

The Justification of the Death Penalty in Taiwan

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1. The Overview in Taiwan

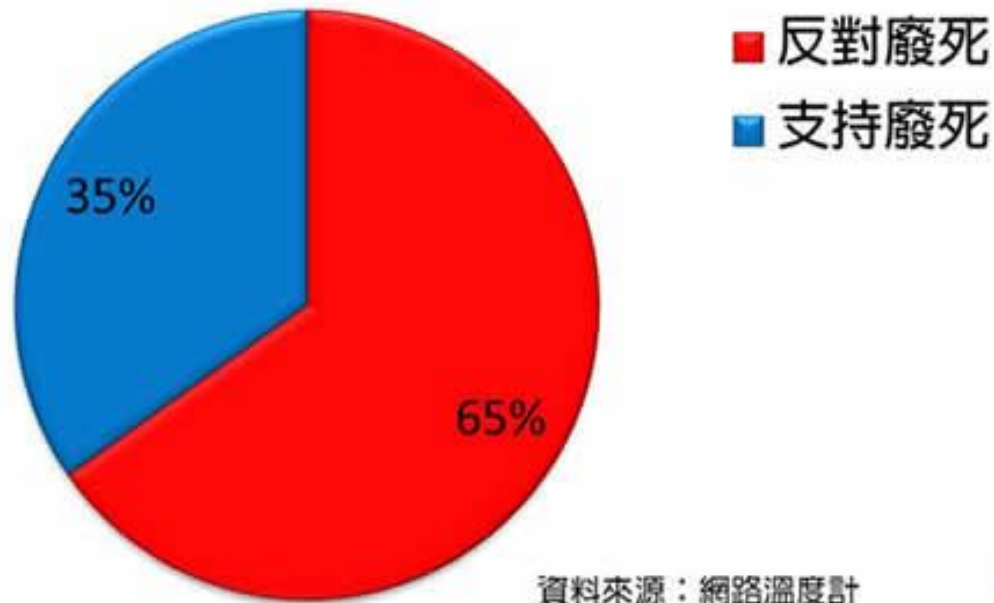
The Number of Executed People in the Taiwan since 1987

1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000		
10	22	69	78	59	35	18	17	16	22	38	32	24	17		
2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
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2. Public Opinion in Taiwan

挺不挺廢死？網友怎麼說？



資料來源：網路溫度計
調查時間：2014/12/5-2014/6/5



2.1 The Belief of Vengeance

- Human nature are fundamentally evil.
- Vengeance maintains social order.
- Vengeance improves justice.
- The impulse for vengeance is natural.



2.2 The Belief of Deterrence

- People fear nothing more than death.
- Life sentence must be less deterrent than the death penalty.



2.3 The Low Cost of the Death Penalty

- The funding to run prisons comes from taxpayers.
- The death penalty is not as costly.



3. General Ideas to Oppose the Death Penalty

- Democracy emphasizes human rights, but the death penalty violates human rights.
- The death penalty is inhumane.
- The European Union vs. Taiwan



4. Kantian Justification of the Death Penalty

4.1 The basis of a state sovereignty against democracy to abolish the death penalty.

- Human are rational to recognize our duties.
- Moral acts are driven by duties, which is a will acting for duties



4.2 Justification of Punishment over civilization.

- The justification of punishment comes from the categorical imperatives.
- The government exists as an enforcer of rights of citizens.
- The government bases on equality and retribution to punish..



4.3 Kantian Ethics and the Death Penalty in Taiwan

- The right to life is not an absolute right.
- The death penalty is morally acceptable based on our duties of being a social member.
- Public's trust in the government as a deliverer of justice.



Thank you

