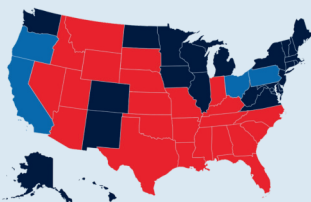


THE DEATH PENALTY IN THE U.S.

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It is ineffective, costly, and deeply flawed.

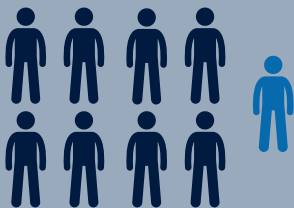


23 states have abolished the death penalty

27 states retain the death penalty, **4** of which have paused executions by executive action

Currently there are more than **2,000 people sentenced to death** across the United States.

The death penalty does not deter crime. In fact, *the states that use the death penalty consistently report the highest murder rates.*



INNOCENCE

For every eight people executed in the U.S., one person has been exonerated.

200+ people have been exonerated since 1972.

Data from Death Penalty Information Center

RACIALLY BIASED

Capital punishment is rooted in a legacy of racism and born from a history of racial terror lynchings.

Today, people of color are overrepresented among death row populations when compared to the total population across the country.

COST \$\$\$

Research across multiple states demonstrates that the **death penalty costs significantly more than other sentences of incarceration** due to court proceedings, solitary confinement, and execution protocols.

EXECUTION METHODS

Lethal Injection



Lethal Gassing



Firing Squad

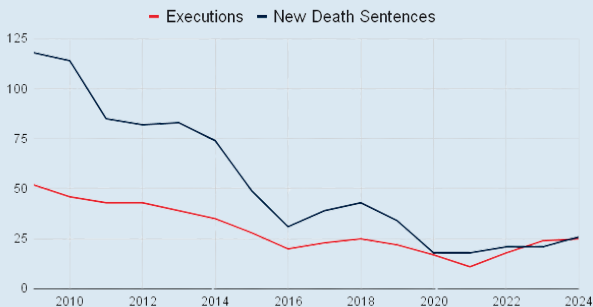


As pharmaceutical companies make it hard to procure lethal drugs for executions, **some states have brought back old execution methods, and developed new ones.**

THE MOVEMENT TOWARD ABOLITION

The American population is moving away from the death penalty. **Progress is on our side.**

The rates of both state-level executions and new death sentences have been **steadily declining** over the past decades.



Data from Death Penalty Information Center

37 FEDERAL COMMUTATIONS

Before leaving office, **President Biden commuted the sentences of 37 individuals on federal death row**, saving their lives from the threat of execution.



PUBLIC OPINION

Only 53% of Americans support the death penalty. That's the *lowest* recorded support since the 1970s.

Gen Z and Millennials are driving this change.

Data from 2024 Gallup Crime Survey

CATHOLICS' OPINIONS

From the 1970s to 2022, **Catholic support for the death penalty fell from 74% to 61%, a larger decline than any other religious group.**

This decline was even greater among those who regularly attended Mass, demonstrating that what the Catholic Church teaches, matters.

Data from Association of Religion Data Archives

CHURCH TEACHING

"...the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that **'the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person'**, [1] and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide."

—(Catechism of the Catholic Church 2267)

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