

Capital Punishment

History of Capital Punishment

'The bumper sticker says, "Why do we kill people who kill people to show that killing is wrong?" And I agree with that.'

- ❑ *Capital Punishment, also known as the death penalty, has been around since 18th Century B.C*
- ❑ *King Hammurabi made 25 different crimes punishable by death. An "Eye for an Eye"*
- ❑ *Capital punishment moved to America in 1608 A.D.*
- ❑ *Support for the death penalty reaches all time low in 1966.*

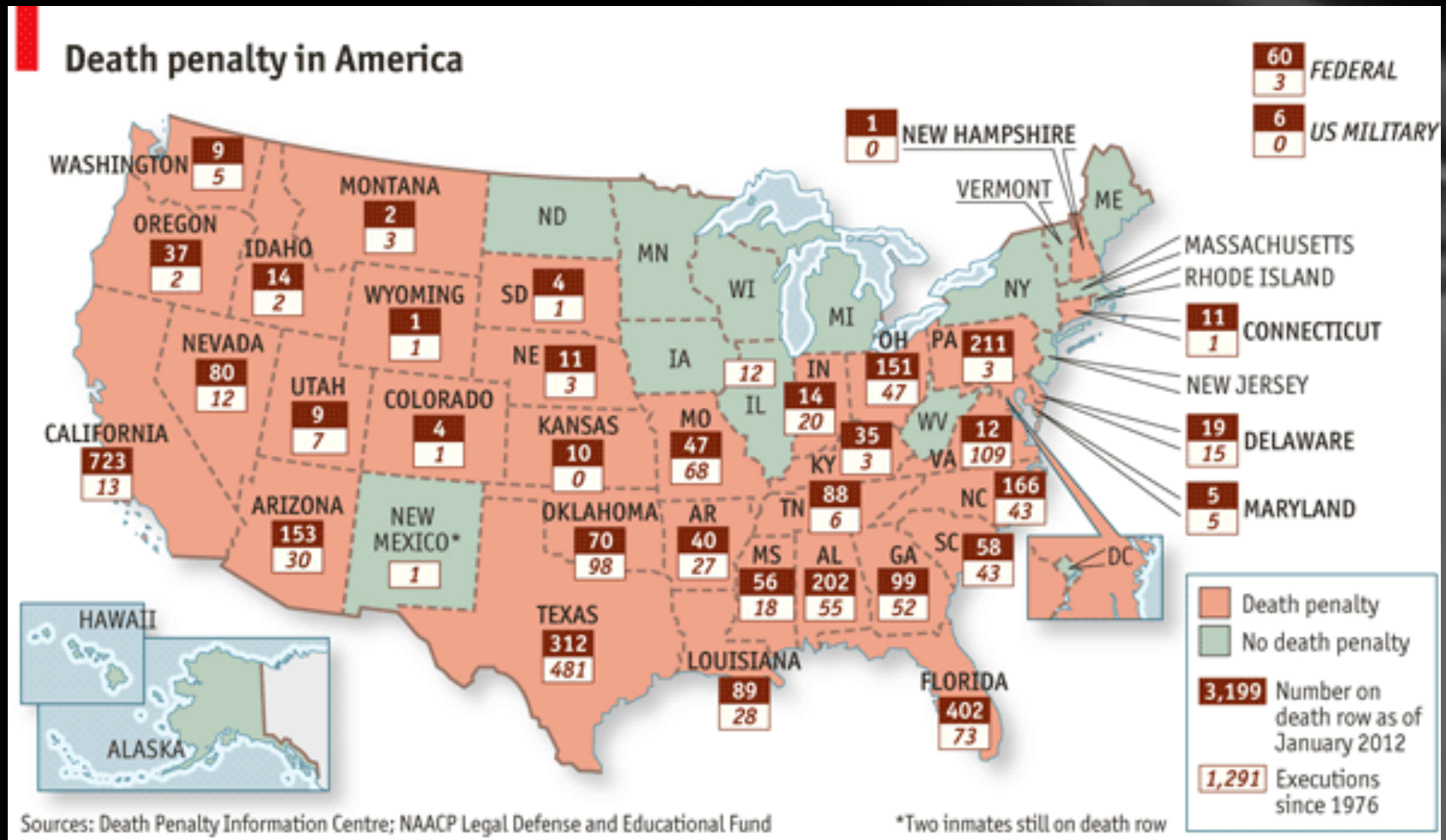
The 6 Most Commonly Used Methods of Execution

1. Beheading
2. Stoning
3. Hanging
4. Electrocution
5. Shooting (firing squad)
6. Lethal injection

The 6 Main Executing Countries (2009)

1. China (figure unknown)
2. Iran 388+
3. Iraq 120+
4. Saudi Arabia 69+
5. USA 52 (Texas: 24)
6. Yemen 30+

In America



For the Death Penalty

- ❑ *Capital punishment is the right punishment for those who take away life- murderers.*
- ❑ *Those who have taken a life should be killed.*
- ❑ *A life for a life.*

For the Death Penalty

- ❑ *A deterrent to those who might commit a crime.*
- ❑ *The fear of being executed must surely put off the criminals from committing murder if they know they'll face the death penalty if caught.*

For the Death Penalty

- ❑ *One thing is certain: no executed person will ever kill again.*
- ❑ *By putting murderers to death you can save future lives.*

For the Death Penalty

- ❑ *The families of those killed need justice and retribution (revenge).*
- ❑ *Once a criminal is put to death the family can finally feel free of the murderer who killed their loved one.*
- ❑ *The safety and relief a family gets when the criminal is put to death is far better than life in prison.*

For the Death Penalty

- ❑ *It is more humane to put someone to death than to keep them locked up for years.*
- ❑ *Criminals who's crimes are considered to be of low danger are having their sentences shortened to deal with jail overcrowding.*
- ❑ *It would surely cost a lot more money to keep murderers in prison serving a life sentence than it would to execute them..*

Against the Death Penalty

- ❑ *Cost of Putting someone to death.*
- ❑ *Death penalty is 2.5 times more costly than to put someone in prison for life.*
- ❑ *The extra cost of putting someone to death gives the option of just putting someone in prison without the possibility of parole.*

Against the Death Penalty

- ❑ *The chance of putting someone to death who is falsely accused.*
- ❑ *The chance of someone incorrectly accused being put to death outweighs putting the right criminal to death.*
- ❑ *Since 1973, one hundred thirty people have been released from death row due to evidence that shows their wrongful conviction.*

Against the Death Penalty

- ❑ *The publicity of a crime and the long trials that come with it cause more crimes.*
- ❑ *Life in prison is more of a deterrent than the death penalty.*
- ❑ *Death of a murderer does not bring back a murdered loved one.*

Against the Death Penalty

- ❑ *Capital punishment does not deter crime.*
- ❑ *The death penalty is discriminatory and is often used disproportionately against people from poor backgrounds or of particular races, or those with mental health problems.*

Conclusion

- ❑ *In conclusion, both sides have strong arguments, and it is very important to understand both sides of the argument before you decide your stance on the topic.*