

Update on the U.S. Death Penalty (and other musings)

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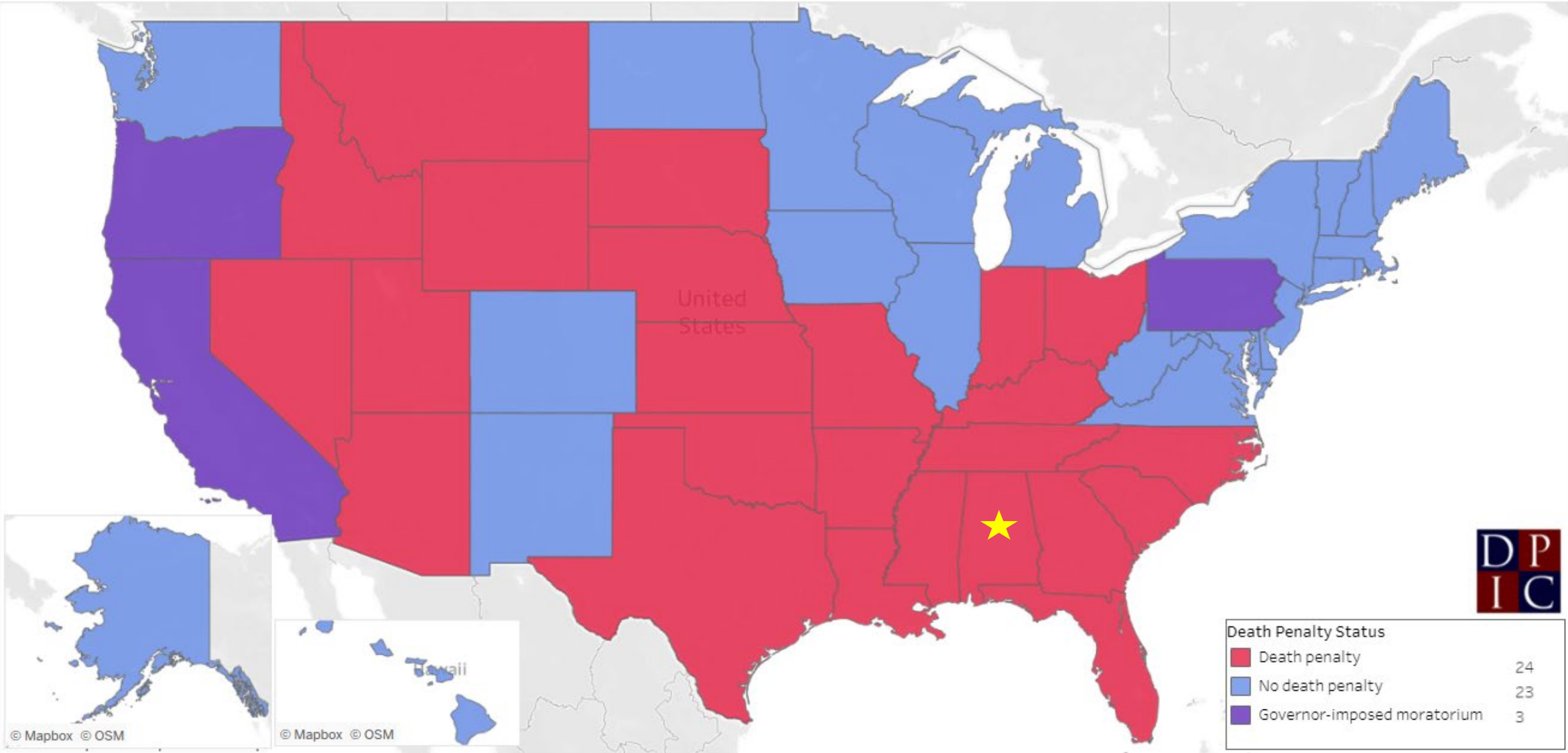
**DEATH PENALTY
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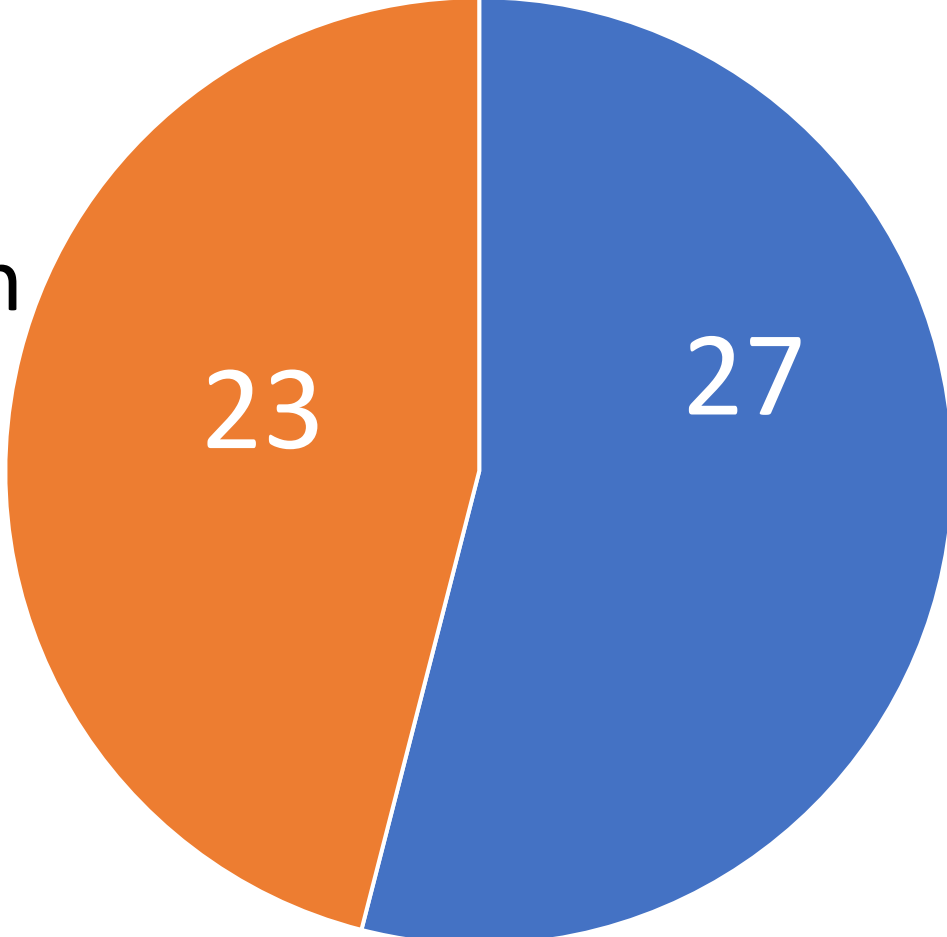
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States with and without the death penalty - 2021



