

Crime and Justice

*The Future of Human Rights and Civil Liberties:
Do Dave, Ed and Nick Agree?*

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Programme for Government - Justice

- Protection of trial by jury
- Full review of sentencing policy
- Paying independent providers to reduce reoffending
- Alternative accommodation for mentally ill and drugs offenders
- Review of legal aid
- Restorative justice for low-level crime
- Anonymity for rape defendants

Programme for Government – Crime/Policing

- Reduction of bureaucracy
- Directly elected Commissioners
- Greater legal protection for people to prevent crime and apprehend criminals
- Ensure people have protection that they need when they defend themselves against intruders
- Introduce new mechanism to prevent the proliferation of unnecessary new criminal offences

Economic context

- Ministry of Justice and Home Office programme and administration budgets to be cut by 23% in next 5 years
- Police resource funding reducing by 14% in real terms by 2014-15
- Government consulting on closures of 157 courts
- Law Officers department: 24% savings over 5 years
- Most of this from CPS
- Abolition of public bodies including Youth Justice Board
- Job losses: MoJ – 14-15,000 Home Office – 8,500
- 3,000 cut in daily prison population to 82,000
- £350m off legal aid budget of £2.1bn