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[Against Capital Punishment](#) - Herbert H. Haines 1999-08-19

Built on in-depth interviews with movement leaders and the records of key abolitionist organizations, this work traces the struggle against capital punishment in the United States since 1972. Haines reviews the legal battles that led to the short-lived suspension of the death penalty and examines the subsequent conservative turn in the courts that has forced death penalty opponents to rely less on litigation strategies and more on political action. Employing social movement theory, he diagnoses the causes of the anti-death penalty movement's inability to mobilize widespread opposition to executions, and he makes pointed recommendations for improving its effectiveness. For this edition Haines has included a new Afterword in which he summarizes developments in the movement since 1994.

The Death Penalty - Jane Vetter 2008-10-13

Seminar paper from the year 2007 in the subject History - America, University of North Florida, 12 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: According to the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund Fall 2006 report, the total number of death row inmates amounts to 3,344. There are roughly 41 percent black and 45 percent white prisoners awaiting their execution. Since the reinstatement of capital punishment in 1976, 1047 people have been executed. (Death Row 1, 5). Among all U.S. states allowing the death penalty, California, Texas and Florida have the most criminals on death row (Death Row 29). Normally, major reasons in favor of capital punishments are retribution, deterrence, and the general protection of society. Many people experience poetic justice and indemnification when murderers receive their death sentences. They disregard the unproportional, high cost of the capital punishment process which evolves due to repeated appeals and prisoners spending years or even decades on death row (Banner 295).

An Essay on Crimes and Punishments - Cesare Beccaria 2006

Reprint of the fourth edition, which contains an additional text attributed to Voltaire. Originally published anonymously in 1764, *Dei Delitti e Delle Pene* was the first systematic study of the principles of crime and punishment. Infused with the spirit of the Enlightenment, its advocacy of crime prevention and the abolition of torture and capital punishment marked a significant advance in criminological thought, which had changed little since the Middle Ages. It had a profound influence on the development of criminal law in Europe and the United States.

Peculiar Institution - David Garland 2012-10-22

Why does the United States, alone among Western democracies, still have the death penalty? It's not a new question, but David Garland provides fresh answers from a multilayered analysis...The title hints at the most provocative part of Garland's answer. In American history, the "peculiar institution" is slavery. Anyone who thinks its vestiges were wiped out by the Emancipation Proclamation or civil rights laws should read this book and think again.

[The Death Penalty](#) - Louis P. Pojman 2000-01-01

Two distinguished social and political philosophers take opposing positions in this highly engaging work. Louis P. Pojman justifies the practice of execution by appealing to the principle of retribution: we deserve to be rewarded and punished according to the virtue or viciousness of our actions. He asserts that the death penalty does deter some potential murderers and that we risk the lives of innocent people who might

otherwise live if we refuse to execute those deserving that punishment. Jeffrey Reiman argues that although the death penalty is a just punishment for murder, we are not morally obliged to execute murderers. Since we lack conclusive evidence that executing murderers is an effective deterrent and because we can foster the advance of civilization by demonstrating our intolerance for cruelty in our unwillingness to kill those who kill others, Reiman concludes that it is good in principle to avoid the death penalty, and bad in practice to impose it.

The Death Penalty in the USA and in Other Countries - Problems and Developments on the Basis of Selected Examples - Anonym 2009

Seminar paper from the year 2009 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Culture and Applied Geography, grade: 2,0, University of Mannheim (Anglistisches Seminar), course: Landeskunde-Anglistik, language: English, comment: Two blank pages at the end of the PDF file due to technological reasons., abstract: "I have reached the conviction that the abolition of the death penalty is desirable. Reasons: 1) Irreparability in the event of an error of justice, 2) Detrimental moral influence of the execution procedure on those who, whether directly or indirectly, have to do with the procedure." (Albert Einstein, 1979) This quote from Albert Einstein can be used as the basis to this term paper which will investigate if the death penalty is an obsolescent model or if it still has a chance in a modern society. This paper tries to analyze if the death penalty is a useful punishment or if it is a barbarian method which cant be supported by a modern paradigm of moral and human rights. After a short introduction about the definition and the methods of the death penalty, this thesis will cover the history of the death penalty in the USA and some historical facts about the death penalty in Europe. In addition, it will focus on the fundamental problems of capital punishment as well as on some facts and developments of it. Death penalty is the strictest punishment for a capital crime . The convicted persons will be sentenced to death as part of a legal or extralegal process. This execution can be carried out in many different ways. The authorized methods in the USA are as follows: -Lethal Injection: In 1977, Oklahoma was the first state to adopt lethal injection as a means of execution. The first time that lethal injection was used as a method was in 1982.