States with
No Death
Penalty

Plus the
District of
Columbia

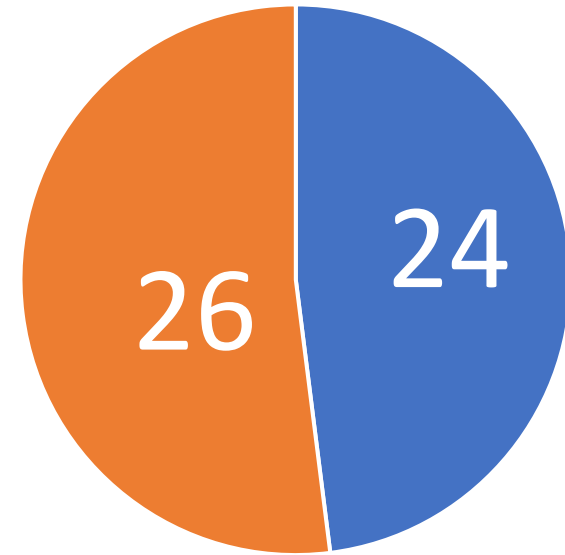


States with
Death Penalty

Plus the U.S. Government
and U.S. Military

States with Governor Imposed Moratorium

- California – Gov. Newsom
- Oregon – Gov. Brown
- Pennsylvania – Gov. Wolf



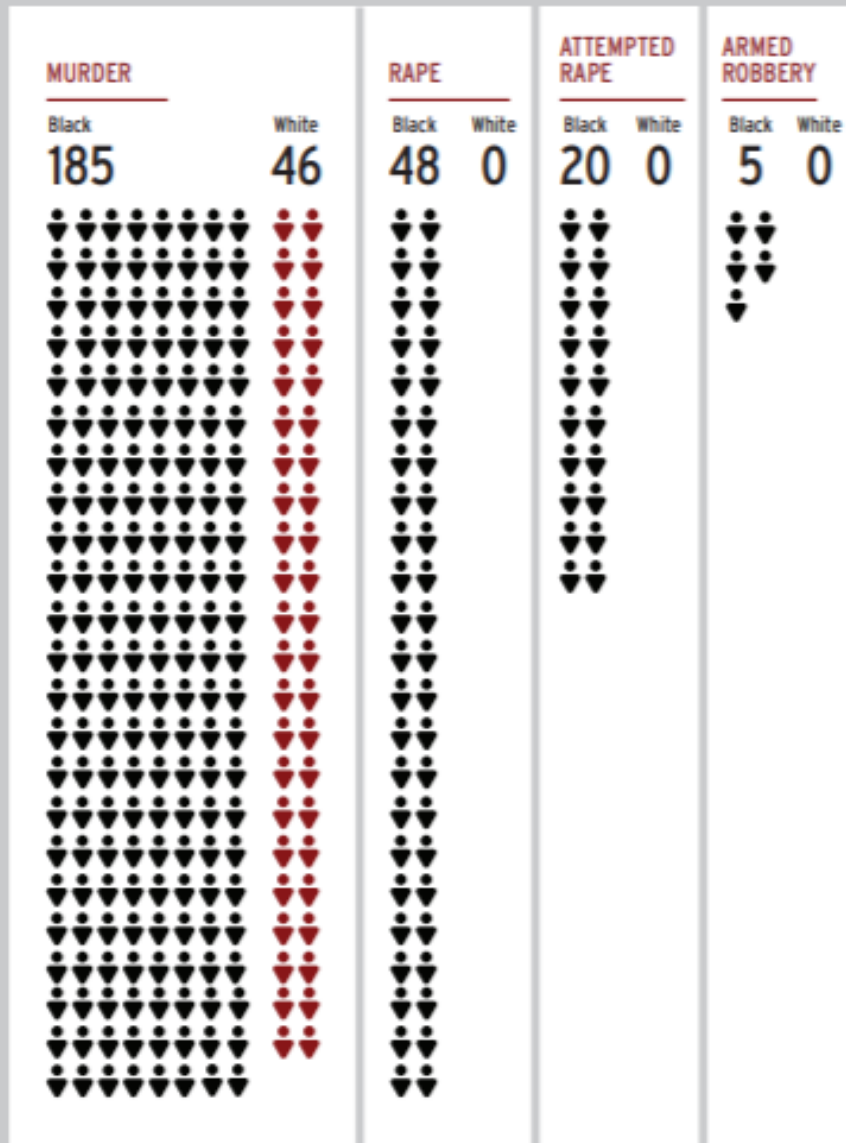


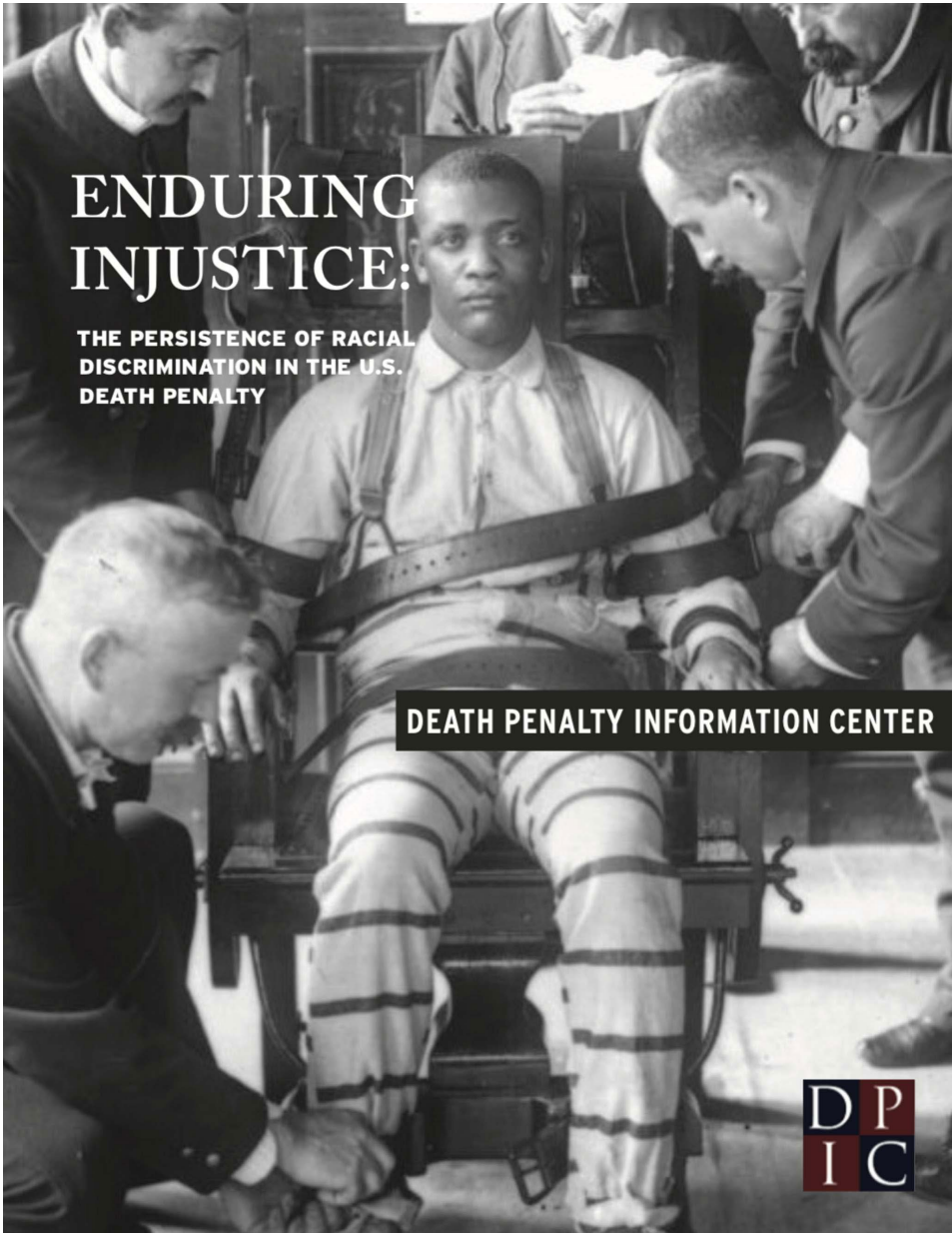
VIRGINIA:

