Institutionalizing Restorative Practices by Building Alliances


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Restorative Justice seeks an opportunity for all stakeholders affected by an injustice to discuss how they have been hurt by it, to heal those hurts, repair relationships, take responsibility for reform, prevent recurrence and enhance the capabilities for human flourishing of those affected.

So Restorative Justice is about:

• Dialogue

• Active Responsibility

• Healing

• Building Relationships

• Building Human Capabilities

• Prevention of future injustice
Restorative Justice is reluctant:

• To put a blamed individual and not the problem in the centre
• To punish

Responsive regulation is about the idea that these are things we do resort to when nurturing active responsibility and restorative justice fail and fail again.
The social movement for Restorative Justice Complements:

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- Indigenous Rights Movements
- The Helping Professions: Rehabilitation, Education, Social Work, Law, Policing
- The movement for evidence-based, preventive social policy
- The Womens’ Movement
- The Peace Movement, Mass Movements for Justice through Nonviolence and Democracy in autocratic societies
Restorative Justice and Responsive Regulation (2002) argues that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the other core human rights covenants include the following restorative values:

- Restoration of human dignity
- Restoration of property loss
- Restoration of injury to the person or health
- Restoration of damaged human relationships
- Restoration of communities
- Restoration of the environment
- Emotional healing

- Restoration of compassion or caring
- Restoration of freedom
- Restoration of peace
- Restoration of empowerment or self-determination
- Restoration of a sense of duty as a citizen
Learning from Nova Scotia about how Restorative Justice Complements:

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