

SHOULD THE DEATH PENALTY BE ABOLISHED?

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The Death
Penalty

makes killers
of us
all.

□ Capital punishment is the killing of a person as a punishment for an offense. Crimes that can result in a death penalty are known as capital crimes or capital offences. ...



- Capital Punishment Provides a sentence of death in certain circumstances where an adult defendant is convicted first degree murder. THE DEATH PENALTY does not apply to juvenile offenders.



□ SEVERAL TYPES OF CAPITAL
PUNISHMENT....



Execution: putting a condemned person to death.



Also known as....THE ELECTRIC
CHAIR!



□ Beheading: also known as decapitation: execution by cutting off the victim's head.



□ Gassing: Poisoning the victim unto death by a noxious gas.



□ Stoning: punishment inflicted by throwing stones at the victim till death!

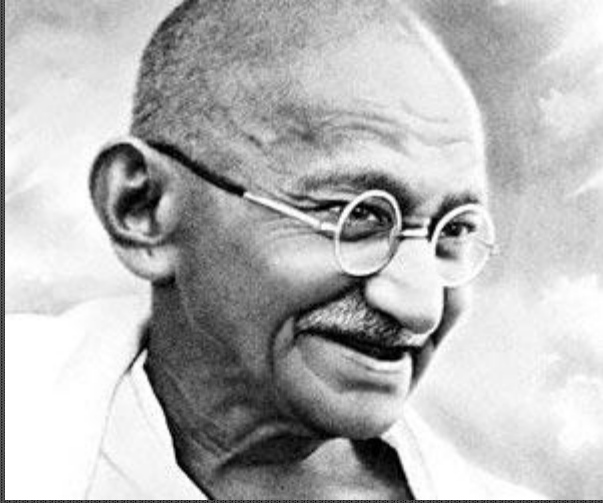


THE DEATH PENALTY IN MY EYES SHOULD BE
ABOLISHED..



- People make mistakes every single day! Killing them for their actions is not right. They should be punished, of course. But killing them should not be the government's say. Like someone wise once said, "The ONLY person that can choose death, is the one who chose life."





MAHATMA GANDHI ONCE SAID...

□ An Eye For an Eye
Makes the Whole World
Blind!



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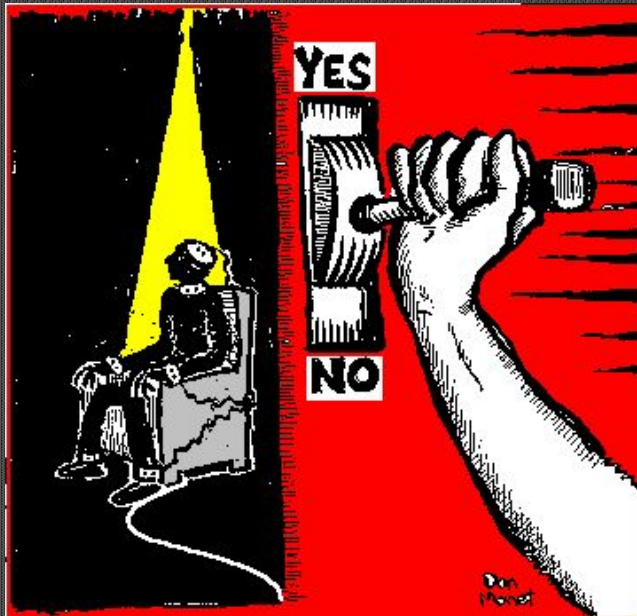
SAID....

Those rejecting the death penalty show that no crime deserves capital punishment.



