Huh? 6 years for a blowjob vs. 3 years for killing a gay man

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Gotta love the American criminal justice system. I think it's one of the worst among so-called "developed" countries. With many judges elected just like politicians, and the big decisions left to twelve people they pull off the street, it's no wonder I'd see the following two headlines in my local gay newspaper:

Six Years for Blowing a Man
http://gaycitynews.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=19787668

Three Years for Killing a Gay Man
http://gaycitynews.com/site/index.cfm?newsid=19787665

Alright, alright.. so the first guy technically committed a rape. Call me politically incorrect, but since this doesn't involve a minor, or forced penetration, then I'm guessing the six year sentence has more to do with homophobia than the actual harm done during this crime.

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