

**Please support legislation creating an Objective Death Penalty Study
Commission with an Execution Moratorium during the study**

WHY? Questions are being raised concerning the death penalty system in Missouri.

We've got Questions. We Need Answers.

Question #7

Is the Death Penalty applied fairly and consistently?

- **A criminologist reviewed 504 capital indictments over three decades in Harris County, Texas, and found that defendants who hired lawyers for the entire trial were never sentenced to death.¹**
- **Most people with a death sentence in Missouri were appointed a Public Defender. Does the ability to afford a skilled lawyer act as a determining factor in receiving the death penalty?**
- **38% of those executed in Missouri were non-white. Fair?**
- **Murders in certain counties of Missouri are more likely to involve the death penalty than similar murders in other counties. Consistent?**

What factors prevent Missouri's death penalty from being fair?

**MORATORIUM
NOW!**

Because the Ultimate Punishment Deserves Study

Moratorium Now! is a campaign of almost 400 Missouri organizations, houses of worship and businesses calling for a moratorium on executions while Missouri's death penalty is studied.

For more information and citations, please visit www.MoratoriumNow.net

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