

• CONGRESSIONAL WORKSHOP •
Topic # 3
Abolish Capital Punishment?

Overview

Questions to ponder: Why did New Jersey recently place a moratorium on executions? Do most Americans continue to support the death penalty? Where does lethal injection stand in the courts and legislatures of the country? How many countries worldwide still allow capital punishment - and why? What effect will the U.N. resolution to ban the death penalty have on the U.S.? Can the 8th Amendment be used as an argument in this debate? Is life-without-parole a suitable alternative to death? How do demographic, age, and gender issues fit into the debate on the topic? Is the death penalty a deterrent to capital crimes by criminals?

Background references

- <http://www.religioustolerance.org/execute.htm>
- <http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/>
- <http://pewforum.org/death-penalty/>
- http://topics.law.cornell.edu/wex/Death_penalty
- <http://www.clarkprosecutor.org/html/links/dplinks.htm>
- <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/angel/procon/haagarticle.html>
- <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/press/cp05pr.htm>

Citations supporting the affirmative

- <http://www.deathpenalty.org/>
- <http://www.derechos.org/dp/>
- <http://www.aclu.org/capital/>
- <http://www.facesofwrongfulconviction.org/>
- www.amnestyusa.org/our-priorities/death-penalty/page.do?id=1011005&n1=3&n2=28
- <http://www.ncadp.org/>

Citations supporting the negative

- <http://www.prodeathpenalty.com/>
- <http://www.hoshuha.com/articles/deathpenalty.html>
- <http://www.wesleylowe.com/cp.html>
- <http://yesdeathpenalty.googlepages.com/home2>
- <http://logosresourcepages.org/OurTimes/capital.htm>
- <http://www.cjlf.org/releases/08-08.htm>

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- America, April 28, 2008, pgs 13-16, "Ending the Death Penalty"
- Economist, April 26, 2008, pg 46, "A Pointless Extinction"
- Newsweek, April 21, 2008, pg 17, "The Supreme Penalty for Rape"