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Bachelor Thesis from the year 2011 in the subject Business economics - Law, grade: 1,0, Berlin School of Economics and Law, language: English, abstract: Awareness surrounding the financial burden of capital punishment is increasing and slowly beginning to permeate the American Society. However, not enough light has been shed on the sources that are causing the financial devastation. The death-is-different legal doctrine in the United States grants procedural protection that is unique for capital litigation providing individual consideration for each case. The paper investigates the price increase by capitally adjudicating a case compared to a non-capital litigation. Looking at the economic side of the impact of legal statutes should contribute to the discussion about choosing alternative punishments, such as life incarceration without the possibility of parole, and the systems' improvement prospects or the lack thereof. In the aftermath of a severe economic crisis and with ongoing financial solvency crises of interdependent nations, cost cutting considerations become all the more essential. Further, it is "Time to consider whether maintaining the costly death penalty system is being smart on crime" by briefly looking into where the money could be invested instead in order to achieve an equivalent effect. In short, the paper aims at ascertaining the financial cost of capital punishment and how the discoveries can impact jurisprudence. The central questions are the following. How to approach the financial cost of death penalty? What are the cost drivers of the system? Are there calculable benefits? How did and can economic arguments influence the legitimacy of capital punishment? The paper is structured as follows. The introduction is designed to lay out the framework of the United States capital punishment system. The main part provides an overview of the developments in approaching the cost of state-sanctioned killing, then explores the key cost drivers and finally takes the reader through the difficulty of quantifying benefits. The main part concludes with a section offering a deduction of how economic reasoning may impact jurisprudence. At last, the conclusion presents final remarks.

A Paper Upon the Law of Capital Punishment Springer Science & Business Media

Essay from the year 2015 in the subject Law - Philosophy, History and Sociology of Law, grade: 4.00, Indiana University (College of Arts and Sciences - Political Science Department), course: POLS-Y210 Rule of Law, language: English, abstract: This paper hopes to establish the continued forcefulness of Cesare Beccaria's argument against torture and the death penalty by reconciling its reasoning with the societal and legal context of the modern day. Cesare Beccaria, considered one of the founding fathers of Enlightenment penology and legal theory, is perhaps most well known for his treatise *On Crime and Punishment* in which he argues against punitive administration of torture and capital punishment. This paper analyzes the arguments proposed by Beccaria and reasserts their modern relevance to contemporary legal conversation on the death penalty and government-administered torture. Weaknesses in Beccaria's argument such as his questionably justified causal claims on human behavior are examined, but ultimately found to not render his argument less sound insofar as it seeks to discredit capital punishment. Beccaria's own model of social contract theory is also examined and used as a basis by which to evaluate his legal claims.

An Essay on the Advisability of Total Abolition of Capital Punishment New York : Basic Books

Many studies during the past few decades have sought to determine whether the death penalty has any deterrent effect on homicide rates. Researchers have reached widely varying, even contradictory, conclusions. Some studies have concluded that the threat of capital punishment deters murders, saving large numbers of lives; other studies have concluded that executions actually increase homicides; still others, that executions have no effect on murder rates. Commentary among researchers, advocates, and policymakers on the scientific validity of the findings has sometimes been acrimonious. Against this backdrop, the National Research Council report *Deterrence and the Death Penalty* assesses whether the available evidence provides a scientific basis for answering questions of if and how the death penalty affects homicide rates. This new report from the Committee on Law and Justice concludes that research to date on the effect of capital punishment on homicide rates is not useful in determining whether the death penalty increases, decreases, or has no effect on these rates. The key question is whether capital punishment is less or more effective as a deterrent than alternative punishments, such as a life sentence without the possibility of parole. Yet none of the research that has been done accounted for the possible effect of noncapital punishments on homicide rates. The report recommends new avenues of research that may provide broader insight into any deterrent effects from both capital and noncapital punishments.

[The Contradictions of American Capital Punishment](#) Temple University Press

Why does the United States, alone among Western democracies, still have the death penalty? It's not a new question, but David Garland provides fresh answers from a multilayered analysis...The title hints at the most provocative part of Garland's answer. In American history, the "peculiar institution" is slavery. Anyone who thinks its vestiges were wiped out by the Emancipation Proclamation or civil rights laws should read this book and think again.

Death Penalty. A Comparison Between Germany and American Attitudes Towards Capital Punishment GRIN Verlag

Pre-University Paper from the year 2012 in the subject English - Discussion and Essays, grade: 15, , language: English, abstract: In the following term paper the author is going to compare the German and American attitude toward the death penalty. At first she wants to clarify the definition. This paper will give a brief overview of the recent history of capital punishment in both states. The emphasis is on the comparison between these different attitudes. Providing to the findings of the German attitude the author intends to carry out a survey. Finally, she would like to express her own opinion on the topic.

[Three Papers on Capital Punishment](#) Oxford University Press on Demand

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Capital Punishment Harvard University Press

This distinguished constitutional theorist takes a hard look at current criminal law and the Supreme Court's most recent decisions regarding the legality of capital punishment. Examining the penal system, capital punishment, and punishment in general, he reviews the continuing debate about the purpose of punishment for deterrence, rehabilitation, or retribution.

