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The Death penalty

Death to the death penalty

By Amnesty International, 2010

Duration: One minute

Amnesty International France in collaboration with advertising agency TBWA produced two short advertisements to coincide with Amnesty International's Death Penalty Campaign and will be launched on the 4th October 2010.

What if the death penalty disappeared in America?

By Alplus

Duration: 1:29 minutes

Menschenrechte in drei Minuten erklärt

Von Amnesty International

Sprache: Deutsch Länge: 3 Minuten

Ein Video, das einfach und klar aufzeigt, was die Menschenrechte sind. Es wurde speziell für junge Menschen zwischen 13 und 20 Jahren entwickelt und kann auch von Lehrpersonen im Unterricht verwendet werden.

What is the death penalty?

By Milan Presse, France Télévisions, 2018

Language: English

Duration: 1:40 minutes

In certain countries, the law authorizes the execution of a convicted person: the death penalty. Those condemned to death are often guilty of very serious crimes: murdering several people for example. But if the law authorizes the death penalty, does that mean it's legal to kill somebody?

Die Todesstrafe in den USA I ZDFinfo Doku

Von ZDFinfo Dokus & Reportagen, 2017

Sprache: Deutsch Länge: 7 Minuten

Die USA gehört zu den letzten westlichen Ländern, in denen die Todesstrafe noch nicht abgeschafft wurde. Reporter Thorsten Eppert will verstehen, warum die Amerikaner daran festhalten. Er reist nach Texas, wo er einen zum Tode Verurteilten besucht, und mit Befürwortern und Gegnern der Todesstrafe spricht.

The State of the Death Penalty in the United States

By Law Shelf Educational Media

Language: English

Duration: 8:20 minutes

Capital punishment in the United States is an ever-evolving issue. Early in our country's history, the death penalty was applied to seemingly trivial offenses like trading with Native Americans and horse theft. On the other hand, many states today have completely abolished the death penalty. These two extremes illustrate the ambivalent relationship the US legal system has with the death penalty.

Lessons from death row inmates

TED-Speech by David Dow, Texas, 2012

Language: English

Duration: 18 minutes

David R. Dow is an esteemed professor at the University of Houston Law Centre who has dedicated his life to defending death row inmates.

In his 2012 TED speech, he talks not about the ethics of capital punishment, but on where the ideologies of pro-death penalty and anti-death penalty campaigners meet: on the topic of intervention.

Life in prison

Windows on Death Row at Columbia NY

By Globe Cartoon, 2017

Language: English Duration: 00:45 h

A glimpse into the unseen realities of death row in America. At Columbia Law School in New York, in September 2017, the editorial cartoonist Patrick Chappatte and the journalist Anne-Frédérique Widmann present their art & documentation project Windows on Death Row which opened in Los Angeles in 2015 and has toured the U.S. since. Through artworks by death row inmates, video interviews and sound, they take you into a journey in a world that is beyond our imaginations.

The Gray Box

By The Ochberg Society for Trauma Journalism, 2014

Language: English
Duration: 00:16 h

An investigative look at solitary confinement and about how people try to survive it, for example through artwork.

DOCS: Death Row - Inside Indiana State Prison Episode 1

and

DOCS: Death Row - Inside Indiana State Prison Episode 2

By Independent Television, 2013

Language: English

Duration: about 45 minutes each

Veteran broadcaster Trevor McDonald ventures inside one of America's most notorious maximum security prisons - Indiana State. Behind its walls he comes face to face with the 12 condemned men awaiting execution on Death Row and some of the other 1900 inmates most of which are convicted of murder. In this second and final episode, Trevor McDonald meets the most hated inmate on Death Row - Fredrick Baer. Convicted of the brutal murders of a mother and her young daughter, Trevor finally comes face to face with the killer in his death row cell. In one of the most compelling interviews ever filmed on death row, Baer talks through his life and his crime.

