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Greetings honorable judges, moderator, respected audience and my worthy opponents. My name is Eesham Md. Hawk. I am from Class 6A and have been honored to be able to give my opinion on whether the death penalty should be abolished, and I shall speak against the motion

Throughout history, societies around the world have used the death penalty or capital punishment as a way to punish the most heinous crimes. While capital punishment is still practiced today, many countries have since abolished it. In fact, in the US, California’s governor recently put up a moratorium on the death penalty, temporarily stopping it altogether. However, we would like to argue that the death penalty should not be abolished but still be used. In my opinion, there is no doubt that guilty persons and criminals must be punished and that their punishment should be proportional to the severity of their crime. These punishments are required to maintain rule of law in society, in which law-abiding citizens are protected from law breakers. In the absence of punishment, society’s dishonest and criminal elements would render it unlivable for the common man. For most people, life is sacred and innocent lives should be valued over the lives of killers. Innocent victims who have been murdered, and in some cases tortured beforehand, had no choice in their untimely and cruel death or any opportunity to say goodbye to their loved ones, friends, prepare wills, or even enjoy the las moments of their lives. Meanwhile, convicted murderers sentenced to life prison, and even those on death row, are still able to learn, read, write, paint, watch TV, listen to music, maintain relationships, and even appeal their sentence. To many, capital punishment symbolize justice and is the only way to adequately express society’s revulsion of the murder of innocent lives. According to a 2018 Gallup Poll the majority of Americans with of 55 percent think that legal executions fit the crime of what convicted killers deserve. The death penalty is a way to restore society’s balance of justice by showing that the most severe crimes are intolerable and will be punished in kind.

The death penalty is also historically recognized. Historians and constitutional lawyers seem to agree that by the time the Founding Fathers wrote and signed the United States Constitution in 1787, and when the Bill of Rights were ratified and added in 1791 and the death penalty was an acceptable and permissible form of punishment for premeditated murder. The constitutions 8th and 14th Amendments recognize the death penalty BUT under due process of the law. This means that certain legal requirements must first be fulfilled before any state executions can be legally carried out – even the cruelest, most cold – blooded murderer. While interpretations of the amendments pertaining to the death penalty have been changed over the years, the Founding Fathers intended to allow for the death penalty from the very beginning and put in place a legal system to ensure due process.

So, my question to the opponent team is, how are you supposed to ensure that justice be done to murderers when even with life sentences, are reading, writing, painting, listening to music and even watching TV, without the death sentence.

Thank you judges, moderator, audience and opponents on listening to my speech and opinion on the matter whether the death penalty should be abolished.