



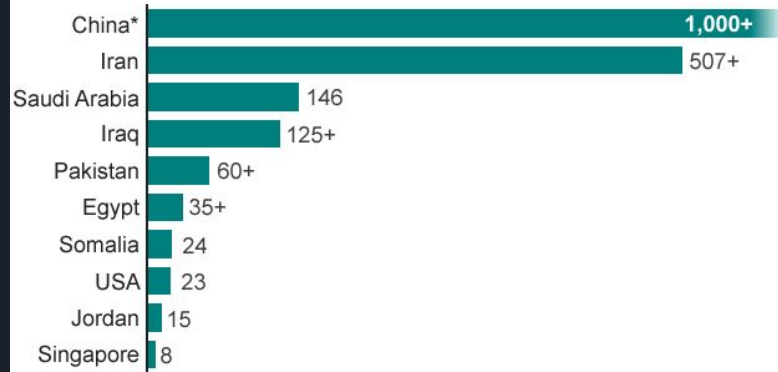
Modern Capital Punishment (since 1976)

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Ongoing Capital Punishment Around the World

There are a total of 53 countries that have not yet taken out the practice of capital punishment; being USA as one of them. 34 countries have recently been active with capital punishment through the years 2013-2017. Let alone 2,591 executions have been performed in 2017 throughout the world with China and Iran being majority of them. Some of these methods involved beheading, hanging, lethal injections, and shootings.

Executions around the world in 2017



*Official data unavailable, but Amnesty International estimates that executions in China were in the thousands

Source: Amnesty International

BBC

Modern Capital Punishment Methods

Around the world there are many methods to practice capital punishment through firing squad, hanging, gas chamber, electrocution, beheading, stoning, and with the most common one by lethal injection. With all these methods there's a 3% chance of the execution being botched but lethal injection alone has a 7% chance of being botched. Lethal injection was introduced by Oklahoma in 1977 with Texas being the first state to actually perform it on a prisoner.





Pros and Cons Towards Modern Capital Punishment

Pros:

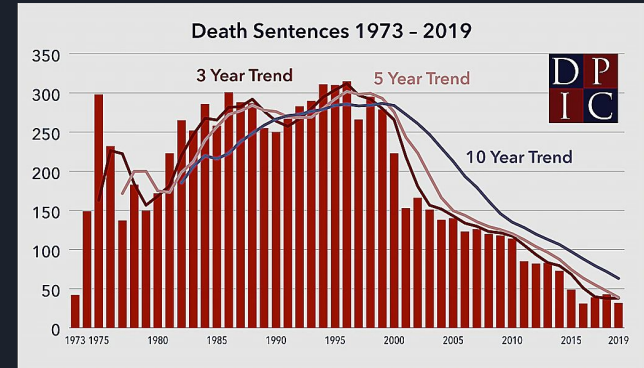
- It's a more "humane" execution compared to hanging, firing squad, or gas chamber.
- It prevents prisons from becoming over-populated
- It prevents from any prisoners to be able to escape from prison

Cons:

- Its cost more to perform the death penalty rather than putting someone in prison for life
- May not feel like justice is being done for the victims of the families
- It puts the lives of innocent people within the criminal justice system in greater risk
- Gives a chance to put children on death row later on the future
- Doesn't allow some people to make amends with themselves

Decrease of Capital Punishment

Over the years capital punishment has drastically decreased with 140 nations prohibiting the practice of executions. In the 1970's the U.S. Supreme Court announced that it was unconstitutional to perform the death penalty. Especially performing it on people who are minors, people that suffer with a disability, have not taken a life during their crime, or had no intent to kill. Ever since then the executions have decreased with 98 being its all time high in 1999. In 2002 the Court decided that the Judge didn't have the power to sentence someone on death row but the jury did and in 2005 the court prohibited people under the age of 18 to be put in death row. In the early 2000's some state governments believed that some of the inmates that were facing death row were innocent and treated unfairly.



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