Indiana's Women Behind Bars - Part 1

and

Indiana's Women Behind Bars - Part 2

By ITV stories, 2013 Language: English

Duration: about 45 minutes each

Veteran broadcaster Trevor McDonald ventures inside two prisons that hold some of America's most notorious women criminals. Indiana Women's Prison and the Rockville Correctional Facility in the State of Indiana hold over 1800 offenders. Some are serving long sentences for very violent crimes, others will never be released.

Death row prisoners and their friends and family

The road to Livingston

By panda bear films and Austin documentary collaborative / offshoot media, 2015

Language: English Duration: 1:20 h

The Road to Livingston" offers a glimpse in to a world that many of us do not know exists – that of family members, friends, sympathizers, activists, and many others who know inmates on death row. By following one woman's efforts to visit her incarcerated brother Louis Perez in Texas, we are introduced to this world and the stories inside.

NPO Documentaire: Deal met de Dood

By: KRO- NCRV, 2017

Language: Mainly English with a small amount of Dutch and Dutch subtitles

Duration: 1:35 h

A documentary about the life story of Clinton Young, both before and after he was imprisoned on Death Row in Texas, USA. He is still fighting his sentence today.

Four Weddings and An Execution – (Dating Prisoners Documentary) Real Life Stories

By: Firecracker Films, 2017

Language: English Duration: 00:48 h

A documentary about women, both in the U.K and America, who became penpals with an inmate and their friendship turned into romance, even marriage.

Louis Theroux: Behind Bars

By Stuart Cabb, 2008

Language: English

Duration: 1 h

Louis Theroux: Behind Bars is a television documentary written and presented by Louis Theroux about one of America's most notorious prisons, San Quentin. There, he meets and speaks to serial murderers, gang members, at-risk inmates and guards.

Visits

Execution

Death Row: The Final 24 Hours (Documentary)

By WAG TV for Discovery Channel

Duration: 00:47 h

If you know you will die in 24 hours, what thoughts will go through your mind? You might not get the chance to ponder those thoughts, because nobody of us knows exactly when or where he will die. But prisoners sentenced to death know that. It might sound ironic, but they are few of the people that can have the last 24 hours to think about their life.

This documentary takes a look at exactly what goes through the mind of criminals and prisoners during their last 24 hours of sentence. And how the walk from the death row prison to the execution looks like. The documentary also takes a look at what passes through the mind of the executioner and police officers that need to pass the sentence. It is not easy sleeping at night knowing you need to kill somebody the next day. But somehow, these people find a way to do that.

<u>Life and Death Row – Execution day for one of the youngest men</u> on death row in Texas

By BBC, 2014

Language: English

About Richard Cobb and Anthony Haynes, Texas

Duration: 00:58 h

Series telling the story of capital punishment through the eyes of young people whose lives have been shaped by it. With unprecedented access inside prison walls, it discovers what it's like to live with the threat of the death chamber, as well as hearing from victims and their families and the family of those on death row - some praying for execution, some hoping for a reprieve. Each episode focuses on a key aspect of the system - execution, trial and appeal.

For two of the youngest men on death row in Texas, execution day has arrived. Victim Nikki Daniels reflects on her kidnapping ordeal by murderer Richard Cobb and battles with her conflicting desires to forgive him, while the mother of death row inmate

Anthony Haynes fights to use the final 72 hours to halt her son's execution for the murder of a police officer.

Executions

By EduVision Films, 1995

Language: English Duration: 00:57 h

"Executions" is a documentary showing real footage of the many different methods humanity has used through-out history for capital punishment. During the film, the makers point out how unjustifiable the death penalty is in every situation, so they do take a staunch stance against what they're presenting.