FIRST IN THE SOUTH TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY.

Race Disparities in Virginia Executions from 1900-1969

Virginia provides an illustration of how much race determined who was executed for non-murder crimes. Before the Civil War, Virginia explicitly provided different penalties for white people and its enslaved population. By 1848, white people could be sentenced to death only for first-degree murder while enslaved Black people could be executed for a number of non-homicide offenses.⁵⁸ Although this formal distinction was gone by the twentieth century, the state's executions showed that in practice different rules were being applied to white and Black defendants.





Racial Bias

People of color are more likely to be prosecuted for capital murder, sentenced to death, and executed, especially if the victim in the case is white.

Related Report

Lynching in America

The death penalty is a direct descendant of racial terror lynching.



Abolition in the past decade

Virginia 2021

Colorado 2020

New Hampshire 2019

Washington 2018

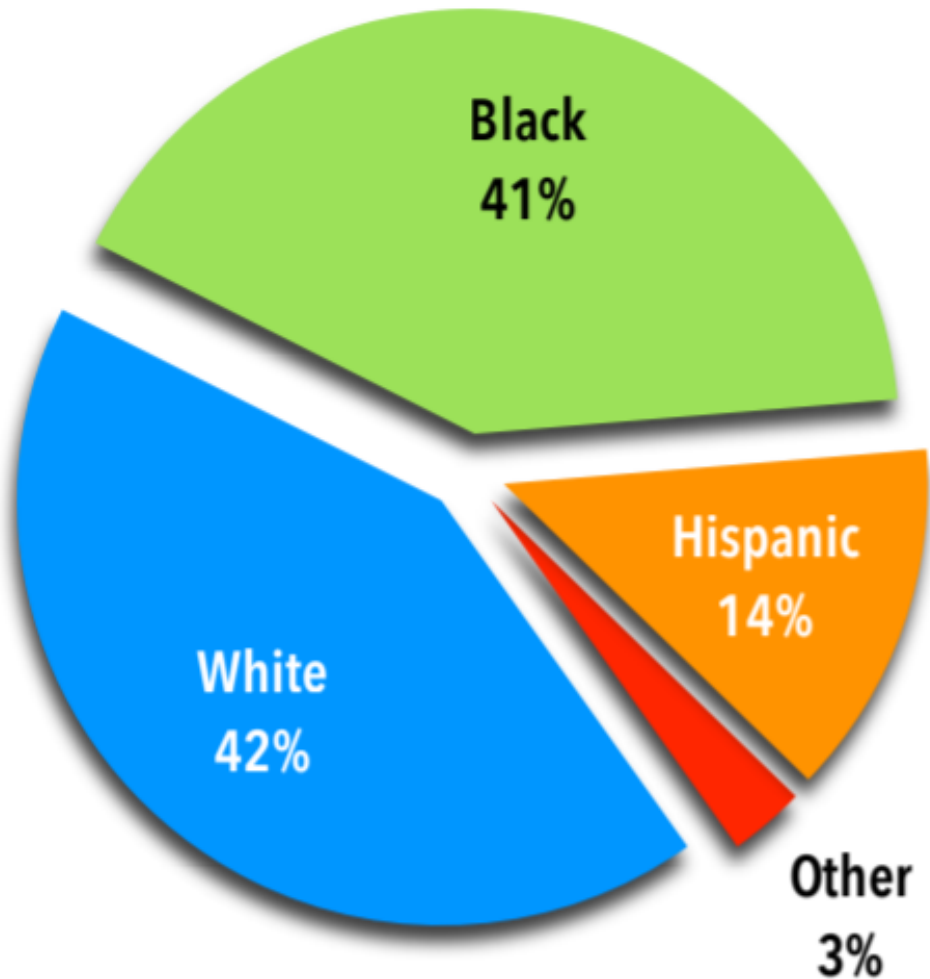
Delaware 2016

Maryland 2013

Connecticut 2012

Illinois 2011

DEATH ROW PRISONERS BY RACE



DEATH ROW PRISONERS BY STATE: October 1, 2020

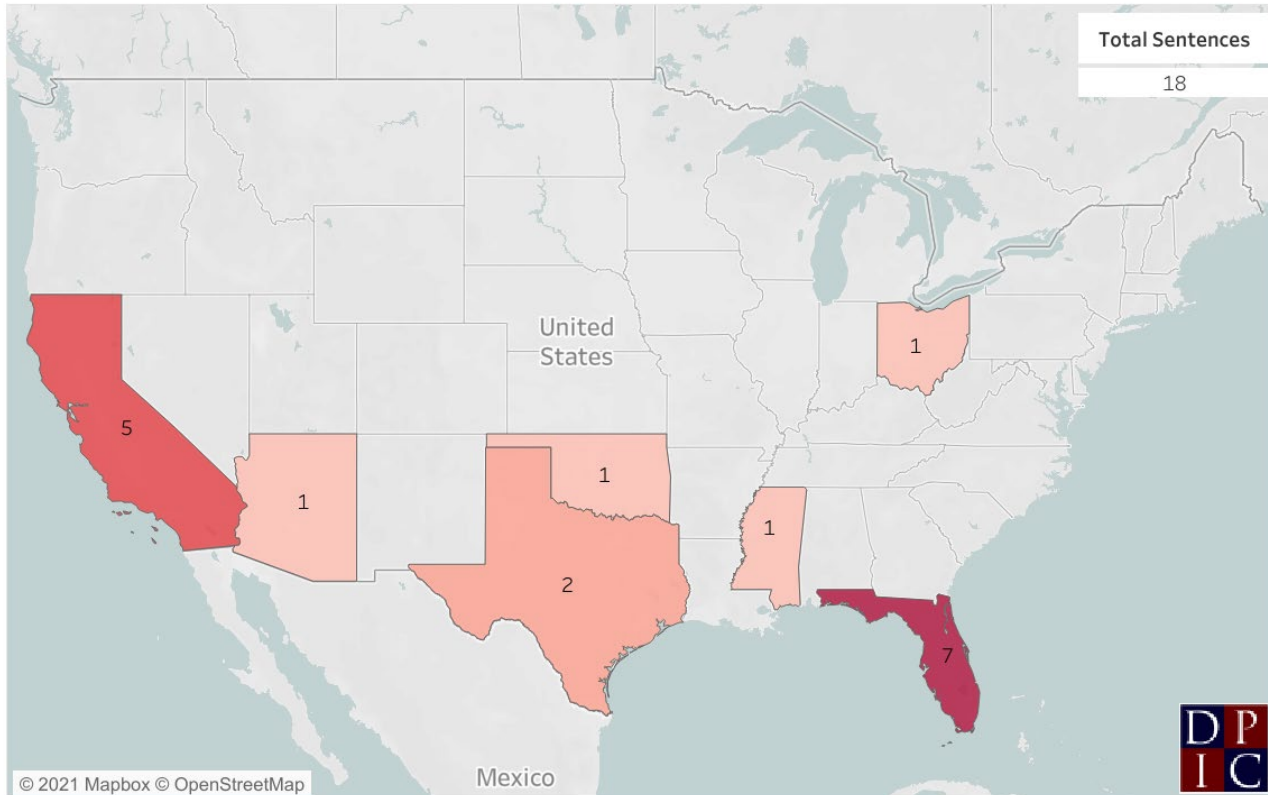
California	711	Tennessee	51	Idaho	8
Florida	347	Oklahoma	45	Indiana	8
Texas	210	Georgia	45	Utah	7
Alabama	170	Mississippi	42	U.S. Military	4
Pennsylvania	142	South Carolina	39	Virginia	2
North Carolina	141	Arkansas	31	Montana	2
Ohio	141	Kentucky	28	New Hampshire	1
Arizona	119	Oregon	24	South Dakota	1
Nevada	70	Missouri	22	Wyoming	1
Louisiana	68	Nebraska	12		
U.S. Gov't	55	Kansas	10		