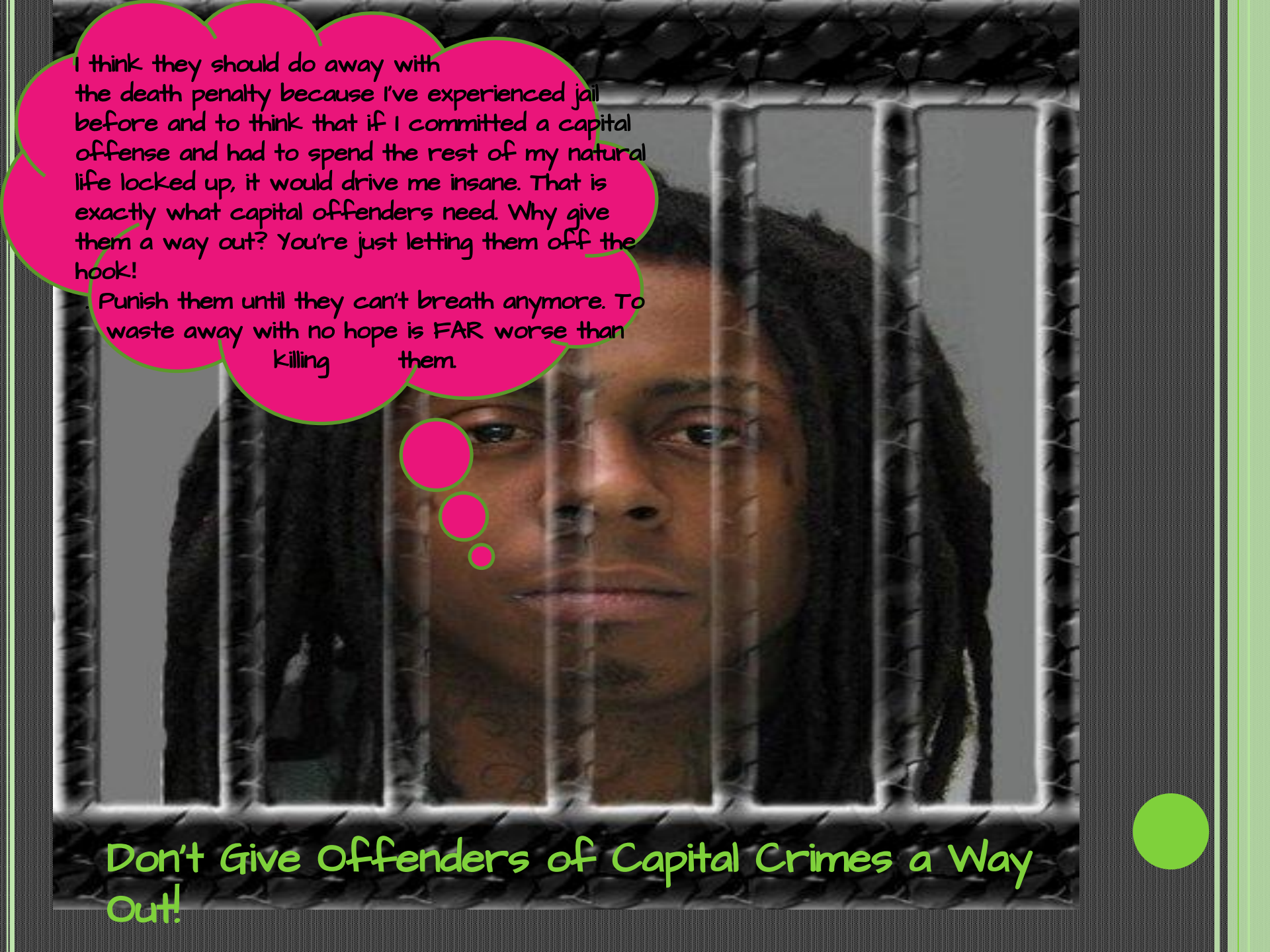
THE DETERRENCE ARGUMENT

- Deterrence is the use of punishment as a threat to deter people from committing a crime.



□ More than Two-Thirds of the countries of the world have abolished the death penalty!!



A man with dark dreadlocks is looking through vertical metal prison bars. The background is a dark, textured wall. The image has a halftone or dithered appearance.

I think they should do away with the death penalty because I've experienced jail before and to think that if I committed a capital offense and had to spend the rest of my natural life locked up, it would drive me insane. That is exactly what capital offenders need. Why give them a way out? You're just letting them off the hook!

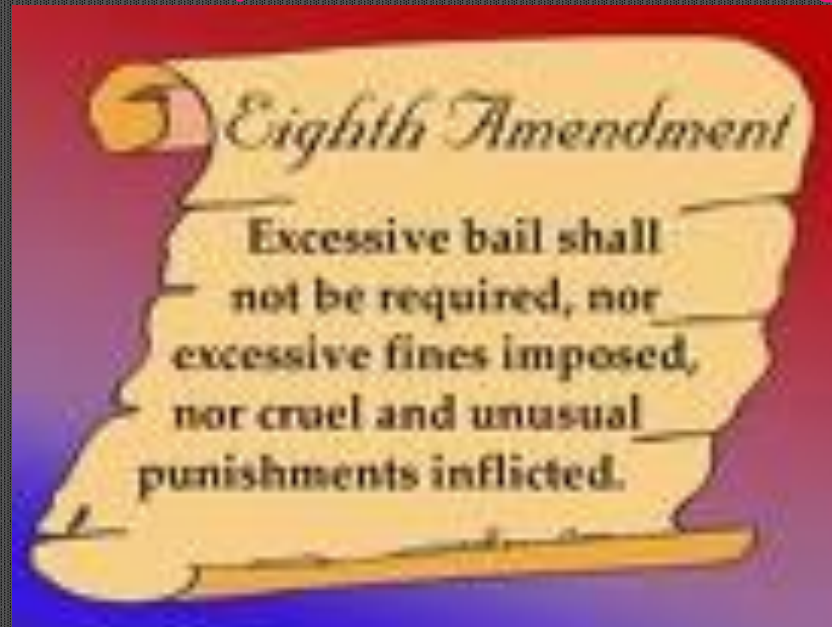
Punish them until they can't breath anymore. To waste away with no hope is FAR worse than killing them.

Don't Give Offenders of Capital Crimes a Way Out!

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THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT

- Strictly prohibits "cruel and unusual" punishment, yet the Death Penalty is still being used!



BEING PUT IN JAIL FOR COMMITTING
CRIMES SOMETIMES CHANGES
PEOPLE..



A TRUE STORY.....



This is Velma Barfield
of North Carolina.



□ Mrs. Barfield dropped out of school her junior year of high school. She eloped with her first husband at the age of 17 and settled down in Paxton. In 1964, her husband was injured in a car crash and lost his job. He began to drink heavily eventually



□ Meanwhile she worked at a local mill and took prescription tranquilizers for "peace of mind"



□ Her husband 'mysteriously' burned to death in his bed in 1969 while smoking...and her second husband died within 6 months of their marriage.



□ Velma was hospitalized 4 times for drug overdoses. Yet she still remained religious and taught Sunday school at her church.



□ In 1974 she killed her own mother, Lillie, with insecticide so that she could fake her signature on a \$1,000 loan.



□ She poisoned two of her employers and a lover over the next few years. It was found that they had been poisoned with arsenic.



□ Velma Barfield confessed to her crimes. In court, the jury deliberated for an hour and found her guilty of first degree murder. She was sentenced to be executed in 1984.



□ While Mrs. Barfield was on death row, she found God. She repented of her sins and gave her life to Christ.



□ WITH THAT BEING SAID.....



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