[Death Penalty in the U.S.: A Discussion](#) - Andriana Zaroti 2013-09-04

Seminar paper from the year 2013 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 2,3, University of Cologne, course: Human Rights, language: English, abstract: „Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.“ (The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 3). Nowadays, practices such as ritual sacrifice, slavery, physical torture and death penalty can no longer be tolerated (Dieter: 1). The Human Rights Declaration bespeaks that human rights are universal and made for everyone. However, there are nations that do not respect that and still use death penalty as a form of punishment. According to the Amnesty International organization about 97 states all over the world have abolished death penalty, eight states do not use death penalty for ordinary crimes anymore but for special crimes like war crimes or offence against military justice. Furthermore, 35 states have abolished death penalty in practice but not in their constitution and 58 states still use death penalty, including the USA (Amnesty International, "Hinrichtungen und Todesurteile 2011"). Death penalty is still a controversial topic, which intervenes in human rights, namely "the right to life, liberty and security of person" (The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 3). Due to that, this term paper will deal with the question if death

penalty can be justified and if people can sentence other people to death regarding article three of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights mentioned above and if human rights are universal actually. Firstly, the history of the U.S. death penalty and its development will be stated. Secondly, potential advantages as well as disadvantages of death penalty will be pointed out and if necessary the disputable issues of it will be discussed. Regarding the results of this term paper a brief conclusion will follow, answering the question if death penalty can be justified or not.

Let the Lord Sort Them - Maurice Chammah 2021-01-26

NEW YORK TIMES EDITORS' CHOICE • A deeply reported, searingly honest portrait of the death penalty in Texas—and what it tells us about crime and punishment in America “If you’re one of those people who despair that nothing changes, and dream that something can, this is a story of how it does.”—Anand Giridharadas, The New York Times Book Review WINNER OF THE J. ANTHONY LUKAS AWARD In 1972, the United States Supreme Court made a surprising ruling: the country’s death penalty system violated the Constitution. The backlash was swift, especially in Texas, where executions were considered part of the cultural fabric, and a dark history of lynching was masked by gauzy visions of a tough-on-crime frontier. When executions resumed, Texas quickly became the nationwide leader in carrying out the punishment. Then, amid a larger wave of criminal justice reform, came the death penalty’s decline, a trend so durable that even in Texas the punishment appears again close to extinction. In *Let the Lord Sort Them*, Maurice Chammah charts the rise and fall of capital punishment through the eyes of those it touched. We meet Elsa Alcala, the orphaned daughter of a Mexican American family who found her calling as a prosecutor in the nation’s death penalty capital, before becoming a judge on the state’s highest court. We meet Danalynn Recer, a lawyer who became obsessively devoted to unearthing the life stories of men who committed terrible crimes, and fought for mercy in courtrooms across the state. We meet death row prisoners—many of them once-famous figures like Henry Lee Lucas, Gary Graham, and Karla Faye Tucker—along with their families and the families of their victims. And we meet the executioners, who struggle openly with what society has asked them to do. In tracing these interconnected lives against the rise of mass incarceration in Texas and the country as a whole, Chammah explores what the persistence of the death penalty tells us about forgiveness and retribution, fairness and justice, history and myth. Written with intimacy and grace, *Let the Lord Sort Them* is the definitive portrait of a particularly American institution.

Shall Capital Punishment Be Abolished? [microform] - Henry Mott 2021-09-09

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An Essay on Crimes and Punishments - Cesare marchese di Beccaria 1819

Contemporary Moral Arguments - Lewis Vaughn 2012-12-20

Taking a unique approach that emphasizes careful reasoning, this cutting-edge reader is structured around twenty-seven landmark arguments that have provoked heated debates on current ethical issues.

