

**A SOCIOLOGICAL STUDY OF PUBLIC OPINION ON THE UTILITY OF THE DEATH PENALTY FOR CRIMES IN SOCIETY (BASED IN MAHARAGAMA AREA)**

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Abstract

Crime can be identified as a unique phenomenon that is recognized in society. In modern times, crime has become more complex and socially affecting a person's personality, identity, status and social dignity. Therefore, the timeliness of the death penalty for crimes is widely discussed in the world and in Sri Lanka in particular. Consequently, the applicability of the death penalty and the death penalty in different spheres has been defined differently. A 2003 study by Paul R Rubin, Joanna and Hashem Dezhbakhsh in the US found that death penalty reduces crime. Accordingly, a discussion about the utility of the death penalty has emerged in Sri Lankan society for crime prevention. Accordingly, the general purpose of the research is to identify the usefulness of the death penalty for the prevention of crime in Sri Lankan society through public opinion and proposing relevant recommendations. In addition identifying the usefulness of the death penalty for crimes, identifying the effectiveness of the measures used for prevention of crimes, identifying the usefulness of the death penalty for social washing, and identifying the timeliness of the death penalty for crime prevention were other objectives of this research. The research problem is "Identifying what the public opinion is about the utility of the death penalty for the prevention of crime in Sri Lankan society". Of the sample analyzed, 70% were in favor of military punishment and 30% in opposition. "To be sentenced to death". Accordingly, the Bureau identifies the majority public opinion that capital punishment can be managed by capital punishment.

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