



# STREET LAW: WEEK ONE



## QUICK GUIDELINES

No talking over each other!

Comment on ideas, not people

Take space and give space

# WHAT IS JUSTICE?

We will read a series of statements describing situations in which individuals are met with judicial action.

We will also describe a list of possible judicial processes to pursue in regard to that person.

Please select an option depending on what judicial action you feel helps achieve “justice.”

# IS IT JUSTICE?

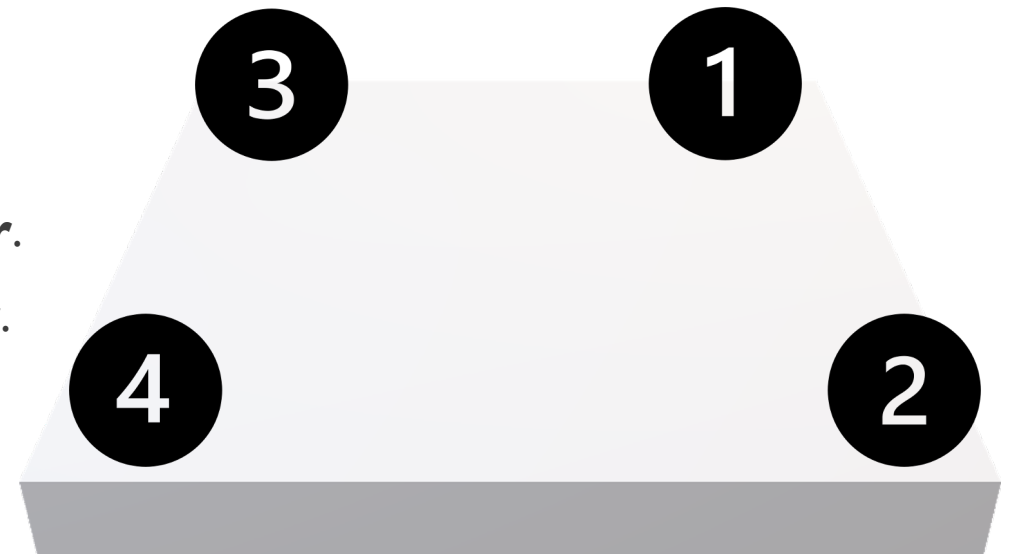
Each slide will have a hypothetical prompt and four options.

If you agree with **Option #1**: go to the **front right corner**.

If you agree with **Option #2**: go to the **back right corner**.

If you agree with **Option #3**: go to the **front left corner**.

If you agree with **Option #4**: go to the **back left corner**.



## **HYPOTHESIS #1:**

A student athlete has their state championship game in two days. The team has been practicing everyday until late at night then again in the morning. The student falls behind in their reading and steals the project of their peer, turning it in under their own name. What is your approach to justice?

Option 1: Zero Assignment Grade, Suspension, Withdrawal from Team

Option 2: Zero Assignment Grade, Apology to Other Student, Withdrawal from Team

Option 3: Zero Assignment Grade, Month of Detention

Option 4: Extended Due Date, Apology to Other Student

## **HYPO #2:**

A resident returns to their dorm hall intoxicated and becomes combative when a roommate tries to intervene, no one suffers any visible injuries. The incident is reported to professional staff. What is your approach to justice?

Option 1: Meeting with Residence Director, housing relocation

Option 2: Meeting with Residence Director, Written Apology to Roommate, Community Service

Option 3: Meeting with Residence Director, Alcohol Meeting with Campus Alcohol Counselor

Option 4: Written and In-Person Apology to Roommate Meeting with Residence Director, Alcohol Education

### **HYPO #3:**

A repeat offender has served years in prison for burglary and demonstrated that burglary is a way of life. Past imprisonment has not deterred their actions, and the individual commits physical assault and theft during a home break-in. The victim feels a loss of safety and security as a result. What is your approach to justice?

Option 1: Maximum Imprisonment and Fines

Option 2: Maximum Imprisonment and Community Service

Option 3: Moderate Imprisonment, Written Apology, Restitution

Option 4: Minimum Imprisonment, In-Person Apology, Restitution

## **HYPO #4:**

A group of college students, home on break, are drinking and, out of boredom, decide to attempt to light a wooden bridge on fire. The bridge is a historical landmark and memorial that is an icon in the community. Community members are outraged when the bridge is completely destroyed. What is your approach to justice?

Option 1: Maximum Imprisonment and Fines

Option 2: Moderate Imprisonment and Community Service

Option 3: Minimum Imprisonment, Community Conference, Restitution

Option 4: Letter of Apology to Community and Community Service



# SHOULD IT BE A CRIME?

*A crime is an act or failure to act that violates a law and for which a government has a set penalty (usually a fine, jail, or probation).*

## **DIRECTIONS:**

Regardless of the current state of the law, if you believe the hypothetical situation constitutes a crime, go to the right side of the room. If you believe it should not be considered a crime, go to the left.

Right = Crime

Left = Not a Crime

## HYPO #1

Person A joins a fraternity. As part of his swearing in, the fraternity plays a game where Person A must answer the historical questions of the fraternity correctly or drink. Person A had no time to study as he was focused on his real classes, as a result, he drinks far too much. The fraternity members witness him pass out on the couch and feel slight concern but leave him be. The next day, he is rushed to the hospital and suffers permanent damage from his alcohol consumption, which wouldn't have occurred had he be rushed to the hospital the prior night.

Should the behavior of the fraternity be a crime?

## HYPO #2

When women were first let into Darvard University, they banded together to create a society where they could support their families while pursuing degrees in tech. To honor this history, the school's "Young Women in Tech" private society only allows in legacies. However, until 1968 the school only admitted white students – something that is clearly reflected in the make up of the society. The society has a clear monopoly on all tech jobs coming from the university.

Should this legacy protocol be a crime?

## HYPO #3

Person A is at a house party with their friend. They are on thin ice with their mom who has instituted an 11pm curfew. Stressed about getting home on time, they ask their friend to drive them home. Person A has strong reason to believe that their friend has consumed alcohol, but still pressure them to give them a ride home. On the ride back, the duo get run into a light pole.

Should the behavior of Person A be a crime?