

Is Capital Punishment an effective way of deterring crimes?

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Overview

Is Capital Punishment an effective way of deterring crimes based on religion?

- Perspectives of Capital Punishment

1. Islamic Viewpoint
2. Buddhist Viewpoint
3. The Catholic Viewpoint
4. Graphs
5. Conclusion

Islam

- Life is one of the most sacred key factors in their mindset because of the words in the Qur'an
- Only two things can be done in this society for you to be eligible for the death penalty.
 1. Spreading Mischief
 2. Murder - choice of victims family to pardon or put on Death Penalty
- No one has the right to choose whether someone lives or die, only God
- Source: BBC: Religions; About Religion; Capital Punishment (09-16-2009)

Buddism

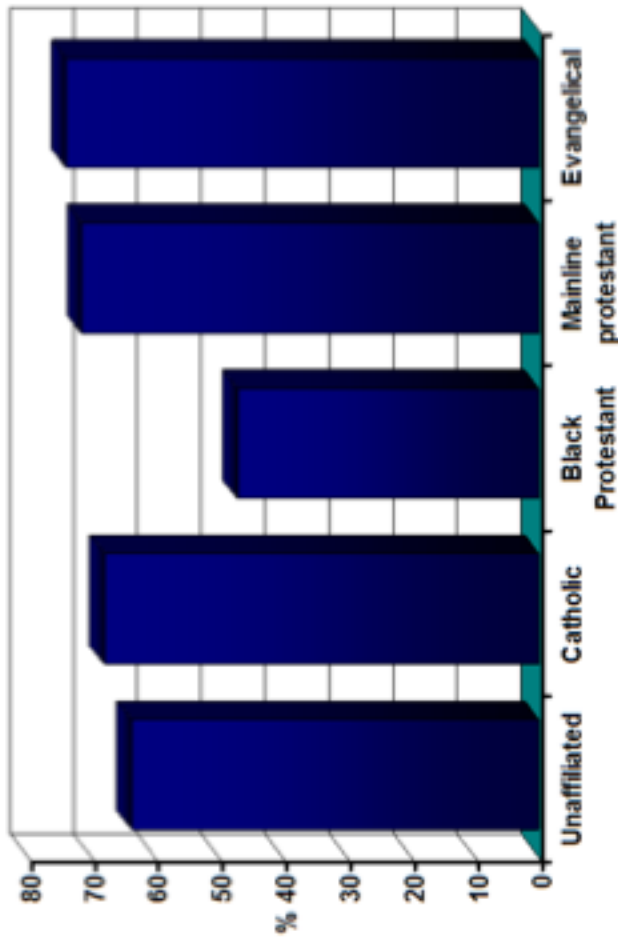
- Buddhists place great emphasis on non-violence and compassion for all life.
- The Buddha's teachings show no sympathy for physical punishment, no matter how bad the crime.
- The Worst Punishment is being Banned from the community or country
- Source: BBC: Religions; Capital Punishment (09-16-2009)

Catholicism

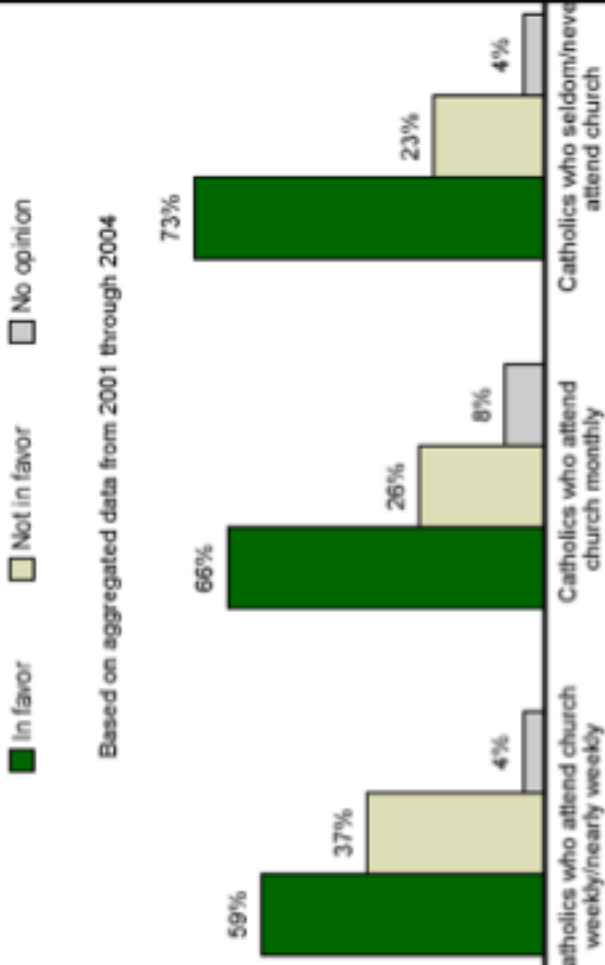
- Throughout the first half of the twentieth century the Catholic theologians remained in favor of capital punishment.
- Until 1969, the Vatican had a penal code that included the death penalty for anyone who attempted to assassinate the Pope.
- In 1980, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops published an almost entirely negative statement on capital punishment
- Now, Catholics try to prevent physical punishment but still use it if necessary.
- Catholicism and Capital Punishment by Avery Cardinal Dulles ; 2001

- In the article "News Notes," Catholics Against Capital Punishment, August 16, 2010 by Elaine de Leon
- Organization: *Catholics Against Capital Punishment*
- urging its participants to make opposition to the death penalty a significant part of carrying out the Church's pro-life teachings
- However, while some Catholics are still in the process of abolishing capital punishment, others are making no difference to what they call their beliefs

Support for Death Penalty in USA by Religious Affiliation



Death Penalty Support by Practicing/Non-Practicing Catholics



Judgment

- Capital Punishment is not effective way of deterring crimes because why would we kill people who kill people to show that killing people is wrong.

Conclusion

- No, Capital Punishment is not an effective way of deterring crimes.

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