

Justice and Order: Part 4

Are you aware that in Australia, the criminal law differs from state to state? There can be where someone would be found guilty in NSW and acquitted in Queensland. Or acquitted in NSW and guilty in South Australia. Take prostitution, for example. These are relics of time before Australian federation, in which each state had its own independent legislative, judicial and administrative institutions.

In another era, the Prohibition was issued in the US and the sale of alcohol became an illegal act. As there were a large amount of crimes due to alcohol consumption, it was contemplated that this prohibition would eliminate that crime. In Singapore, high taxes have been levied on alcohol sales. For example, a cask of wine that can be purchased for about \$10 in Australia would be around \$100 in Singapore. It is contemplated that the Singaporean government intends to reduce crime and prevent drunkenness through this regime.

There is no doubt that prostitution and alcohol provide pleasure for citizens. However, it cannot be denied that these activities are hotbeds for committing crime. Many prostitutes are drug addicts who continue prostituting because they want money for drugs. Through this, stimulants are widespread throughout the country and crime rates will increase again.

Laws are made to carry out the national policy, however there have been incidents, such as the assassination of President Lincoln who had issued prohibitions. Whether it be democratic or authoritarian, the continuation of policies that are hated by the citizens will be difficult. However, it did not last for long. Just like the saying that 'fish will not live in clean water', the politicians that create laws that many can enjoy will be long-lived.

However, it is thought that these enjoyable things cannot sit well with the progress of humanity.