TOTAL: 2,553

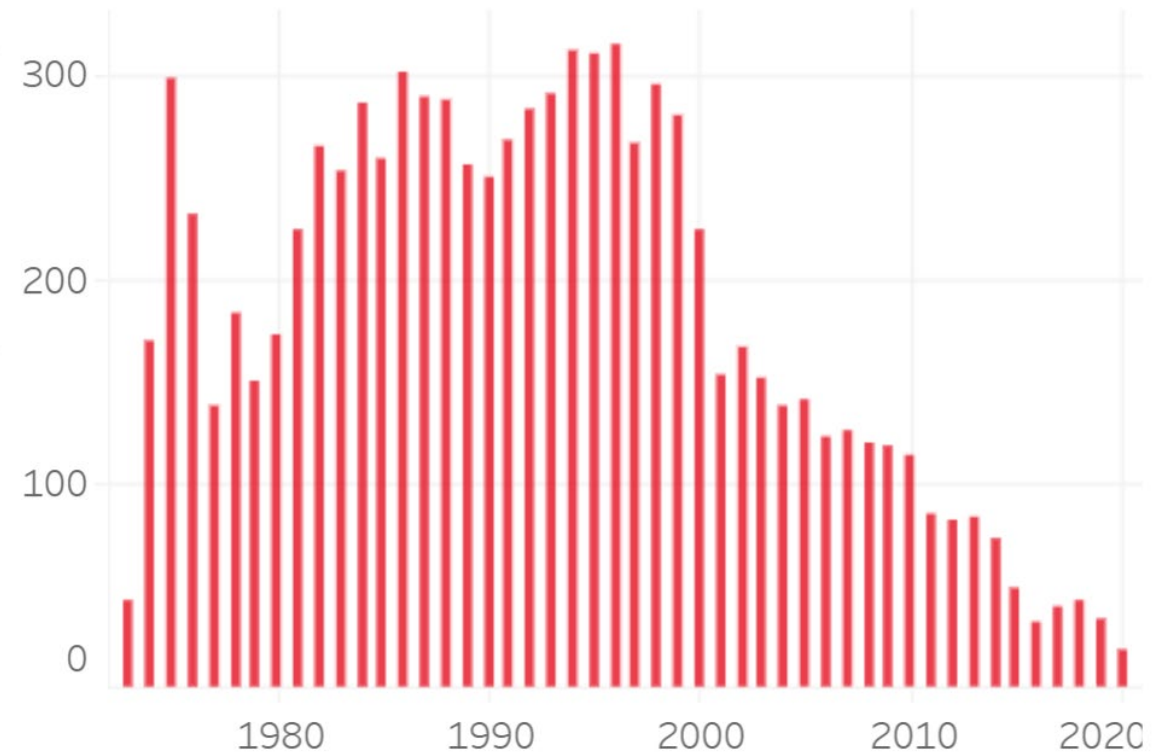
Race of Death Row Prisoners and Death Row Prisoners by State Source: NAACP Legal Defense Fund, "Death Row USA" (October 1, 2020). The combined state totals are slightly higher than the reported national total. That is because a few prisoners are sentenced to death in more than one state. Those prisoners are included in each state's totals, but only once in the national total.

