

# Examinations

## Topic: Capital Punishment

### Question: Do you agree with Capital Punishment?

Nowadays, anti death penalty forces have gained momentum towards abolishing the death penalty. Capital punishment advocates assert that the death penalty brings about deterrent effect and contributes in combating crimes. However, capital punishment should not be imposed on humans as it is cruel and violates human rights, there are possibilities of wrongful executions and capital punishment does not deter crimes.

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First, I do not agree with capital punishment because of its cruelty and it violates a human's right to live. The Death penalty should be prohibited in civilized society as it is indisputably the most cruel and brutal punishment to exist. Some argue that criminals deserve the death penalty for committing heinous and despicable crimes; nevertheless the state-sanctioned killing may actually exacerbate violence and cause an upsurge in the crime rate.

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Apart from that, erroneous executions are likely to happen too. It is impossible to eliminate the risk of executing innocent people completely. There might be miscarriages of justice associated with the administration of death penalty resulting from sketchy witness's testimony, incompetent defense representation and police misconduct. Since innocent lives might be shattered due to the reasons above, capital punishment should not be carried out.

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In addition, capital punishment does not deter crimes effectively. Thus, it should be eradicated in view of the fact that it doesn't serve its purpose as efficacious deterrent to crimes. A survey conducted illustrated that non death penalty states actually had consistently lower murder rates compared to death penalty states. Furthermore, perpetrators who commit crimes in the heat of passion and possibly under the influence of drugs or alcohol. In this case, the threat of being put to death failed in acting as a deterrent as criminals do not even think about the possible outcome of their actions.

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In conclusion, capital punishment should not be practiced. Perhaps alternatives to it can be taken into consideration. Life imprisonment appears as a feasible solution. Besides, rehabilitation of criminals is imperative too, instead of just sending them to gallows. Capital punishment should not be imposed for the betterment of mankind.

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