[Capital Punishment](#) The New Press

Seminar paper from the year 2013 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 2,3, University of Cologne, course: Human Rights, language: English, abstract: „Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.“ (The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 3). Nowadays, practices such as ritual sacrifice, slavery, physical torture and death

penalty can no longer be tolerated (Dieter: 1). The Human Rights Declaration bespeaks that human rights are universal and made for everyone. However, there are nations that do not respect that and still use death penalty as a form of punishment. According to the Amnesty International organization about 97 states all over the world have abolished death penalty, eight states do not use death penalty for ordinary crimes anymore but for special crimes like war crimes or offence against military justice. Furthermore, 35 states have abolished death penalty in practice but not in their constitution and 58 states still use death penalty, including the USA (Amnesty International, "Hinrichtungen und Todesurteile 2011"). Death penalty is still a controversial topic, which intervenes in human rights, namely "the right to life, liberty and security of person" (The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 3). Due to that, this term paper will deal with the question if death penalty can be justified and if people can sentence other people to death regarding article three of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights mentioned above and if human rights are universal actually. Firstly, the history of the U.S. death penalty and its development will be stated. Secondly, potential advantages as well as disadvantages of death penalty will be pointed out and if necessary the disputable issues of it will be discussed. Regarding the results of this term paper a brief conclusion will follow, answering the question if death penalty can be justified or not.

On Capital Punishment for Murder GRIN Verlag

From 1965 until 1980, there was a virtual moratorium on executions for capital offenses in the United States. This was due primarily to protracted legal proceedings challenging the death penalty on constitutional grounds. After much Sturm und Drang, the Supreme Court of the United States, by a divided vote, finally decided that "the death penalty does not invariably violate the Cruel and Unusual Punishment Clause of the Eighth Amendment." The Court's decisions, however, do not moot the controversy about the death penalty or render this excellent book irrelevant. The ball is now in the court of the Legislature and the Executive. Legislatures, federal and state, can impose or abolish the death penalty, within the guidelines prescribed by the Supreme Court. A Chief Executive can commute a death sentence. And even the Supreme Court can change its mind, as it has done on many occasions and did, with respect to various aspects of the death penalty itself, during the moratorium period. Also, the people can change their minds. Some time ago, a majority, according to reliable polls, favored abolition. Today, a substantial majority favors imposition of the death penalty. The pendulum can swing again, as it has done in the past.

Peculiar Institution GRIN Verlag

Powerful, wry essays offering modern takes on a primitive practice, from one of our most widely read death penalty abolitionists As Ruth Bader Ginsburg has noted, people who are well represented at trial rarely get the death penalty. But as Marc Bookman shows in a dozen brilliant essays, the problems with capital punishment run far deeper than just bad representation. Exploring prosecutorial misconduct, racist judges and jurors, drunken lawyering, and executing the innocent

and the mentally ill, these essays demonstrate that precious few people on trial for their lives get the fair trial the Constitution demands. Today, death penalty cases continue to capture the hearts, minds, and eblasts of progressives of all stripes—including the rich and famous (see Kim Kardashian's advocacy)—but few people with firsthand knowledge of America's "injustice system" have the literary chops to bring death penalty stories to life. Enter Marc Bookman. With a voice that is both literary and journalistic, the veteran capital defense lawyer and seven-time Best American Essays "notable" author exposes the dark absurdities and fatal inanities that undermine the logic of the death penalty wherever it still exists. In essays that cover seemingly "ordinary" capital cases over the last thirty years, Bookman shows how violent crime brings out our worst human instincts—revenge, fear, retribution, and prejudice. Combining these emotions with the criminal legal system's weaknesses—purposely ineffective, arbitrary, or widely infected with racism and misogyny—is a recipe for injustice. Bookman has been charming and educating readers in the pages of *The Atlantic*, *Mother Jones*, and *Slate* for years. His wit and wisdom are now collected and preserved in *A Descending Spiral*.

An Economic Analysis of Law

TCR Singles Contains one featured essay from a previous issue of *The Concord Review* (TCR). TCR contains essays from a unique international journal of exemplary history research papers by secondary students of history. This issue features: "Capital Punishment" was written by Benjamin Patrick Chiacchia while attending Lincoln High School in Lincoln, Rhode Island. Abstract: Capital punishment has served a unique function in the American penal system, and its 400-year history in the United States has been surrounded by controversy. While the death penalty has a complicated history of influence, including religious norms, social sentiments, and political fervor, its exercise has often fallen to the will of the people. Activism on both sides, coupled with the normal political processes that influence this contentious facet of criminal justice, has led to a nationwide struggle over the continuation and methods used to carry out capital punishment. In the absence of a constitutional provision regarding the death penalty, debate has and continues to revolve around how and if this form of punishment will continue to be employed by the United States. This paper explores the relationship between the people and the death penalty, as well as the general history of capital punishment and the arguments posed by both sides of the debate.

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