The Financial Cost of Capital Punishment in the United States of America - Julia Katharina Jansen 2012-01-31

Bachelor Thesis from the year 2011 in the subject Business economics - Law, grade: 1,0, Berlin School of Economics and Law, language: English, abstract: Awareness surrounding the financial burden of capital punishment is increasing and slowly beginning to permeate the American Society. However, not enough light has been shed on the sources that are causing the financial devastation. The death-is-different legal doctrine in the United States grants procedural protection that is unique for capital litigation providing individual consideration for each case. The paper investigates the price increase by capitally adjudicating a

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The Death Penalty - Ernest Van den Haag 2013-06-29

From 1965 until 1980, there was a virtual moratorium on executions for capital offenses in the United States. This was due primarily to protracted legal proceedings challenging the death penalty on constitutional grounds. After much Sturm und Drang, the Supreme Court of the United States, by a divided vote, finally decided that "the death penalty does not invariably violate the Cruel and Unusual Punishment Clause of the Eighth Amendment." The Court's decisions, however, do not moot the controversy about the death penalty or render this excellent book irrelevant. The ball is now in the court of the Legislature and the Executive. Legislatures, federal and state, can impose or abolish the death penalty, within the guidelines prescribed by the Supreme Court. A Chief Executive can commute a death sentence. And even the Supreme Court can change its mind, as it has done on many occasions and did, with respect to various aspects of the death penalty itself, during the moratorium period. Also, the people can change their minds. Some time ago, a majority, according to reliable polls, favored abolition. Today, a substantial majority favors imposition of the death penalty. The pendulum can swing again, as it has done in the past.

The History of the Death Penalty in the United States - Jacqueline Herrmann 2008-03-07

Seminar paper from the year 2007 in the subject American Studies - Culture and Applied Geography, grade: 1-, University of Frankfurt (Main) (Institut für England- und Amerikastudien), course: Social Issues in U.S. Supreme Court History, 9 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: Die Arbeit verschafft einen Überblick über die Todesstrafe in der USA. Dabei wird versucht die gesamte Geschichte der Todesstrafe von der Kolonialzeit bis heute zu skizzieren. Anhand ausgewählter Fälle des Obersten Gerichtshofes (vor allem aus den 1960er Jahren) werden Verfassungsmässigkeit etc. bestimmter Fälle diskutiert. Insgesamt verschafft die Arbeit einen guten Überblick über das gesamte Todesstrafensystem der USA (nur auf juristischer, nicht politischer oder moralischer Ebene) Electrocutation, lethal injection, gas chamber, hanging, shooting, beheading or stoning are different ways or instruments to execute a person who is sentenced to death. Death penalty or capital punishment means the intentional killing of a person who is guilty to have committed a certain crime. After a legal trial, the person is sentenced to death. The way by which the death is put into effect depends on the country and its laws. Death penalty or capital punishment is a very controversial topic concerning political, judicial and moral issues. This paper will be about the death penalty prior in the United States of America. In part I, I will present some facts and figures as well as give a short introduction to death penalty in general. I think it will be also necessary to outline the history of the death penalty in the United States. I will give a short overview of the most important developments from colonial times until the 1950s. The 1960s constituted a big challenge for the legality and constitutionality of the death penalty. That is why I will analyze this period in particular in Part II of this work. I will present selected Supreme Court Cases and their decisions. Thus, I will try to elaborate the judicial developments of the death penalty in the United States. Therefore, I will deal with cases regarding the constitutionality of the death penalty; furthermore with cases on death penalty laws and

limitations of the death penalty. I want to emphasize that I will concentrate primarily on the judicial aspects of this topic, I will not deal with moral or political issues, but they might be mentioned additionally. By this means, I would like to examine how the death penalty is anchored in U.S. law and to find out which cases played an important role and contributed to this development. In so doing, I will draft a picture of the death penalty system in the United States.

