

Resources on Capital Punishment

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Internet Sites

- [Capital Punishment](#)
This site contains historical and current information and statistics on the death penalty in California. Includes a current list of condemned inmates, history of capital punishment in California, lethal injection procedures, and photographs of death ...
- [Capital Punishment: All Points of View on the Death Penalty](#)
This site "deals with the execution of criminals found guilty of having committed serious crimes. ... Most democracies in the world have abandoned the death penalty. The U.S. and Japan and South Korea are the only exceptions."
- [Cruel and Unusual: Sentencing 13- and 14-Year-Old Children to Die in Prison](#)
This 2007 study "has documented 73 cases where children 13 and 14 years of age have been condemned to death in prison. ...
- [Death Penalty](#)
Amnesty International (AI) USA's death penalty abolition page has news and reports relating to worldwide use of capital punishment. Features fact sheets; developments, by country; and international human rights standards, beginning with the Universal ...
- [Death Penalty Information Center \(DPIC\)](#)
Includes a database of all executions since 1976, searchable by name, year, age, race, gender, location, method of execution, and special factors. Also provides reports on issues such as innocence, juveniles, mental illness, and costs....
- [Death Penalty News & Updates](#)
Includes information on current executions in the United States, death penalty-related news, statistics on executions by state, statistical summaries, and more. The site is against the death penalty and provides information on contacting U.S. law makers....
- [GPO Access](#)
Free online access to numerous collections of official United States federal government documents, including: congressional bills, public and private laws, the United States Code, the Federal Register, judicial documents, and more
- [Pew Research Center](#)
The Pew Research Center is a nonpartisan "fact tank" that provides information on the issues, attitudes and trends shaping America and the world. It does so by conducting public opinion polling and social science research; by analyzing news coverage; and by holding forums and briefings. It does not take positions on policy issues.
- [Pros and Cons of Controversial Issues](#)
"Promoting critical thinking, education, and informed citizenship by presenting controversial issues in a straightforward, nonpartisan, primarily pro-con format."
- [USA.gov](#)
As the U.S. government's official web portal, USA.gov makes it easy for the public to get U.S. government information and services on the web. USA.gov also serves as the catalyst for a growing electronic government.

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Document the Source Most writing styles require certain information for citing Web sites. When keeping notes write the URL, the date you accessed and the description of the site. If the URL changes you may need to search for it later.

Evaluate the Web site Don't believe everything you read!

Google Scholar If you need to use the Internet for research use limits under <More> on Google home page or try the Google Scholar link in the box on this page.

Web search engines Not all search engines (Google, Yahoo!, Bing, Ask.com, etc.) are the same. Each has strengths and weaknesses. Search engines do not search all of the Internet.

Wikipedia is not a scholarly Web site but it may be a starting point for definitions or to help identify names when you haven't a clue where to begin.

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