

DEATH PENALTY

or CAPITAL PUNISHMENT



[Capital punishment]

- is the execution of a person by judicial process as a punishment for an offense.



[HISTORICAL PENALTIES]

breaking wheel	boiling to death	flaying	disembowelment
crucifixion	necklacing	scaphism	decapitation
Sawing	crushing	impalement	dismemberment
execution by burning	stoning	crushing by elephant	slow slicing

[Capital crimes]

- espionage;
- treason;
- sexual crimes, such as rape, adultery, and incest;
- religious crimes in Islamic nations;
- drug trafficking;
- human trafficking;
- serious cases of corruption;
- cowardice, desertion, insubordination.

Current situation

- 95 countries had abolished the capital punishment;
- 58 actively use the death penalty;
- 9 had abolished the capital punishment for all offences except under special circumstances;
- 35 had not used capital punishment for at least 10 years or were under a moratorium.

Today's methods of execution

- electrocution;
- shooting;
- stoning in Islamic countries;
- the gas chamber;
- hanging;
- lethal injection.



Religious views

- Islamic law may require capital punishment for rape, treason, apostasy, piracy, adultery.
- Christians are free to make a personal decision on that point because Christian position on execution is not clear.
- Judaism approves the death penalty in principle.

Debates

Opponents

- the execution of innocent people
- violation of the criminals' right to life.

Supporters

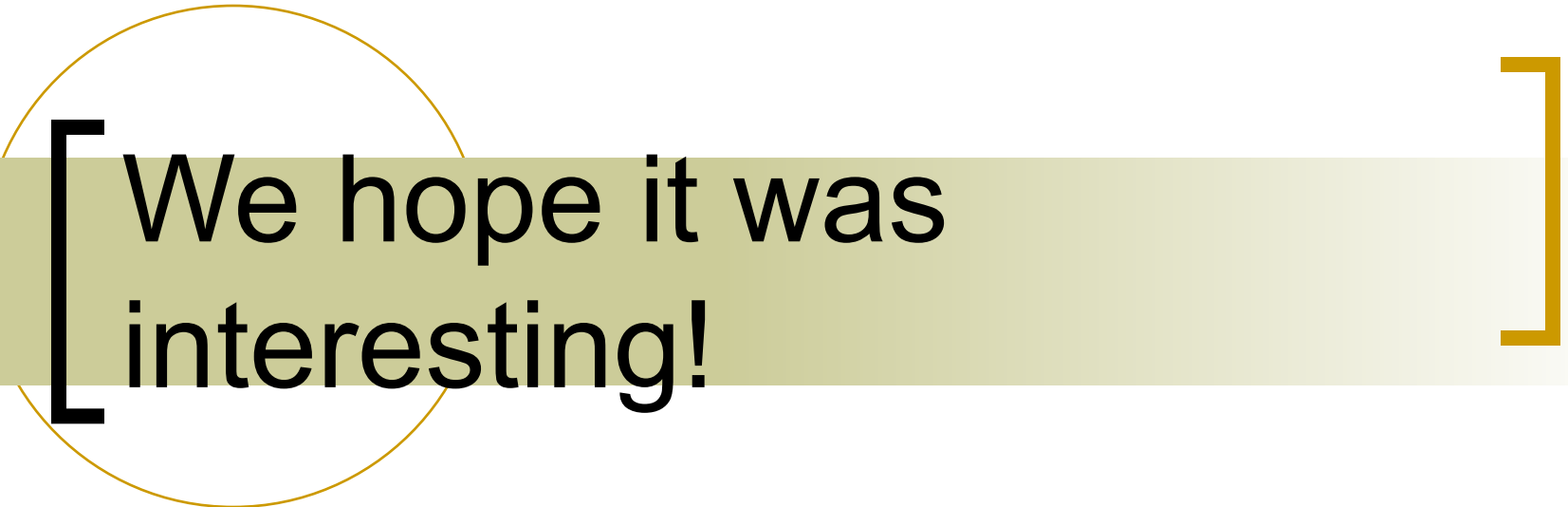
- the penalty is justified for murderers,
- life imprisonment is not effective.



The problem of the death penalty

is very serious and it doesn't have a simple decision.





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interesting!

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