

The Pro-Life Case Against the Death Penalty

What Does It Mean to Be Pro-Life?

Being pro-life means respecting and protecting the dignity and inherent worth of every single person – including those on death row who have caused significant harm to innocent people.

A Consistent Life Ethic

It's inconsistent to be champions of life while supporting a system that deliberately ends it – whether that's abortion or the death penalty. Like abortion, capital punishment falsely teaches us that some life is unworthy, without purpose, unwanted, or irredeemable.

The Death Penalty Harms Innocent Life

200 people have been exonerated from death row in the USA, and there is strong evidence of wrongful executions. Many victims' families are re-traumatized by the death penalty process. Executions create more grieving families, perpetuating a cycle of violence and the loss of life.

"As a conservative who believes our government has been infiltrated by widespread corruption, I find it impossible for them to make life and death judgments against any human person. I believe in fair consequences for our actions, I believe in justice, I do not believe that justice ever equals state sanctioned death."

Abby Johnson, Pro-Life Advocate

"The reason why we should abolish the death penalty is clear: Since the government cannot guarantee that it will not execute innocent people, capital punishment should be abolished. Upholding a policy that kills those who are undeserving is the opposite of pro-life."

Jeff Charles, Political Commentator

"I first supported the death penalty until I found out how many innocent individuals were being killed and how costly it was on the taxpayers. In a free and just society, we should always strive to protect life, most especially all innocent life."

Jeff Frazee, Chairman & Founder of Young Americans for Liberty