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CONSERVATIVES LEAD EFFORTS TO END THE DEATH PENALTY

In June 2026, Republican Governor Mike DeWine reversed his long-held support for the death penalty and called on the legislature to end capital punishment.

Governor DeWine cited decades of data that the death penalty does not act as an effective deterrent to violent crime.

Since taking office, Governor DeWine has consistently delayed executions.

OHIO IN NUMBERS

56

Executions since 1981

12

Exonerations

115

Death sentences overturned

107

Still on death row

OHIO'S DEATH PENALTY: A BURDEN & A RISK



For every 5 executions in Ohio, 1 person has been exonerated.



Lawmakers allocated \$4 million to prosecute the Pike County murders in 2016. The cases are still unresolved, with 4 of the 5 defendants already sentenced to something other than death.



52% of Ohioans support replacing the death penalty with a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.



In 1991, Ohio Governor Richard Celeste commuted the sentences of eight inmates on Ohio's death row, citing a "disturbing racial pattern" in sentencing.

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HOW EXPENSIVE IS THE DEATH PENALTY IN OHIO?



Studies show that Ohio death penalty cases average at least \$3 million compared to \$1 million for life without parole.

DON'T VICTIMS' FAMILIES WANT THE DEATH PENALTY?



Many family members of victims often advocate against the death penalty in their loved ones cases. Because the death penalty process takes so long (routinely 30+ years), they often speak of their relief about being able to grieve their loved one without the stress of appeals.

WHAT IS THE ALTERNATIVE TO THE DEATH PENALTY?



Ending the death penalty would leave life imprisonment without the possibility of parole as the mandatory sentence for capital murder. Ending the death penalty does not mean erasing accountability or excusing violence.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?



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