Fourteen days in May part 1

and

Fourteen days in May part 2

By BBC 1, 1987

Language: English Duration: 00:43 h

Fourteen Days in May is a documentary directed by Paul Hamann. The program recounts the final days before the execution of Edward Earl Johnson, an American prisoner convicted of rape and murder. Johnson protested his innocence and claimed that his confession had been made under duress. He was executed in Mississippi's gas chamber on May 20, 1987.

The documentary crew, given access to the prison warden, guards and chaplain and to Johnson and his family, filmed the last days of Johnson's life in detail. The documentary argues against the death penalty and maintains that capital punishment is disproportionately applied to African-Americans convicted of crimes against whites. The program features attorney Clive Stafford Smith, a noted advocate against capital punishment.

The Mass execution

Links see below

By BBC, 2018

Language: English

Duration: Four episodes, each 60 to 70 minutes

The latest instalment, The Mass Execution – a run of four films – takes a look at the legal mechanics of capital punishment in the USA, focusing on the unprecedented move by the state of Arkansas in 2017 to schedule eight executions in ten days in order to beat an expiry date on Midazolam, one of the drugs used in lethal injections.

Episode One

Sorry - works only in the UK. Let me know if you have another link. Thank you.

In this episode we meet death row inmate Stacey Johnson, who is scheduled to be executed for a crime that he claims he didn't commit. With just weeks to go, his wife Judy and stepdaughter Tasha are doing all they can to stop the execution from going ahead.

We also meet Susan, whose mother was murdered in a home invasion by inmate Don Davis in 1990. Susan has been waiting for Davis's execution for decades and wants justice to finally be carried out so she and her family can find peace.

Episode Two

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In this episode, inmate Stacey Johnson and his family are attempting to get his execution stayed on the basis that DNA testing could prove his innocence. However, the daughter of Johnson's victim, who witnessed the murder, is fighting for the execution to go ahead so she can finally put her mother's death behind her.

We are also present at the clemency hearings for inmate Ledell Lee, who is scheduled to die on the same night as Johnson. We meet Lee's defense attorney, who is attempting to halt his client's execution on the basis that he didn't receive a fair trial. However, 24 years after the murder, Lee's original prosecuting attorney is still fighting for his execution to go ahead.

Episode Three

In this episode we meet Lynn Scott, the sister of death row inmate Jack Jones - the next prisoner in line to die. Jones has severe medical problems including diabetes, which led to him having a leg amputated in prison. Jones and his sister are worried that the number of medications he is on could mean the lethal injection drugs don't work properly, resulting in an agonizing death. However, the family of Jones's victim Mary Phillips say they have waited more than 20 years for the execution, and they are desperate for justice to be done.

We also meet inmate Marcel Williams who is on death row for the rape and murder of 22-year-old Stacy Rae Errickson. With only weeks to go before Williams's execution, his attorney Jason Kearney is fighting to save his client's life, arguing that Williams's original lawyers made serious mistakes during his trial. Kearney says these mistakes meant the jury didn't hear vital evidence that could still save him from execution.

Episode Four

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In this episode, the family of murdered teenager John Melbourne Jr are fighting for the execution of death row inmate Jason McGehee to go ahead. McGehee's lawyers argue that his sentence is unjust, as he is only one out of a group of teenagers responsible for the murder. In fact, the person who actually took John's life is eligible for parole in 2025.

We also meet Kayla Greenwood, whose father Michael was murdered by death row inmate Kenneth Williams in a road traffic collision after he escaped from prison. In an extraordinary act of forgiveness, Kayla is desperate to reconnect the killer with the daughter, Jasmine, he hasn't seen for 17 years.

Cases

<u>Life and death row - Punishment (Part 1)</u>

By BBC 2014

Language: English

Inmate: Guy Heinze Jr, Georgia

Duration: 00:50 h

<u>Life and death row - Punishment (Part 2)</u>

Duration: 00:24 h

This film follows the trial of 26-year-old Guy Heinze Jr in Georgia, with remarkable access to the jury members charged with reaching a verdict on allegations that Heinze beat his father and seven members of his family to death. As the trial progresses, there is legal maneuvering while evidence about the brutal killings unfolds.