Deterrence and the Death Penalty - National Research Council 2012-05-26

Many studies during the past few decades have sought to determine whether the death penalty has any deterrent effect on homicide rates. Researchers have reached widely varying, even contradictory, conclusions. Some studies have concluded that the threat of capital punishment deters murders, saving large numbers of lives; other studies have concluded that executions actually increase homicides; still others, that executions have no effect on murder rates. Commentary among researchers, advocates, and policymakers on the scientific validity of the findings has sometimes been acrimonious. Against this backdrop, the National Research Council report *Deterrence and the Death Penalty* assesses whether the available evidence provides a scientific basis for answering questions of if and how the death penalty affects homicide rates. This new report from the Committee on Law and Justice concludes that research to date on the effect of capital punishment on homicide rates is not useful in determining whether the death penalty increases, decreases, or has no effect on these rates. The key question is whether capital punishment is less or more effective as a deterrent than alternative punishments, such as a life sentence without the possibility of parole. Yet none of the research that has been done accounted for the possible effect of noncapital punishments on homicide rates. The report recommends new avenues of research that may provide broader insight into any deterrent effects from both capital and noncapital punishments.

Final Judgments - Austin Sarat 2017-04-13

This book examines the meaning and significance of finality in capital cases, deploying various theories and perspectives to open up the meaning and significance of the death penalty's finality to scholarly inquiry.

The Changing Attitude Towards the Death Penalty in the US - Magdalena Öttl 2020-11-20

Pre-University Paper from the year 2016 in the subject Law - Penology, grade: 1, , language: English, abstract: The aim of this paper is to describe to what extent the public opinion about capital punishment in the United States has changed and to outline the reasons for that. Based on the hypothesis that support has generally dropped, this paper provides an overview why and when support slowly started to decrease. The examinations are limited to approximately the last twenty-five years, and the three main chapters are structured according to the time periods of the then-ruling presidents. They respectively comprise information about the president's death penalty policy, the changes in law, some incidents that have occurred, as well as the development in people's attitude. Consequently, it can be concluded that more and more Americans oppose the death penalty as the system's fallibility and inefficiency are becoming obvious. However, while moral positions have not changed significantly, the impossible flawlessness and expensive application of the death penalty triggered many shifts in opinion.

Capital Punishment: New Perspectives - Peter Hodgkinson 2016-04-08

This collection asks questions about the received wisdom of the debate about capital punishment. Woven through the book, questions are asked of, and remedies proposed for, a raft of issues identified as having been overlooked in the traditional discourse. It provides a long overdue review of the disparate groups and strategies that lay claim to abolitionism. The authors argue that capital litigators should use their skills challenging the abuses not just of process, but of the conditions in which the condemned await their fate, namely prison conditions, education, leisure, visits, medical services, etc. In the aftermath of successful constitutional challenges it is the beneficiaries (arguably those who are considered successes, having been 'saved' from the death penalty and now serving living death penalties of one sort or another) who are suffering the cruel and inhumane alternative. Part I of the book offers a selection of diverse, nuanced examinations of death penalty phenomena, scrutinizing complexities frequently omitted from the narrative of academics and activists. It offers a challenging and comprehensive analysis of issues critical to the abolition debate. Part II offers examinations of countries usually absent from academic analysis to provide an understanding of the status of the debate locally, with opportunities for wider application.

Three papers on capital punishment. By Edward Webster ... A. H. Dymond ... Henry Mayhew ...

read at the General Meeting of the Society, July 7, 1856, etc - Society for Promoting the Amendment of the Law (LONDON) 1856

A Descending Spiral - Marc Bookman 2021-06-25

Powerful, wry essays offering modern takes on a primitive practice, from one of our most widely read death penalty abolitionists As Ruth Bader Ginsburg has noted, people who are well represented at trial rarely get the death penalty. But as Marc Bookman shows in a dozen brilliant essays, the problems with capital punishment run far deeper than just bad representation. Exploring prosecutorial misconduct, racist judges and jurors, drunken lawyering, and executing the innocent and the mentally ill, these essays demonstrate that precious few people on trial for their lives get the fair trial the Constitution demands. Today, death penalty cases continue to capture the hearts, minds, and eblasts of progressives of all stripes—including the rich and famous (see Kim Kardashian's advocacy)—but few people with firsthand knowledge of America's "injustice system" have the literary chops to bring death penalty stories to life. Enter Marc Bookman. With a voice that is both literary and journalistic, the veteran capital defense lawyer and seven-time Best American Essays "notable" author exposes the dark absurdities and fatal inanities that undermine the logic of the death penalty wherever it still exists. In essays that cover seemingly "ordinary" capital cases over the last thirty years, Bookman shows how violent crime brings out our worst human instincts—revenge, fear, retribution, and prejudice. Combining these emotions with the criminal legal system's weaknesses—purposely ineffective, arbitrary, or widely infected with racism and misogyny—is a recipe for injustice. Bookman has been charming and educating readers in the pages of *The Atlantic*, *Mother Jones*, and *Slate* for years. His wit and wisdom are now collected and preserved in *A Descending Spiral*.

