

POLI 203 The End of the Death Penalty
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Anonymous first day survey

Please answer these questions as best you can. Do not sign your name.

A. Facts

1. About how many homicides are there in the US in a year? _____
2. About how many executions are there in a year, over the past 10 years or so? _____
3. What was the peak number of executions per year since 1976? _____
4. North Carolina has executed how many people since 1976? _____
5. True or false: You cannot serve on a capital jury unless you support capital punishment. T F
6. About how many people have been released from death row in the US since 1972 because they were exonerated? _____
7. True or false: Most of these exonerations were due to DNA evidence. T F
8. About what percentage of death sentences are overturned on appeal? _____
9. About what percentage of death sentences eventually lead to an execution? _____
10. In what year was the most execution in North Carolina? _____
11. What is the state with the greatest number of executions? _____
12. What is the state with the greatest number of people on death row? _____
13. Which city has more death sentences since 1976? Philadelphia? Detroit? (circle one)
14. Houston? Miami? (circle one)
15. Los Angeles? Chicago? (circle one)
16. True or False: There were no executions in the US from 1966 to 1976. T F
17. True or False: Since 1976, no state has ever abolished the death penalty by a vote of the legislature. T F
18. What state is most likely to execute the inmates it condemns? _____
19. Which state is very unlikely to carry out a death sentence? California? Ohio? Oklahoma? (circle one)
20. Which country does NOT belong on the high execution list: US? Yemen? Iraq? China? Brazil? (circle one)

B. Background

Answer these questions with a number from 1 (not true at all) to 5 (very true)

21. My mom/dad /family have often talked with me about the death penalty. 1 2 3 4 5
22. My friends and I have often talked about the death penalty. 1 2 3 4 5
23. I have often had discussions about the death penalty in my church. 1 2 3 4 5
24. I studied the death penalty in significant depth in high school. 1 2 3 4 5

C. Opinion and reasons

25. I support the death penalty. 1 2 3 4 5
26. List the three most important reasons for your opinion.
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____