<u>Life and death row - Crisis stage</u>

By BBC 2014

Language: English

About Robert Pruett and Robert Garza, Texas

Duration: 00:57 h

The final film of the series follows 25-year-old legal student Kelly Hickman as she attempts to save two of the young killers facing execution in America.

Kelly volunteers at the University of Houston Death Penalty Clinic, a team of Texan students who help mount last-ditch legal appeals for killers on death row.

The team are working on two 'crisis cases' - cases where all of the offenders' normal legal appeals have failed and they are now just weeks away from execution.

Robert Pruett was sentenced to death for murdering a prison guard at the age of 20. He was already one of the youngest killers in the American prison system, having been sentenced to 99 years for his involvement in another murder at the age of 16.

Robert Garza was a member of the notorious Tri-City Bombers street gang and was sentenced to death at the age of 20 for his part in the drive-by killing of four young women.

As execution day dawns, Kelly feels frustratingly shut out of the legal process, confined to her office and following events over the internet and the phone as news filters through of an eleventh-hour intervention by the Supreme Court.

Life and death row - Truth

By BBC, 2016

Language: English

About Austin Myers and Tim Mosley, Ohio

Duration: 00:59 h

In January 2014 in Waynesville, Ohio, 18-year-old Justin Back who was days away from joining the navy was murdered in his family home. His high school friends both 19 years of age, Austin Myers and Tim Mosley were charged with his murder. However, both men gave very different versions of events, so who was telling the truth?

Life and death row - Forgiveness

By BBC, 2016

Language: English

About Willie Tyrone Trottie, Texas

Duration: 00:28 h

T.T. Trottie is preparing himself to lose another parent. His father killed his mother 21 years ago and will be executed a week from now.

Love triangle

Links see below

By BBC, 2016

Language: English

About Emilia Carr, Florida

Duration: Each film is approximately 10 minutes long.

Over eight mini-episodes, Life and Death Row: Love Triangle tells the story of Heather, a beautiful young wife and mother, who has disappeared without trace. Her adulterous husband Joshua and his pregnant lover Emilia are brought in for questioning. What has happened to Heather and who is telling the truth? Published alongside this eight part series is evidence linked to the case including witness statements, secret police recordings and photos of the crime scene. Will one man's love triangle become a death sentence for both women?

Part 1 Part 2 Part 3 Part 4

Part 5 Part 6 Part 7 Part 8

Tod in Texas - Werner Herzog | Todesstrafe in den USA | Doku Dokumentation

Von Werner Herzog, 2011

Sprache: Deutsch Länge: 1:40 Stunden

Der Filmemacher zeichnet das Bild des Todeszellenkandidaten Michael Perry. Er wartet in einem Hochsicherheitsgefängnis in Texas auf seine Hinrichtung. Perry hat eine fünfzig Jahre alte Krankenschwester ermordet. In zwei weiteren Mordfällen wird er der Tat verdächtigt, konnte allerdings nie ausreichend belastet werden. Die Morde ereigneten sich in Conroe, Texas im Beisein von Perrys Partner Jason Burkett. Neben den Tätern kommen auch Opfer und Leidtragende zu Wort.

Justice

<u>True Justice - Bryan Stevenson</u>

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By HBO Documentary films, 2019

Language: English

Duration: 1:40 h

For more than three decades, Alabama public interest attorney Bryan Stevenson, founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, has advocated on behalf of the poor, the incarcerated and the condemned, seeking to eradicate racial discrimination in the criminal justice system. An intimate portrait of this remarkable man, *True Justice: Bryan Stevenson's Fight for Equality* follows his struggle to create greater fairness in the system and shows how racial injustice emerged, evolved and continues to threaten the country, challenging viewers to confront it.

More videos and information on the homepage Equal Justice Initiative