

Should We Execute the Mentally Ill?

Once you have heard the case study (read by your instructor). You will now be given a side to defend to answer our essential question, *SHOULD WE EXECUTE THE MENTALLY ILL?* You are either for or against the death penalty for people who have been diagnosed with a mental disorder. Do you think that a person who has been diagnosed with an illness should get the death penalty?

You need to have the following information in your argument:

1. Real court cases to back your argument.
2. Examples of real events that have occurred.
3. Possible consequences for both sides.
4. Reasons why or why not for execution.

Use quality, reputable sources (not Wikipedia) for example Case Law, Journals, and or Publications. Furthermore, make sure you find the time to find all the evidence you need to formulate your argument; whether these are and or not your personal feelings.

You will debate with classmates, and more importantly, you will prepare by collecting evidence, providing facts and finding examples to prove your point. You need to have all your information with you before you walk into our virtual classroom on the day of our in-class discussion.

You will be graded on:

- Facts (emailed w/sources): 10
- Sources/Evidence/Articles/Examples (emailed): 5
- Persuasiveness (during class discussion): 5
- Professionalism (during class discussion): 5

Total points: **25 points**

