

Candidate 1 evidence

Resource Sheet

Intro - Importance - both sides - religious (christianity) - non-religious UN secretary - opinion

1- 'fit the crime'- meaning - Quran 'As for the thief, the male and the female amputate their hands in recompense for what they have committed as a deterrent from Allah' - meaning - disagree- homeless

2- 'right to life'- cp is against - Non-religious 'The death penalty has no place in the 21st century' UN Ban ki moons - human dignity improved - agree

3- Insanity- forgetting - Edward Turner - severe mental health - executed on the 8th february, 2012, aged 38, shooting clerk 1995 robbery - Disagree

4- Islam - Quran 'Take not life, which god has made sacred, except by way of justice and law. Thus does he command you, so that you may learn wisdom' - against - prefer forgiveness - taught what done wrong - more peace - agree

5 - Christianity - bible commands 'Whoever sheds the blood of a man, by man shall his blood be shed' - For - fair role in law - disagree - the law has many mistakes - killing is avoidable

6 - Hinduism - Gandhi ' An eye for an eye, ends up making the whole world blind' - against - to evil/wrong and family/friends are negatively affected - meaning - learning meaning of life - agree

Should the world reintroduce capital punishment?

The issue that I will be discussing is 'Should the world reintroduce capital punishment'. This is an important issue to discuss because there are so many people in which believe that taking someone's life away as a resulting punishment is just to morally wrong as its clearly avoidable and for example prison sentences are available in which the criminal suffers much more than instantly being killed. However, so many people also believe that it's the deserved punishment for the criminal, meaning they should have to pay the price for what they committed. One religious response to capital punishment is Christianity. One of the bibles ten commands is 'Whoever sheds the blood of a man, by man shall his blood be shed'. This shows that Christianity is for the death penalty. Whereas a non-religious response is a former UN secretary General Ki Ban Moons who said that 'The death penalty has no place in the 21st century'. This shows that the former UN member is entirely against capital punishment. My opinion on capital punishment is that I disagree. This is because its obviously not the only resolution for a criminal learning what they have done wrong in the world, therefore punishments such as imprisonment should be the most available and chosen method of learning wisdom.

One of the main circumstances in the law for which punishment a criminal should receive is that it must 'fit the crime'. This means that for whatever crime you have committed you shall pay the price for what you have done wrong. However, one response from the Islam's Quran is 'As for the thief, the male and the female amputate their hands in recompense for what they have committed as a deterrent for Allah'. This means that if you are caught shoplifting in countries such as Saudi Arabia both of your hands shall be cut off entirely as a punishment. I overall disagree with this demand because it clearly doesn't 'fit the crime' for somebody who has shoplifted and for example a homeless person may have been in deep need of food/drink for themselves or their family, and for this key reason they shouldn't lose their hands for trying to survive form dehydration or starving, therefore they shouldn't have their hands cut off for 'recompense'.

One main right in which every human on today's earth has is the 'right to life'. This means that you are allowed to live you own life to its full and acceptably, however capital punishment clearly disobeys this basic right fully. A non religious response to towards this right is from former United Nations secretary General Ki Ban Moons who stated that 'The death penalty has no place in the 21st century'. This means that ever since the death penalty's entire abolition happened years ago the entire human dignity and morality has improved, therefore places such as Germany, France and The United Kingdom have become much dignified nations for human beings rights. I overall agree with the UN general because only positives have evolved ever since the abolition, meaning that criminals are paying the price much more by suffering in prison, and the publics dignity has grown as a community.

Any awful circumstance in which can depend if capital punishment is what will be received by a criminal is if they are proven 'insane' or not. This means that a criminal may have committed a serious crime without even realising due to their mental health problems, however mistakes often occur in the law. An example of this is Edwin Turner who was diagnosed years before his incident when in 1995 he was arrested for shooting a clerk during an armed robbery. Turner was furthermore executed by the death penalty on the 8th February, 2012, aged 38 and this is just one case in which the law made a mistake. I overall disagree with this awful situation where a man in his early years of life lost his life due to a severe mental health diagnosis completely out of his control, therefore this is a clear explanation for capital punishment being abolished world wide. Okay Turner for sure should be sent to prison for a few years, however in no circumstance should he have been killed unless he was definitely proven that the crime committed was intentional.

One religious viewpoint I have studied is Islam. One of the commands from the Quran is that 'Take not life, which God has made sacred, except by way of justice and law. Thus does He command you, so that you may learn wisdom'. This shows that Muslims are against capital punishment because they believe that forgiveness is much preferable and that the criminal shall learn his wisdom instead of being executed and that they believe that the criminal should learn what they have done wrong in the first place. I agree with this viewpoint because I also believe that all criminals shall learn what they have done wrong, and that much more peace is brought within the Islam community since nobody loses their life due to crime.

Another religious viewpoint that I have studied is Christianity. One of the Bible's ten commands is 'Whoever sheds the blood of a man, by man shall his blood be shed.' This means that Christianity is for capital punishment as they believe that the punishment shall 'fit the crime', for example if you have killed someone, you shall be killed too this also means that Christians believe capital punishment plays a fair role in the law. I overall disagree with this viewpoint because the law has many mistakes, therefore so many people are punished unfairly yearly and places where the death penalty is legal people's outcome can be execution. I also disagree because there isn't a desperate need for capital punishment which means it's clearly avoidable.

The final religious response I have studied is Hinduism. Gandhi's response to the death penalty is 'An eye for an eye, ends up making the whole world blind'. This shows that Hindus are against capital punishment. This is because it's just far too evil and wrong to take a human's life in the first place through an intentional crime however taking another fully functional human being away on top of that isn't deserved or needed when imprisonment may teach people their own wisdom. I agree with this viewpoint because they are learning the actual meaning of life.