The Future of America's Death Penalty - Charles S. Lanier 2009-01-01

Capital Punishment: The Defining Issues for the Next Generation, comprised of original chapters authored by nationally distinguished scholars, is an ambitious effort to identify the most critical issues confronting the future of capital punishment in the United States and the steps that must be taken to gather and analyze the information that will be necessary for informed policy judgments. Contributors will articulate the most pressing issues of administration, litigation, legislation, and executive action confronting the future of capital punishment, and identify research strategies designed to supply answers to those questions. The book represents a valuable academic contribution, particularly within criminal justice and law, and promises to be of interest as well to policymakers and practitioners. It will be published a generation after the Supreme Court's landmark decision in *Gregg v. Georgia* (1976) heralded the "modern era" of capital punishment, and at a time when the efficacy and operation of the death penalty are under intensive scrutiny by governmental study commissions throughout the country. The book is organized into six sections: (A) Institutional and Disciplinary Perspectives on the Death Penalty; (B) Capital Punishment: Public Policy Perspectives; (C) The Death Penalty as Applied; (D) Participants in the Capital Punishment Process; (E) The Punishment of Death; and (F) Interdisciplinary Perspectives: Toward a Research Agenda for the Future.

Death Penalty - Essay - Stefanie Dietzel 2009-08-12

Essay from the year 2008 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Linguistics, grade: 1, University of Marburg (Fremdsprachliche Philologien), course: Academic Writing, language: English, abstract: The question whether capital punishment should be practiced as a penalty for criminals has for a long time been a controversial topic because it concerns people worldwide. It is debatable whether methods of punishment such as the death penalty are an ethical solution to crime.

Capital Punishment in India - Bijoy Chandra Mohapatra 2016

The Financial Cost of Capital Punishment in the United States of America - Julia Katharina Jansen 2012-02-04

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The International Library of Essays on Capital Punishment, Volume 1 - Peter Hodgkinson
2016-12-05

This volume provides up-to-date and nuanced analysis across a wide spectrum of capital punishment issues. The essays move beyond the conventional legal approach and propose fresh perspectives, including a unique critique of the abolition sector. Written by a range of leading experts with diverse geographical, methodological and conceptual approaches, the essays in this volume challenge received wisdom and embrace a holistic understanding of capital punishment based on practical experience and empirical data. This collection is indispensable reading for anyone seeking a comprehensive and detailed understanding of the complexity of the death penalty discourse.

Capital Punishment Among the Jews - Rev D. De Sola Pool 2018-07-28

Excerpt from Capital Punishment Among the Jews: A Paper Read Before the New York Board of Jewish Ministers The story of this development is contained chiefly in the Old and the New Testaments, Josephus, the Rabbinic writings and the Responsa of the Middle Ages. The following study, which is based on these sources, attempts to make clear what was the nature of this development. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

Death Penalty in the USA - Nicole Gast 2006-01-27

Essay from the year 2002 in the subject American Studies - Culture and Applied Geography, grade: 1-, University of Potsdam (Institut für Anglistik/Amerikanistik), 6 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: Various attitudes and passions like racism, revenge, religion and political power have supported the imposition of the death penalty. The aim of this paper is answer the question whether the media, Christian religion and the policy of the United States of America bear full responsibility for the existence and the ongoing justification of the death penalty. These three institutions possess huge influence on the peoples' opinions and form the three pillars of US pride. I will try to find my personal answer through isolating these pillars and explaining their efforts to evade the often required abolition of the death penalty. There is no execution in the USA that is not accompanied by demonstrators - opponents as well as proponents. So it was only a matter of time until the popular press recognized the controversial topic "death penalty" as their new pecuniary resource. "When citizens are confronted with the issue of capital punishment, be they jury members or other by - standers, they decide if death as punishment is applicable in that single case, or, more broadly, if it is in the interest of society at all. By - standers are not, in fact, neutral or impartial. As human beings they are shaped by their world outlook." As we all know the media plays a major role in this outlook and it is easy for them to indoctrinate peoples' minds with their conviction

of right and wrong. The media tells us, sometimes subtly, sometimes directly, what clothes to wear, what car to drive, what music to like and maybe also what "monster" to send to death row.

