# CAPITAL PUNISHMENT: PROS AND CONS

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## Definition

Capital punishment is the death penalty given by the government of a country, to people who have committed hideous crimes like homicide, rape, etc



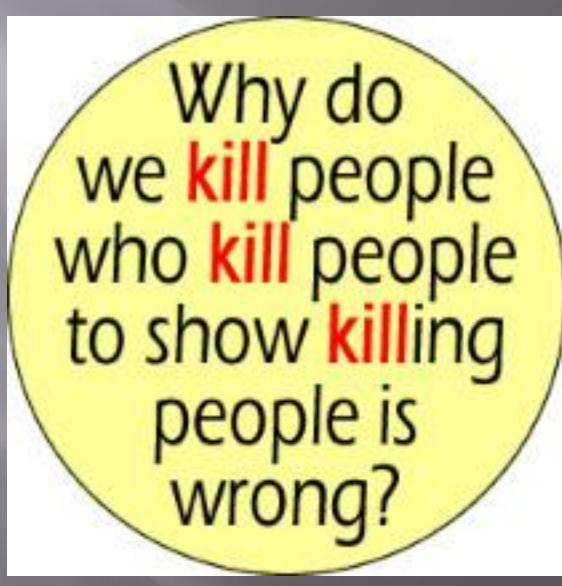
#### Advantages

- Dissuades others from commiting serious crimes.
- \* Prevents criminals from commiting the same crimes again.
- \* They cannot be rehabilitated to the society again.
- \* Equated as revenge for pain and suffering that the criminal inflicted on the victim.
- \* Ensures the safety of fellow prison inmates and guards.



#### Disadvantages

- \* We cannot punish killing by killing.
- \* Everyone deserves a second chance to change their lives.
- \* We aren't certain for one's guiltiness.
- \* There is no relation between death penalty and crime rate
- \* It violates human rights.



### Moral or immoral?

The question whether death penalty is a moral or an immoral act in a cultured society, does not have a definite answer. Whether to give death penalty to a criminal or not, may depend on his earlier criminal records and the seriousness of the crime he has committed.

But, do we really have the right to take the life of our fellow human beings?