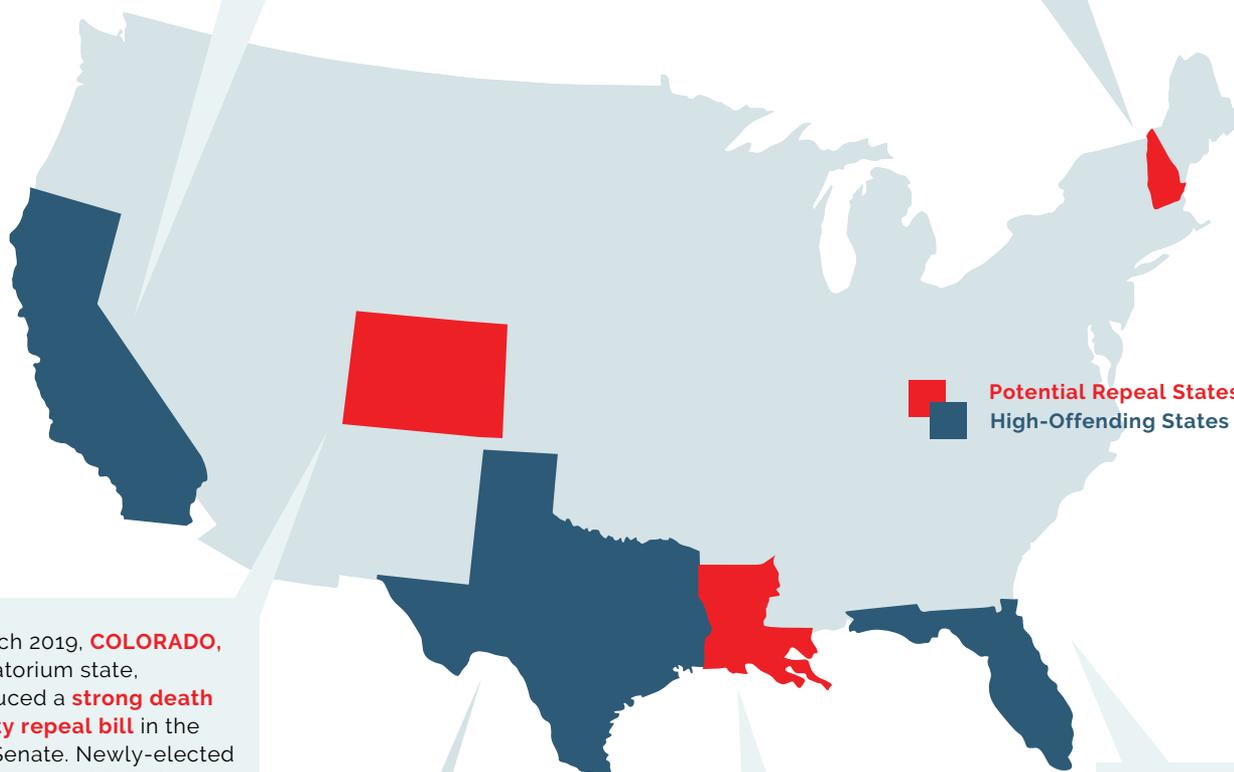


WE CAN END THE DEATH PENALTY

OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES IN KEY STATES

On March 13, 2019, **CALIFORNIA** joined Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Colorado as **one of the four death penalty moratorium states in the U.S.** The state's death row is made up of nearly 740 inmates, making it the largest in the Western Hemisphere.

NEW HAMPSHIRE is the only New England state yet to abolish capital punishment. **A bipartisan repeal bill is currently making its way through the legislature** with enough votes to override a potential governor veto.



In March 2019, **COLORADO**, a moratorium state, introduced a **strong death penalty repeal bill** in the state Senate. Newly-elected Governor Jared Polis has signaled that he would sign such a bill should it cross his desk.

TEXAS was responsible for 13 out of the 25 executions carried out in the U.S. in 2018, but **public attitudes continue to shift**. In 2018 midterms, Texans elected several new progressive District Attorneys who pledged to seek the death penalty less frequently.

A repeal bill is expected to be introduced in **LOUISIANA** in 2019, with broad bipartisan support. The state **hasn't executed anyone in nearly a decade**, and currently has no way to procure lethal injection drugs, as pharmaceutical companies increasingly refuse to sell drugs intended for executions.

Of the 164 people exonerated from the death row in the U.S., 28 have come from **FLORIDA—more than any other state**. However, an estimated 154 inmates on the state's death row are now eligible for resentencing trials following an FL Supreme Court decision that disallows death sentences to be decided by non-unanimous juries.



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**This map highlights only select states with the death penalty. For a more comprehensive death penalty map, please visit catholicmobilizing.org/death-penalty*



OUR BROKEN SYSTEM

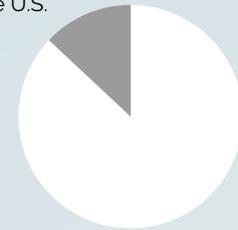
FACTORS THAT DETERMINE WHO GETS THE DEATH PENALTY IN THE UNITED STATES

RACE

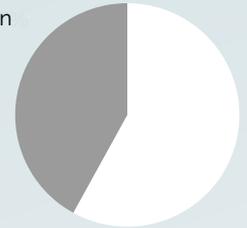
76% of death row defendants have been executed for killing white victims, even though African-Americans make up about half of all homicide victims.

African-Americans are overrepresented on death row, making up 42% of the nation's death row population but just 13% of the total U.S. population.

African-American Population in the U.S.
13%



African-American Population on death row
42%



GEOGRAPHY

Over half of the executions carried out since 1976 came from cases originating in just 2% of U.S. counties.



10 counties responsible for the majority of death sentences in the last five years

MENTAL ILLNESS

A study in the Hastings Law Journal of recent executions found that "over half of the last one hundred executed offenders have been diagnosed with or displayed symptoms of mental illness."



There are 3 times as many people with severe mental illness in our country's jails and prisons than in our hospitals.

POVERTY



The majority of individuals on death row could not afford their own legal representation. In many cases, their appointed attorneys are overworked, underpaid, or lacking the trial experience required for capital cases. In Texas, death row inmates face a one-in-three chance of being executed without having their case properly investigated by a competent attorney.

Together, we can build a culture of life.

By God's abundant grace, we are all endowed with human dignity. In August 2018, Pope Francis and the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith revised the Catholic Catechism to call the death penalty "**inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person.**" (CCC 2267)

We all can take part in upholding human dignity. Join CMN as we work together to end the death penalty and promote restorative justice. **Learn more about how you can build a culture of life at catholicismobilizing.org.**