"Death for whatever crime and all circumstances is truly an awesome punishment. The calculated killing of a human being by the state involves, by its very nature, a denial of the executed person's humanity... an executed person has indeed 'lost' the right to have rights." William Brennan *Gregg v. Georgia*

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**REFERENCE RESOURCES**


Examines the death penalty for juveniles from all points of view, including a history of the topic and how societies all over deal with the issue. Includes a bibliography and index.


Contains reprinted essays representing different viewpoints on capital punishment. Issues include the effectiveness of the death penalty as a crime deterrent, the application of the death penalty in regard to fairness, and the moral and/or legal "justness" of the death penalty. Includes a number of documents representing different points of view through history from the eighteenth century to the present.


Consists of over 280 full-length articles on the whole range of applied ethics. It includes not only entries on the leading theories and concepts, but also a vast selection of entries on practical issues from medical, scientific, and environmental ethics to the ethics of social relationships and social services. Each article provides a detailed overview of the selected topic to inform a broad spectrum of readers, from research professionals to students to the interested general public. Contains several entries on various aspects of capital punishment.
including an overview, the death penalty for homicide, the Jewish view of capital punishment, and the political aspects of the death penalty.


Surveys the entire field of criminal justice, with a primary focus on the United States and the current situation, although considerable attention is given also to other nations, to global issues, and to the past as a context for the present. Written by hundreds of contributors from around the world, this comprehensive and interdisciplinary reference work contains over 400 signed entries and more than 100 sidebars presenting primary source documents. Illustrated. Entries include bibliographies.


Provides an overview of capital punishment through the ages, addressing the history of capital punishment from the seventeenth century B.C.E. to the present and covering controversies, particular cases, and attitudes toward the death penalty in many countries. Includes biographies, landmark U.S. court cases, accounts of execution methods, relevant literary works, eyewitness accounts of executions, statistics, and various historical and contemporary concepts.


Explores the issues surrounding legal execution. Contains an overview of the topic, a summary of legal issues relating to capital punishment, a chronological history of the subject, biographical information on important figures in the field, and a complete annotated bibliography. Indexed.


Includes an overview of capital punishment in the form of an introductory essay; a chronology of events, legislation, and movements; biographies of activists, advocates, and legislators; tables, figures, and documents; a directory of organizations and agencies; a bibliography of print and non-print sources (including websites); a glossary; and an index.


This comprehensive and authoritative work reports on the movements and interests that have shaped Christianity in general and Catholicism in particular over 2,000 years. The entry on capital punishment in volume 3 focuses on Christian attitudes toward capital punishment as well as a summary of ancient practices.


Contains different points of view by a variety of contributors on all aspects of capital punishment including the “justness” of the death penalty, capital punishment as a deterrent, and application of the death penalty in terms of fairness. Includes a bibliography and index.
SUBJECT HEADINGS

Capital punishment-Economic aspects
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INDEXES AND ABSTRACTS

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Provides abstracts and indexing for over 3,100 journals plus searchable full-text for over 1,500 active journals. Subjects covered include general reference, business, health, social science, education, science, humanities, and news and current events.

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Provides access to a wide range of news, business, legal, medical, and reference information. News resources include full-text of national and international newspapers.

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WEB SITES

Capital Punishment
http://www.cdc.state.ca.us/issues/capital/capital.htm

This informative site from the California Department of Corrections contains historical and current information on the death penalty in the State of California. Includes a current list of condemned inmates, lethal injection procedures, and photographs of death Row at San Quentin State Prison and the Central California Women's facility. Also includes graphic summaries of murders and other capital crimes of defendants executed since California reinstated the death sentence in 1978.

Catholics Against Capital Punishment
http://www.igc.org/cacp

Catholics Against Capital Punishment (CACP) is a national advocacy organization working for the abolition of the death penalty in the United States. Promotes greater awareness of Catholic Church teachings that characterize capital punishment as inappropriate and unacceptable.
**Death Penalty Information**  
[http://deathpenaltyinfo.msu.edu](http://deathpenaltyinfo.msu.edu)

The section titled *About the Death Penalty* includes pro and con viewpoints, stages of a capital case, history, and how each method of execution is carried out. Interactive maps in *State By State Data* show executions and death row inmates by ethnicity, gender, or juveniles; legislation about the mentally retarded, juveniles, and life without parole; and methods of execution used. Included are *State Summaries* with facts and history, and a table of comparisons. *Courtroom Cases* presents various issues for jury selection and four actual cases.

**Death Penalty Information Center**  
[http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org](http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org)

Facts about the death penalty, including executions, botched executions, and a list of individuals executed (1976-2002). Full-text reports on a number of issues relating to capital punishment including race and the death penalty, politicizing the death penalty, crisis in death penalty representation, law enforcement views, innocence and the death penalty, and the cost of capital punishment.

**Focus On the Death Penalty**  
[http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/just/death/index.html](http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/just/death/index.html)

This educational site from the University of Alaska aims to give as full a picture as possible of the complex issues surrounding capital punishment and its application. Covers death penalty history, statistics, state death rows, issues under debate, and the international context. Includes links to other sites.