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General Purpose: to persuade

Specific Purpose: to persuade the audience that the death penalty should be abolished.

Central Idea: The death penalty is not only morally wrong but violates the right to life which happens to be the most basic of all human rights.

Introduction

Attention Getter: [Ray Krone](http://www.innocenceproject.org/cases/ray-krone/), [Ryan Matthews](http://www.innocenceproject.org/cases/ryan-matthews/), [Curtis McCarty](http://www.innocenceproject.org/cases/906/), Alexander Williams, and [Michael Blair](http://www.innocenceproject.org/cases/michael-blair/)

Central Idea: The death penalty is not only morally wrong but violates the right to life which happens to be the most basic of all human rights.

Relevance Statement: this relates to all U.S citizens because they must understand the laws that dictate their future.

Preview of Main Points: I am going to tell you about the problem with the legal system, my solution, and what our world would look like with and without my solution

.Transition: let's start with our problem

Need

# The death penalty is morally and ethnically wrong.

## This capital punishment is a denial of human and constitutional rights.

### The American Declaration of Independence includes the statement "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." The phrase lists three examples of the inalienable rights that, according to the Declaration, were given upon all people by their Creator and were intended to be protected by governments.

### As part of the Bill of Rights, the 8th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was drafted to shield criminals from harsh punishment. It prohibits the use of excessive fines and bail, as well as the use of torture to punish offenses.

## I've also included statistics to support my argument that this is an unethical form of punishment.

### The death penalty information center claims that the murder rate in states without the death penalty has remained consistently lower than the rate in states that do, and that the difference has widened since 1990. In states without the death penalty as of 2018, there are 25% fewer murders than in states with the death penalty.

### “If the death penalty does deter crime, it is at such a low rate that you can’t calculate it” says James Unnerve in the article, “the death penalty”.

## This concerns all of us more than you think.

### One of the names on the list from earlier was Alexander McCray Williams

#### He was 16 years old when he was convicted which many in this room are.

#### He also came from a low income county like Anson County.

# To solve this problem, we have to use our voices.

## For my solution, we will start petitions’ protest and fight within our states.

## After a bill passed by the congress, each state has its own death penalty laws.

### By focusing within our state rather we are most likely to cause a change

### The Hamilton Project states in “State and Local Policy” that, “ State whole nations  and local governments account for a substantially higher share of economic output than does the federal government”.

## This solution has been proven to work in the past, with 37 out of 50 states prohibiting capital punishment.

### Many people might think that because we are in a red state that we won't see change but let's look at Virginia.

#### It was the first southern change to abolish the death penalty. Whittney Evans and Rachel Martin go into more detail about how Virginia views the death penalty as expensive and flawed.

### Petitions have also been seen as useless. But it has more effect than people realize.

#### I read an article called “Caylee's Law” by Trevor Brown. It speaks about how a petition was made about theAnthony case. they made their voices heard and a law has passed saying ”If a parent or gardian fails to report a miss

# Lets try to visualize our world in the future

## First, a world with my solution. People often don't realize how many resources death row uses.

### More police on streets, more drug rehabilitation and mental health services to address problems that affect many criminals, and better child-protection services

## Now, a world without my solution.

### Not only does the death penalty increase violence, it also has no effect of real crime.

## Now let’s compare the two.

### The money death row uses can be used to help people and children before they commit the crimes.

#### Conclusion

# Today, I talked about the problem with the legal system, my solution, and what our world would look like with and without my solution

# Help make a change. It’s easy. Sign a petion, write a letter. Make your voice heard.

# I am currently writing a letter about my feelings towards the matter and have signed many petions.

# 2 wrongs don’t make a right. What gives us the right to decide who lives and dies.