

Death Penalty / Proposition 62 Talking Points

1. When Cain killed Abel and was exiled, he wasn't killed. In fact the "Lord put a mark on Cain, lest anyone should kill him at sight." Genesis 4
2. When Jesus was asked about the death penalty for the woman caught in adultery, he simply said, "Let the man among you who has no sin be the first to cast a stone at her." John 8
3. In 1980 the Roman Catholic Bishops of the United States have called for ending the use of the death penalty in our country.
4. Since 1973, there have been 156 inmates released from death row because they have been proven to be innocent. Three were in California.
5. The California death penalty system costs taxpayers \$185 million per year beyond the costs of keeping convicts locked up for life.
6. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation stated that each individual execution costs \$186,886.00 - based on 2005 contracts.
7. The Los Angeles District Attorney's Office said that a death penalty trial costs approximately one million dollars more than a non-capital murder trial.
8. In 2005 the Roman Catholic Bishops of the United States re-affirmed their 1980 commitment and began the Catholic Campaign to End the Use of the Death Penalty.
9. Pope Francis, speaking before Congress in 2015, said "The Golden Rule also reminds us of our responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage of its development. . . This conviction has led me from the beginning of my ministry to advocate at different levels the global abolition of the death penalty.
10. Victim family members belong to California Crime Victims for Alternatives to the Death Penalty support Prop 62.
11. On the death certificate of someone executed in California, the reason for death is recorded as "homicide."
12. A Dade County, Florida, study showed that the murder rate went up after an execution, proving that it is not a deterrent to murder.
13. An execution creates another set of victims - the family and friends of the person executed.
14. Studies have shown that executions have a detrimental effect on prison staff.
15. The death penalty is simply revenge.