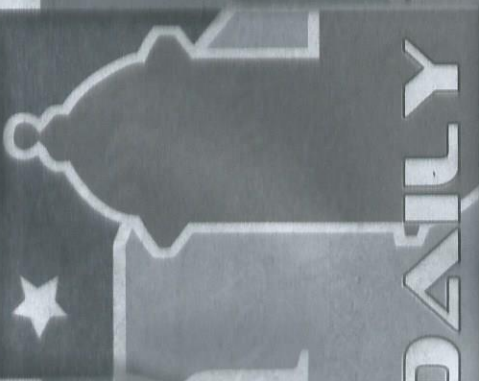


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Criminal Justice System

How in the world can we discourage criminal acts such as in the Casellas case from happening in the future when the convicted criminal ends up in an all-expense-paid, top-class mainland resort? Other people considering similar acts of violence will not find their will diminished if they are sure their penalty will be at the worst an all-expense-paid vacation for years to come.

The penal system **MUST** go back to the modus operandi of the early part of the last century, when criminals faced forced labor. To avoid competing and thus upsetting the business world let's go back to rock crushing. Each criminal gets a sledge hammer and a huge rock to convert into gravel. He must work nonstop from 6 am to 6 pm every day of the week, rain or shine. When the word gets out, people like Casellas will think twice before firing 14 shots into their wife.

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