

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 #4

Is the Death Penalty a Deterrent to Murder?

- States without the death penalty had murder rates 35% to 46% lower than states with the death penalty from 2000-07, seeming to indicate no deterrent value.¹
- Just 37% of 500 police chiefs surveyed nationwide believe the death penalty reduces the number of homicides. 70% of the chiefs agreed that “Murderers don’t think about possible consequences before committing their crimes.”²
- A recent survey of US criminologists showed 88% do not believe the death penalty acts as a deterrent to homicide. 87% say abolishing capital punishment would have no significant effect on murder rates.³

What effective crime-fighting tools do law enforcement officials ask for?

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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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