

**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 #12
**What role does politics play in the use of
the death penalty?**

- A perennial question heard during election campaigns asks whether candidates are tough or soft on crime. Saying that one is for the death penalty often functions as shorthand for being tough on crime.
- The number and speed of death penalty indictments and executions are sometimes factors in elections and campaigns.
- Fairness in death row cases is supposedly guaranteed because the Governor, having the power to prevent a miscarriage of justice, makes a final review of each case before execution. Has this duty of executive review lost objectivity to political expedience?

Are we sure that each person receives a trial unbiased by politics?

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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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