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Message From The Publisher

One consequence of reporting on cases worldwide is that it provides the perspective to know the U.S. can learn much from policies and practices in other country’s influenced by their awareness that wrongful convictions occur.

The Philippines abolished capital punishment in part because of widespread recognition an innocent person can be executed. (See p. 7) In this country influential people pooh-pooh that it can happen here.

In Canada exhaustive inquiries have been conducted into the circumstances contributing to a wrongful conviction. In this country an exoneration is treated as an aberration in a reliable system.

In Australia investigations have been conducted into suspect police behavior underlying a wrongful conviction. In this country there is minimal (if any) accountability for extensive police wrongdoing, that may only be publicly exposed during a lawsuit for compensation.

In South Africa a judge can be subject to discipline for contributing to a wrongful conviction. In this country judicial oversight commissions empowered to enforce obtuse ethical rules typically ignore a judge’s professional deficiencies and personal characteristics that can contribute to a wrongful conviction.

In England and Scotland, a Criminal Case Review Commission provides an independent venue to evaluate new evidence or argument for the suitability of submitting a case to the Court of Appeal for review. In this country there is no politically independent state or federal forum for the evaluation of how new evidence or argument affects the reliability of a conviction. Also in England, the COA functions with a conscientiousness that is difficult for a person in this country to believe. In 2006 32% of convictions reviewed were quashed, and from 1996 to 2006 the percentage ranged from 30% to 42%. Yet activists in England complain that not enough convictions are overturned! Let them review the situation in this country’s state and federal courts, and they will be thankful for what works in their system.

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