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What you call "minutiae" are actually the reasons why so many mentally challenged people are put to death, and why so many rapists walk free, and why so many nonviolent offenders are in prisons, and why so many prisons are terrible terrifying environments, and why rich people don't serve the same sentences are poor ones, and a million other things.

You want to sit there and talk about "legal this" and "legal that" as if there's some sort of "law" separate from what actually happens in the real world, and that this separate "law" is more relevant than observations about who is really subject to violence from the state and who isn't.

I say that any discussion of "the law" and what's "legal" is incomplete when we pretend that we can talk about it "neutrally" (ie: from a white male perspective). And I say that referring to this important critical legal discourse as "minutiae" completely misses the point of having a justice system.

Otherwise, we just have another system where the "neutral" rich white male view of the world dominates, and other experiences are marginalized.

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