

Sample Outline #1: Against the Death Penalty

Paragraph One:

1. Human life is the most precious gift.
2. Penalty is against everything a civilized society stands for. While there's a separation of Church and state, all major religions oppose it. Throughout history, humans have learned repeatedly the dangers of "playing God."
3. Thesis statement: The death penalty should be abolished in the interest of human rights.

Paragraph Two:

1. The death penalty risks the lives of innocent people.
 - a. Cite times innocent people have been put to death.
 - b. Cite cases of human fallibility within the justice system.
 - c. Cite statistics of racism swaying the hand of justice.

Paragraph Three:

2. The death penalty is ineffective and expensive.
 - a. Cite the direct costs connected to killing one prisoner on death row.
 - b. Cite the facts that show capital punishment does not prevent crime.
 - c. Argue that the death penalty separates us from civilized nations who have abandoned it, but aligns us with more barbaric and ineffective nations that continue it.

Paragraph Four:

3. The death penalty is unjust in every manifestation.
 - a. The death penalty forces citizens to feel complicit in the state's killing of prisoners.
 - b. Many death row prisoners were given incompetent legal defense.
 - c. People who put others to death often suffer from crippling PTSD.

Paragraph Five:

1. On the other hand, those in support of the death penalty argue that certain crimes are so heinous that the death penalty is the only suitable form of justice.

a. This viewpoint is incorrect because it operates under the assumption of some sort of moral order, and then violates that moral order. Every person knows it's wrong to kill.

b. This viewpoint fails to realize that capital punishment is considered "cruel and unusual" and hence a violation of the eighth amendment.

Paragraph Six (conclusion):

Capital punishment is bad for society and a human rights violation. It is barbaric to have a form of punishment in place where innocent lives are sentenced to death. The death penalty costs the state millions each year and still does nothing to deter further crimes from happening. The death penalty is the pinnacle of an unjust society.

There is an inherent sacredness in human life, even in those who commit unfathomably heinous acts. Our failure to honor that through the use of capital punishment is the sign of a sick society.

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