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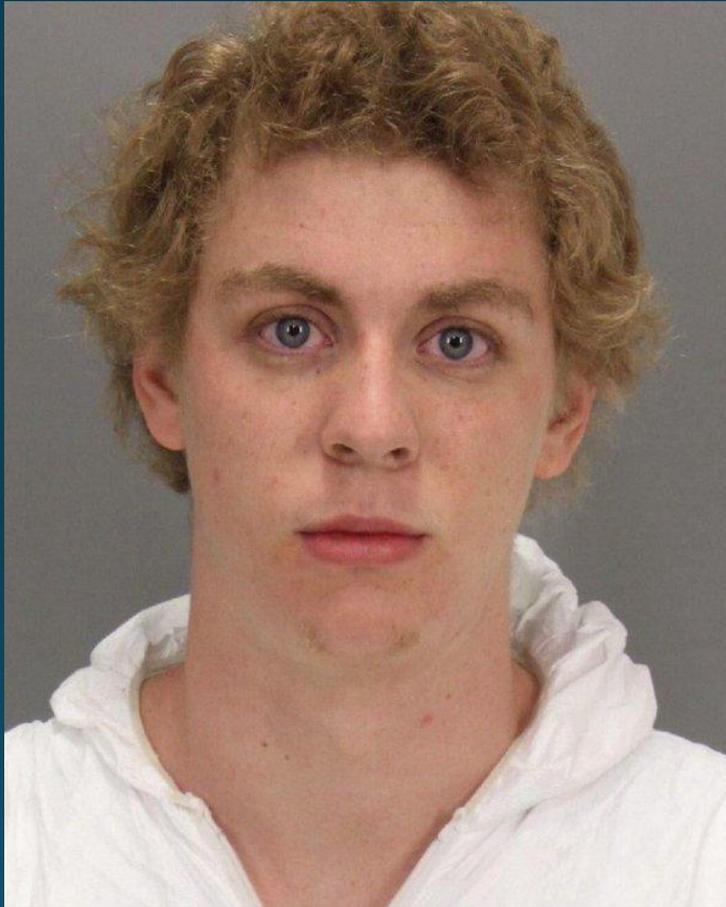
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Goals of Punishment

- **Retribution:** justice requires the offender experience harm
- **Deterrence:** punish to influence future behavior
 - **Specific:** punish offender so that person doesn't offend again
 - **General:** punish offender to set an example to others
- **Rehabilitation:** alter offender behavior through programming

Goals of Punishment

- **Incapacitation:** physically remove an offender's opportunity to commit crime again
- **Restorative justice:** reconciliation between victim, offender, and community to repair harms caused by crime

Based on your assigned goal, what's the appropriate punishment?

John and Jess are flirting for several hours at a party. Both students are drinking heavily. By the time Jess says she wants to go back to her room, she is clearly having trouble walking, can't seem to text or use her phone, struggles with opening door handles, and vomits on the walk back to her dorm. When John comes with her into her room, she never verbally says no. When she passes out on her bed, John proceeds to have sex with her.

What is the appropriate punishment?

- A 19-year old college female is at a fraternity party, playing a drinking game. After several hours of heavy drinking, she passes out in a bedroom upstairs.
- A 20-year old male student enters the room and rapes her while she is passed out. Three of his friends watch.
- What is the appropriate punishment for the male student? What about his friends?