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There is strength in numbers.

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Conventional wisdom suggests that if we kill the killers, the killing will stop.

How's that working for us?

Have executions deterred murder or crime?

Not so much.



Scientists agree, by an overwhelming majority, that the death penalty has no deterrent effect. They felt the same way over ten years ago, and nothing has changed since then. States without the death penalty continue to have significantly lower murder rates than those that retain capital punishment. [Read for yourself.](#)

FACT CHECK: No proof the death penalty prevents crime. [Read for yourself.](#) MYTH vs. FACTS. [Share these with your Representative.](#)

There is no credible evidence that the death penalty deters crime more effectively than a prison term. In fact, evidence reveals the opposite. Since abolishing the death penalty in 1976, Canada's murder rate has steadily declined, and as of 2016 was at its lowest since 1966. May 8, 2019. [Read for yourself.](#)

Want to know what's convicting? We the people elect the leaders that make the laws that legitimize the execution.

Will we REAP what we sow? ACT NOW. Contact your representative. Cite the stats from this CAN issue. Ask them, "What is your position on the death penalty?"

Act Now!

A voice from the grave. "To all the members of the Church, the people of life and for life, I make this most urgent appeal, that together we may offer this world of ours new signs of hope, and work to ensure that justice and solidarity will increase and that a new culture of human life will be affirmed, for the building of an authentic civilization of truth and love." – *Saint John Paul II (1920 - 2005)*