

The Death Penalty Is Legalized Murder

Michigan has a proud history.

- It was the first state, in 1846, to abolish the death penalty.
- Today, it is one of only 15 states, plus the District of Columbia, that do not murder people officially.

United States history is shameful.

- Since 1976, when the Supreme Court reinstated the death penalty, 1277 human beings have been put to death in this country.
- 3250 more people sit on Death Row, waiting to be killed.

The death penalty does not discourage homicide.

- States with death penalty have a higher homicide rate than those without.

The death penalty is biased.

- The imposition of the death penalty is tied more to your class and your race than to the crime.
- A black person who kills is more apt to be put to death than a white person who kills.
- A poor or working class person faces execution more than middle class or wealthy people – for the very same crime.

Humanly and morally, the death penalty is an abomination.

- Innocent people have been put to death – recently, Troy Davis in Georgia.
- It is an encouragement to kill – what the state does in its name sets the example for everyone else.
- It is nothing but vengeance – a complete denial of respect for human life.

Stop Official Murder!

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