

Is the Death Penalty in the Philippines Justified?

In the Philippines, capital punishment is lawful under Republic Act No. 7659. Despite being a controversial topic, both advocates and critics of the death penalty have strong arguments concerning its legalization. In this blog post, we will delve into the arguments of both sides to determine whether or not the death penalty should be abolished in the Philippines.

The most common argument against implementing capital punishment is that it is inhumane and violates basic human rights. It goes against our society's moral standard of treating all people with dignity and respect regardless of their crime. Supporters of this argument also maintain that there are other forms of punishment available that are more effective than carrying out a death sentence, such as life imprisonment without parole or lengthy prison sentences. They believe these alternatives are more humane and can still serve as a deterrent for potential criminals.

Opponents of abolishment argue that capital punishment serves as an effective deterrent for violent crimes, especially murder and rape cases which have devastating consequences for victims' families and friends alike. They believe that by imposing the death penalty, potential criminals will think twice before committing serious offenses because they know they could face dire consequences if they do so. Moreover, some opponents suggest that executions can help protect innocent citizens from dangerous offenders who may commit future offenses if left alive.

In conclusion, while both sides hold valid arguments when it comes to debating whether or not to abolish capital punishment in the Philippines, ultimately, it is up to each person to decide what they think is right or wrong based on their own beliefs and values. It is important to remember that whichever side you support, it should be done with respect for those who disagree with you and their opinions on this sensitive issue. Ultimately, no one opinion can be deemed "right" or "wrong," but rather, it is up to each person to determine what action (if any) should be taken regarding capital punishment in the Philippines.