

**Resolution: The death penalty should be abolished in the United States.**

<b>Affirmative Evidence</b> ←	→ <b>Negative Evidence</b>
Type of Evidence: Example & Statistics	Type of Evidence: Statistics
<p><b>Argument:</b> There was also a time in American history when a majority of whites believed that it was acceptable to own slaves; however this does not make it moral. Also "A total of 133 UN member states have abolished the death penalty in law or in practice. In 2006, 91% of executions were in Iran, China, Iraq, Pakistan, Sudan, &amp; U.S.</p>	<p><b>Argument:</b> According to a Harris Poll® that was published on January 7, 2004, 69% of Americans support the death penalty.</p>

<b>Affirmative Evidence</b> ←	→ <b>Negative Evidence</b>
Type of Evidence: Statistics	Type of Evidence: Expert opinion
<p><b>Argument:</b> According to a May 2004 Gallup poll, 62% of Americans do not believe that the death penalty is a deterrent for murder.</p>	<p><b>Argument:</b> John McAdams, a professor at Marquette University said, "If we execute murderers and there is in fact no deterrent effect, we have killed a bunch of murderers. If we fail to execute murderers, and doing so would in fact have deterred other murders, we have allowed the killing of a bunch of innocent victims."</p>

<b>Affirmative Evidence</b> ←	→ <b>Negative Evidence</b>
Type of Evidence: Common Sense	Type of Evidence: Common Sense
<p><b>Argument:</b> Don't we become murderers ourselves if we kill those who kill? You don't punish a thief by then going and robbing his or her house. It makes no sense to say that murder is wrong and then go and murder the murderer. Hello!?</p>	<p><b>Argument:</b> If someone kills someone, they should in turn be killed. It is only fair that if someone takes another person's life they should loose theirs.</p>