**Capital Punishments**

Capital punishment in the United Kingdom was used from ancient times until the second half of the 20th century. The last executions in the United Kingdom were by hanging, and took place in 1964, prior to capital punishment being suspended for murder in 1965 and finally abolished in 1969. Although unused, the death penalty remained a legally defined punishment for certain offences such as treason until it was completely abolished in 1998 (it is not legal anymore). In 2004 the 13th Protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights became binding on the United Kingdom, prohibiting the restoration of the death penalty for as long as the UK is a party to the Convention.

**What is the impact of capital punishment on society?**

Capital punishments strive to prevent criminals from murder and violent crimes by terminating the lives of those convicted. Capital punishment only reinforces violent behaviour and serves no purpose but to avenge victims and their families. Society is endorsing revenge by embracing the death penalty.

**Arguments against capital punishments:**

* Value of human life.
* Right to live.
* Execution of the innocent.
* Retribution is wrong.
* Failure to deter.
* Brutalising society.
* Expense.
* People not responsible for their acts.

**Arguments for capital punishments:**

Those in support of capital punishment believe it deters crimes and, more often than not believe that certain crimes eliminate one's right to life. Those who oppose capital punishment believe, first and foremost, that any person, including the government, has no right to take a life for any reason.

**Should it be brought back to the UK?**

Pointing out that the UK is campaigning for the abolition of the death penalty globally, he said: “There is no evidence that capital punishment acts as a deterrent to violent crime. Furthermore, the reintroduction of the death penalty would bring with it the very real risk that some innocent people would die.”

In my opinion, after reading and researching all of these facts, I don’t think that the capital punishments should be brought back to life and here is why:

I know that murdering is wrong, but criminals have to have a chance to change. Once the country has decided to eliminate the death penalty, then they should not take a step back and allow it again. I think eliminating the death penalty is a sign of progress of humanity and therefore it makes no sense to take steps backward. There are plenty of alternate options available.

It is wrong for us to decide who can and cannot live.

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