

ISSUE

Capital punishment, also referred to as the death penalty, is the **execution** of a person by the state as punishment for a crime. Crimes that can result in a death penalty are known as capital crimes or heinous crime. In most places that practice capital punishment today, the death penalty is reserved as punishment for premeditated murder, **espionage**, **treason**, or as part of military justice. In some countries sexual crimes, such as sexual assault and **extramarital relationship** carry the death penalty, as do religious crimes such as **apostasy**.

Vocabulary

Apostasy



Espionage



Adultery

Response

1. Define capital Punishment?
2. Enumerate crimes which are punishable by capital punishment.
Is capital punishment legal in your country?



Express Yourself: Justify your answer

1. Do you think that death penalty is an appropriate punishment for terrorism and murder?
2. Despite the existence of death penalty, heinous crimes are still widespread. What do you think is lacking? Is the lenient implementation of government be a reason?
3. Do you think there should be a demarcation line as to what form of punishment be given to juvenile crimes?
4. If apostasy is punishable by death penalty, does the act coincide with exercising religious freedom ? Is it justifiable?
5. How does law shape the society? Explain.