



THE DEATH PENALTY

glossary

the death penalty	to prove	to murder
to be executed	to die	to commit
to constitute	to fight	to bring back
to do away	to torture	to kill
to deserve	to wonder	to beat to death
to steal	to be against	to remain
convict	death row	DNA testing
a murder	capital punishment of light	a deterrent
an effective instrument	murderous crimes	criminals death
barbaric practice	advocates	pity
a defenseless old lady	such distinctions	an innocent
a guilty person	the worst act	community of freemen
other forms	punishment	awful
as long as	personally unaffected	

And now a dialogue between Wentworth and Sarah...

Sarah:	Wentworth, have you heard this horrible story on the American convict?
Wentworth:	No I haven't. What happened?
Sarah:	After being on death row for 17 years, DNA testing proved he was not the man who had murdered that poor woman. Had he been executed, no one would have known he had died for a murder committed by another. Can you believe that?
Wentworth:	No, it's awful. Poor man. Capital punishment is a blight on America's image in the world. Death penalty has never been a deterrent to crime.
Sarah:	I totally agree. Capital punishment does not constitute an effective instrument for fighting crime. The criminal's death does not bring the victim back anyway, so what's the point?
Wentworth:	America should do away with this barbaric practice.
Sarah:	I can't believe that some people are advocates of death penalty.
Wentworth:	Well, some say that those who torture and kill children or old people deserve to die and wonder why have pity on someone who batters a defenseless old lady to death to steal her money.
Sarah:	But killing an adult or killing her child is still killing. I can't understand such distinctions.



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Wentworth: I know Sarah, but it's all too easy to be against the death penalty so long as you personally remain unaffected.

Sarah: I don't think that way, I'm sorry. Anyway, the execution of an innocent person as much as a guilty one is the worst act that a community of freemen could commit. Other forms of punishment exist.