Cesare Beccaria Against Capital Punishment. Presenting and Evaluating his Argument - Seth Carter
2017-08-18

Essay from the year 2015 in the subject Law - Philosophy, History and Sociology of Law, grade: 4.00, Indiana University (College of Arts and Sciences - Political Science Department), course: POLS-Y210 Rule of Law, language: English, abstract: This paper hopes to establish the continued forcefulness of Cesare Beccaria's argument against torture and the death penalty by reconciling its reasoning with the societal and legal context of the modern day. Cesare Beccaria, considered one of the founding fathers of Enlightenment penology and legal theory, is perhaps most well known for his treatise On Crime and Punishment in which he argues against punitive administration of torture and capital punishment. This paper analyzes the arguments proposed by Beccaria and reasserts their modern relevance to contemporary legal conversation on the death penalty and government-administered torture. Weaknesses in Beccaria's argument such as his questionably justified causal claims on human behavior are examined, but ultimately found to not render his argument less sound insofar as it seeks to discredit capital punishment. Beccaria's own model of social contract theory is also examined and used as a basis by which to evaluate his legal claims.

Retributivism - Mark D. White 2011-05-05

The contributors offer analysis and explanations of new developments in retributivism, the philosophical account of punishment that holds that wrongdoers must be punished as a matter of right, duty, or justice, rather than deterrence, rehabilitation, or vengeance.

Ultimate Punishment - Scott Turow 2010-08-24

America's leading writer about the law takes a close, incisive look at one of society's most vexing legal issues Scott Turow is known to millions as the author of peerless novels about the troubling regions of experience where law and reality intersect. In "real life," as a respected criminal lawyer, he has been involved with the death penalty for more than a decade, including successfully representing two different men convicted in death-penalty prosecutions. In this vivid account of how his views on the death penalty have evolved, Turow describes his own experiences with capital punishment from his days as an impassioned young prosecutor to his recent service on the Illinois commission which investigated the administration of the death penalty and influenced Governor George Ryan's unprecedented commutation of the sentences of 164 death row inmates on his last day in office. Along the way, he provides a brief history of America's ambivalent relationship with the ultimate punishment, analyzes the potent reasons for and against it, including the role of the victims' survivors, and tells the powerful stories behind the statistics, as he moves from the Governor's Mansion to Illinois' state-of-the art 'super-max' prison and the execution chamber. Ultimate Punishment, this gripping, clear-sighted, necessary examination of the principles, the personalities, and the politics of a fundamental dilemma of our democracy has all the drama and intellectual substance of Turow's celebrated fiction.

The Case Against the Death Penalty - Hugo Adam Bedau 1984

The History of the Death Penalty in the United States - Jacqueline Herrmann 2008-03

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Death Penalty. A Comparison Between Germany and American Attitudes Towards Capital Punishment - Aleks Ancenko 2015-04-23

Pre-University Paper from the year 2012 in the subject English - Discussion and Essays, grade: 15, , language: English, abstract: In the following term paper the author is going to compare the German and American attitude toward the death penalty. At first she wants to clarify the definition. This paper will give a brief overview of the recent history of capital punishment in both states. The emphasis is on the comparison between these different attitudes. Providing to the findings of the German attitude the author intends to carry out a survey. Finally, she would like to express her own opinion on the topic.

A Life for a Life - Michael Dow Burkhead 2009-08-06

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McClesky v. Kemp, *Baze v. Rees*, and other related court rulings.

Routledge Handbook on Capital Punishment - Gavin Lee

Capital Punishment Among the Jews - D. de Sola Pool 2017-08-22

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Report of the Society for the Abolition of Capital Punishment - Society for the abolition of capital punishment 1867

Debating the Death Penalty - Hugo Adam Bedau 2005-03-24

Experts on both side of the issue speak out both for and against capital punishment and the rationale behind their individual beliefs.

Facing the Death Penalty - Michael Radelet 2011-02-07

An in-depth examination of what life under a sentence of death is like.