New Death Sentences

2020 Death Sentences by State



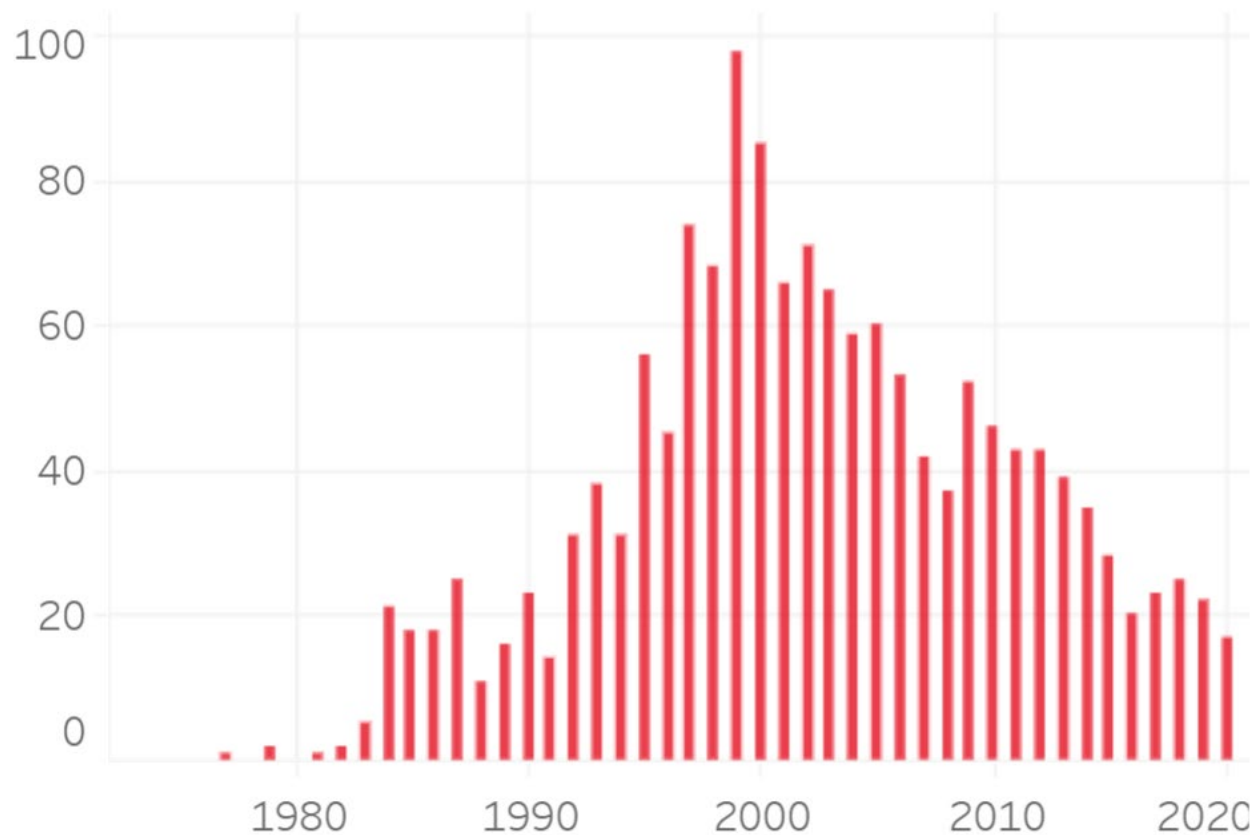
Death Sentences by Year



Executions



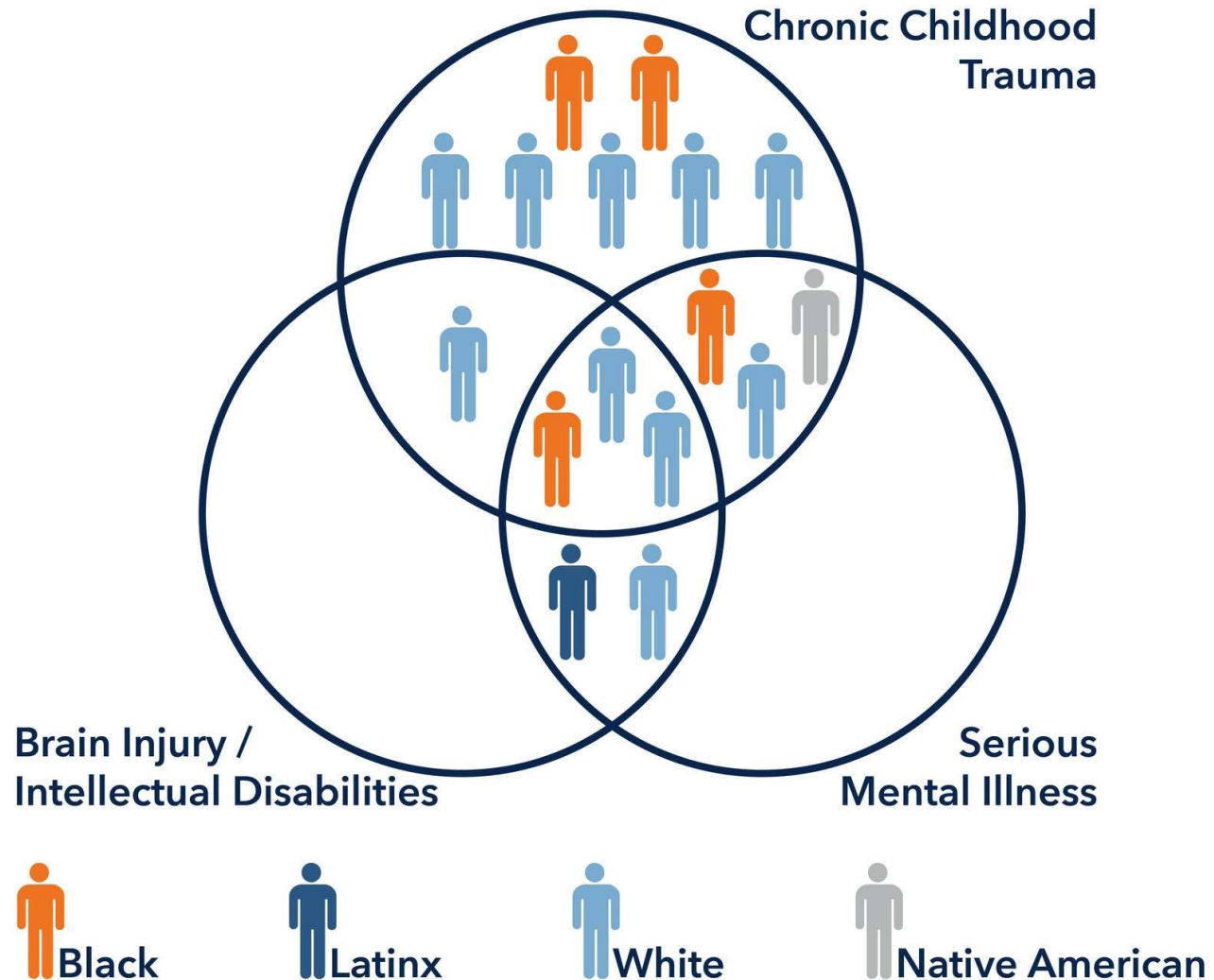
Executions by Year



Executions By State

State	2020	2019
U.S. Government	10	0
Texas	3	9
Alabama	1	3
Georgia	1	3
Missouri	1	1
Tennessee	1	3
Florida	0	2
South Dakota	0	1
Total	17	22

