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Avoidance of Bipartisan Mistakes in Criminal Justice

Because our system of government is strongly bipartisan, I feel that it will be difficult to avoid mistakes in criminal justice. The intense divide between conservative and liberal groups means our nation, while united in the betterment of the country, seems incapable of deciding on a compromise a wide majority can agree on. While we get close to appeasing most with our use of democracy, the majority vote does not always get things right the first time around. To the same effect, our ability to modify existing law does much to balance out such errors or imperfections.

This may be one advantage that a more centrist population has over groups who lean heavily on one side of the political spectrum. Less-heavily-leaning collections of society are more likely to find better forms of compromise. A similar problem exists, however; just because a group of people is more moderate about their political ideals does not mean they all agree on precisely the same way to handle the continued growth of society.