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General Websites

[Death Penalty Information Center](#)

An outstanding site providing fact sheets, statistics, state by state information.

[Death Penalty Overview | LII/ Legal Information Institute](#)

From Cornell University law School a site that offers legal background information about the death penalty in the U.S. Excellent site.

[Justice for All Act - Office for Victims of Crime Fact Sheet](#)

[Justice for All Act - The Justice Project](#)

Includes information about the Innocence Protection Project.

[Texas Department of Criminal Justice:](#)

[Death Row Information](#)

NHS Library Databases

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Just key in Capital Punishment. So much information here.

[SIRS Knowledge Source](#)

Check out the Top Ten Pro vs Con - Capital Punishment.

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Websites from the Destiny Online Catalog

[Capital Punishment/The Death Penalty FAQs](#)

Explore the answers to frequently asked questions about the death penalty. Identify which states have the death penalty and which do not. Find out which crimes may be punishable by death in the United States. Discover which methods of execution can be used in the United States, how many inmates are on death row, and which state has the most executions. DNA testing has proved the innocence of over 100 prisoners once on death row. Teenagers tried as adults can no longer be given the death penalty. Investigate

Topic: Capital punishment--United States

URL: <http://www.ncsc.org>

[Death Penalty Project](#)

Cornell Law School sponsors the Cornell Death Penalty Project, an opportunity for law students to assist in the defense of defendants who might face the death penalty. Students also take part in the appeals process. The Cornell Death Penalty Project also conducts empirical research concerning the death penalty. The Project does not take a specific stand for or against the death penalty, but simply urges caution and care to avoid arbitrary discrimination and mistakes. A mistake in the process is irreparable. Examine several cases where the Supreme Court reversed a death penalty decision in the lower courts.

Topic: Capital punishment

URL: <http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu>

[The Example of Private Slovik](#)

During World War II, a soldier named Edward Slovik was executed for desertion. This article from American Heritage magazine was written by one of the judges who convicted him in 1945 at his court-martial trial. All nine judges voted unanimously for the death penalty for Slovik. Read the written statement by Slovik that describes his reasons for wanting to leave the army. Get details of the trial and of Slovik's execution and find out why this judge changed his mind about his original decision to give Slovik the death penalty.

Topic: Slovik, Edward Donald,--1920-1945, World War, 1939-1945--Desertions

URL: <http://www.americanheritage.com>

[Abolish the Death Penalty](#)

Amnesty International wants to see the death penalty abolished in countries around the world. Most countries have already abolished capital punishment. In the 58 countries where it is still legal, most don't actually execute criminals. A violation of the right to life, the death penalty is a cruel and inhumane punishment. Amnesty believes it should never be used, regardless of the crime or methods. China leads the world in executions, followed by Iran. Illinois and New Mexico recently joined the list of states to abolish the death penalty but 34 states still allow it.

Topic: Capital punishment

URL: <http://www.amnesty.org>

[Capital Punishment](#)

The American Civil Liberties Union believes capital punishment is "the ultimate denial of civil liberties." They want to end the death penalty, and reform the process that leads to this fundamentally flawed quest for justice. Capital punishment is arbitrary and undermines a fair American justice system. From public education to systemic litigation, the Capital Punishment Project is taking steps to reform and repeal the death penalty. Learn about the progress they have made in Illinois and some cases where justice was denied in Texas. Discover how some states have gone to extreme lengths in order to obtain lethal drugs.

Topic: Capital punishment, Capital punishment--United States

URL: <http://www.aclu.org>

[Angel on Death Row](#)

A Frontline reporter explains how the character in a movie was based on the crimes of two Louisiana men and he describes exactly what happened in both cases. Angel on Death Row also presents you with the newspaper articles that were written about these two men and

hear the stories of a victim's mother, a victim, an author, and an investigator. Articles that examine the pros and cons of the death penalty can be found as well.

Topic: Capital punishment, Capital punishment--United States

URL: <http://www.pbs.org>

[Executions in the United States](#)

The Death Penalty Information Center provides current information on recent and upcoming executions in the United States. Find out which criminals were executed this year for their crimes and which are scheduled for execution. The 35 states that allow the death penalty all use lethal injections for executions. Most use a three-drug combination. Investigate which states have recently abolished the death penalty. A searchable database allows you to find information on executions since 1977. A few states still allow executions by electrocution, gas chamber, hanging, or firing squad. Examine the events of 43 executions that didn't go as planned.

Topic: Capital punishment, Capital punishment--United States

URL: <http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org>

[Going Forward; U.S. Starts to Find the Death Penalty a Turn-Off](#)

"More than two-thirds of death sentences are overturned on appeal because of serious judicial error." Andrew Gumbel in Los Angeles reports that the most extensive study of capital punishment ever conducted in the U.S., headed by a Columbia University law professor, reveals this staggering figure and calls for immediate overhaul or even abolishment of the system. Judicial errors reported ran from defense lawyers falling asleep in court, to prosecutors keeping African Americans off the jury, to judges badmouthing defendants to the media during trials.

Topic: Judicial error

URL: <http://www.commondreams.org>

[U.S. Supreme Court Ends Death Penalty for Juveniles](#)

Nineteen states within our country still have the power to convict murderers under the age of 18 at the time of the crime, and impose the death penalty. That is, they had this right until a Supreme Court ruling on March 1, 2005. Learn why the policies and laws of these states were overturned because of the federal laws found within the United States Constitution. Read opinions provided by several of the Court Justices to begin to understand how and why this was done.

Topic: Capital punishment--United States, Juvenile courts

URL: <http://www.america.gov>

[Top 10 Pros and Cons: Should the Death Penalty Be Allowed?](#)

Investigate pros and cons concerning the death penalty. Should capital punishment be allowed for crimes of rape, murder, and treason? Should the government have the right to decide who should die for their crimes? Is capital punishment an effective deterrent to crime? How do retribution and constitutionality play into the debate? What happens when the courts make a mistake? Examine the morality of capital punishment, the risk of anarchy, and whether the death penalty honors human dignity. Consider the risk of apartheid and discrimination in the criminal justice system.



Topic: Capital punishment

URL: <http://deathpenalty.procon.org>

[Conservative Versus Liberal Beliefs](#)

People are categorized into groups according to their political beliefs. Some people are considered conservatives and some are considered liberals. This informative resource helps you understand what it is that makes a person either conservative or liberal. A general description of each is provided at the top of the page and allows you to interpret the differences between the two groups. More specific differences can be found in a chart that lists each group's beliefs on some major issues. You will find out what each group believes about health care, gun control, the death penalty, and religion to name a few.

Topic: Conservatism, Liberalism, Right and left (Political science)

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