Real justice requires that the criminal suffers. If a criminal takes someone’s life, it is only right that they also lose their life to see justice done.

If someone commits the most serious crimes i.e. murder, it is right that they never have an opportunity to do this again. Using the death penalty ensures this.

The harshness of the death penalty deters others from committing crime so that there is less crime.

It costs a lot of money to keep someone in prison for 25 years or for the rest of their life, so using the Death Penalty saves citizens money.

The Death Penalty can provide closure for victim’s families. They feel that justice has been done and can get on with their lives without worrying about the murderer.

The Death Penalty helps the police, because a criminal is much more likely to admit to their crime in order to receive a reduced sentence i.e. life imprisonment rather than death.

Some people say it improves society as a whole because the public see ‘bad people’ being suitable punished for their crime and try to be better people as a result.

When you kill someone else, many people think you should lose your Human Rights i.e. the Right to Life.

Most countries no longer execute people publically, and criminals are not paraded about before execution. Therefore many people say that the Death Penalty is no longer humiliating and degrading.

Capital Punishment can be expensive. The USA spent $13m on one case alone. This is usually the cost for all the appeals.

Many people argue that many criminals have mental health issues or are not in control of their actions at the time of their crime and therefore should not be executed.

Most counties use lethal injection to execute criminals, which is thought to be the most ‘humane’ way and not painful or degrading.

All Human Life is valuable, and should be preserved whenever possible.

Only God has the right to end someone’s life.

‘The Right to Life’ is a key human right and by executing people as a punishment, this Human Right is lost.

There have been cases of innocent people being executed, because of flaws in the justice. Witnesses, lawyers and jurors can all make mistakes.

In the USA, 130 people sentenced to death have been found innocent since 1973 and released from death row.

Many people say that waiting on ‘Death Row’ for years at a time can be psychological torture and is very cruel. In the USA the average wait Is 10 years.

Many people say you cannot teach that killing is wrong by killing.

Many people argue that it is the families of those who are executed who suffer, rather than the criminal themselves.

Many people argue that the death penalty does not deter people from committing crime. In the USA, more murders take place in states where capital punishment is allowed.

Many argue that the Death Penalty ‘normalises’ violence – i.e. it creates a more brutal and violent society because the government also execute people.

Using lethal injection requires a doctor or nurse to administer the drugs and this affects their mental health as they are ultimately responsible for the death.

Recent research suggests that the lethal injection is not ‘humane’ and different people take differing lengths of time to die from the injection.