

Capital punishment - is there ever a case for it?

When people commit a minor crime - such as a petty theft - they should not really be punished too hard. But when it comes to killing people it is a whole different story. It is very hard to have to decide about a person who has committed a murder in order to defend themselves. I really do not think that such people should get a too hard penalty, since they have probably suffered enough even by killing another person.

But people who have killed either out of greed or as a result of their psychic disorders are to be treated differently. They should get as hard a penalty as possible, but we should stop before the capital punishment. The reasons why I do not agree with the extreme penalty are that first of all I do not think that we (people) have the right to decide about a person's life in any case. And second because I also think that lifetime imprisonment is a much harder punishment than executing the murderer. A murderer is then forced to live with himself and the crimes he had committed. Usually people take their life in lifetime imprisonment. I think that with execution we would set a bad example and show that we are able to get on the same level as the murderer. And that means that we are not much better than himself. All in all, I do not think that either the state or anyone else has the right to decide whether someone should live or not.