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Subject: Capital Punishment Views??

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PLEASE READ PREVIOUS POST.

The reason it is so much more expensive to execute them is because of the way we carry it out , if we used one bullet in a gun then it wouldn't be that way.

Why don't you read my post like you tell me to read yours? I'm not against the death penalty. I think, however, that a life-without-parole sentence is a worse punishment, and it's also less expensive. No shit, half the reason it's so expensive is that it's carried out with a fairly complex procedure that ensures that the death row inmates feel virtually no pain. Shooting them with a bullet is less expensive, obviously, but it is much messier and unless you shoot someone directly in the head, it would be considered cruel and unusual punishment, which, last time I checked, is against the very rules of the Constitution. A lot of people would consider bullets inhumane regardless of how they were used anyway. Thus, the method prevents additional controversy around an already touchy issue.

Also, I was commenting on the current method of executing prisoners, which is the injection method. Why the hell would I be trying to say that shooting people with bullets is less expensive than using the injection method? Official executions haven't used guns since the electric chair was invented. Even before that, people were usually hanged instead. (Yes, I realize this would be considered "cruel and unusual punishment" today too, but it was a different time back then. Don't start an argument over semantics with me.)

PS. The method of execution isn't the only reason capital punishment is so expensive; people appeal death sentences several times before a final, incontrovertible decision is made. This ramps up legal costs, and could make an execution cost several million dollars, regardless of the method used.

In conclusion, this is a case of the pot calling the kettle black. Please follow your own advice first before dispensing it to others.

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