PROBLEMATIC EXECUTIONS IN 2020





Order Date: 10/22/2020

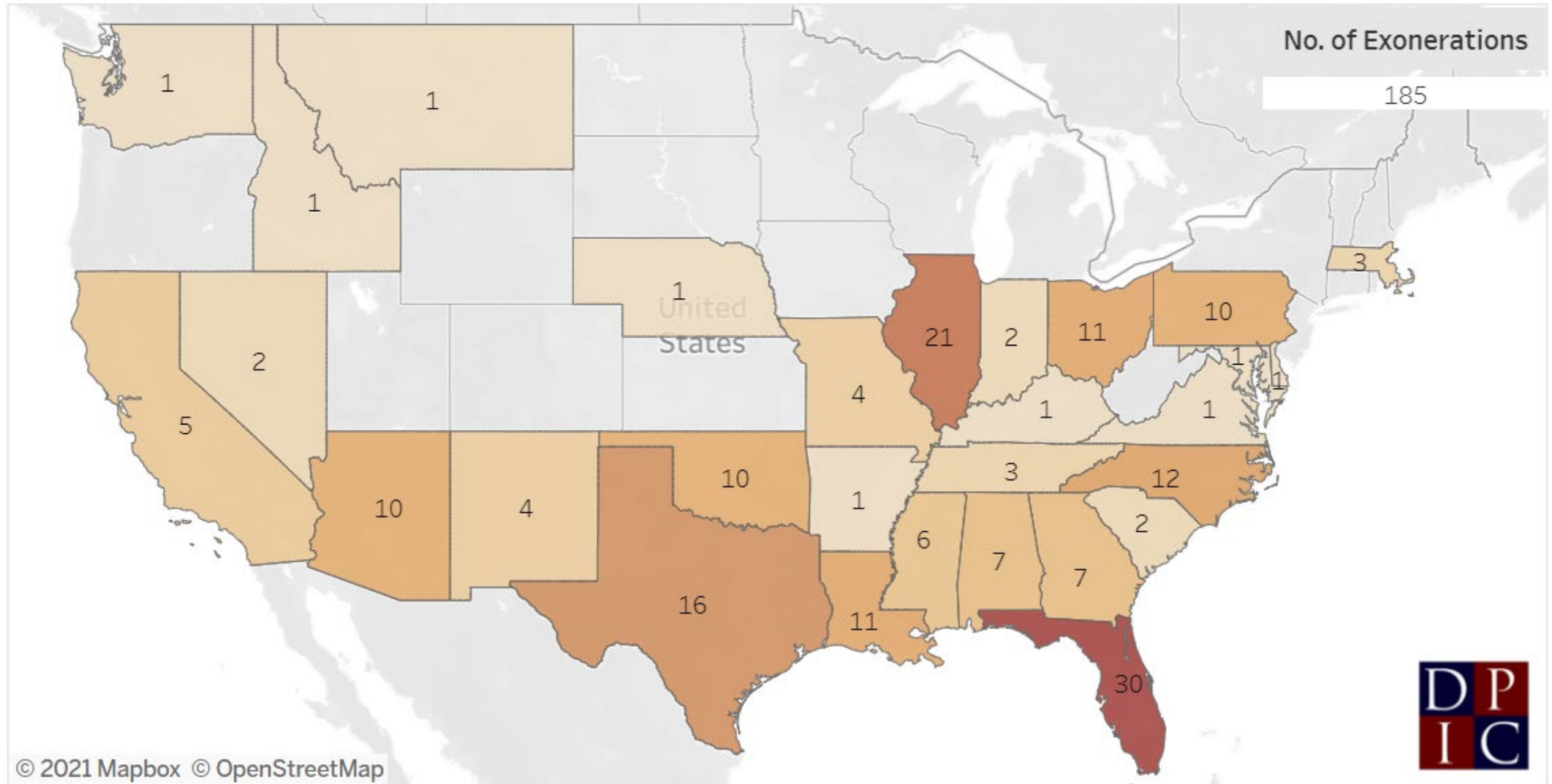
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To be determined
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<u>PART#</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>UNIT SIZE</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>EXT PRICE</u>
[REDACTED]	Pentobarbital sodium salt, >99% USP Grade Packaging (4-8 Jars) unlabeled Shipping Unmarked jars and boxes Shipping location AZ (to be determined)	1 G	1000	\$1500.00	\$1500000



[REDACTED]	\$1,500,000
[REDACTED]	\$0
Total:	\$1,500,000
Amount Paid:	
Amt Due Net 30 - \$USD:	\$1,500,000

Death-Row Exonerations



Will the death penalty in
the U.S. be abolished?

1972

Reinstated: 1976



U.S. Supreme Court

