

DEATH PENALTY SUPPORTERS (DPS)

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1. WHAT IS THIS?

A petition campaign (*veldtog*), to ask government to reinstate the death penalty for murderers.

2. WHO ARE WE?

- 2.1. We are an activist group (*drukgroep*) that wants the South African government to reinstate the death penalty for those that intentionally and knowingly kill people.
- 2.2. We want the South African government to institute the death penalty on our perpetrator(s) should we die of murder.
- 2.3. We are a community-based organisation; party politically non-aligned.

3. WHY WE CREATED THE ORGANISATION

To combat, deter and retribute murder offenders. We also ask whose responsibility it is to grant forgiveness? Should one person be allowed to create havoc, kill, rape, rob and perpetrate ghastly actions on his fellow citizens, expecting that the victims should forgive them every time and show mercy? We ask if this is fair? **Romans 12:19** states: "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." Death Penalty Supporters seek revenge through the justice systems of our country. If someone murders someone else, they have given up their human rights, including the one to stay alive themselves. We will not take the law into our own hands – but we cannot sit back and allow matters to spiral out of control. **The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing.**

4. OUR AIMS

- 4.1. To campaign for the reinstatement of the death penalty for murderers.
- 4.2. To combat the high murder rate in South Africa. More than 20 000+ people are murdered every year and 60+ per day in South Africa, and the number is increasing.
- 4.3. To avenge, **through the state**, the deaths of our loved ones that have died by murder.
- 4.4. To protect our lives and the lives of our families.
- 4.5. To team up with like-minded people that share the same values and perceptions regarding the quality, safety, and respect for life.
- 4.6. To report to the South African government that should any members of this organisation lose their lives due to murder, the death penalty should be implement on their perpetrators.
- 4.7. To alert the government that some of us, our families or loved ones, currently live in fear as they have been threatened by certain unscrupulous people.
- 4.8. To make all neighbourhoods in South Africa safe, regardless of economic and social class.

5. OUR STRATEGY

- 5.1. Petition parliament;
- 5.2. Call a national referendum;
- 5.3. Vote for political parties that support the death penalty;
- 5.4. Observe the quality, speed, costs and conviction rate of our justice system;
- 5.5. Partner with international communities that currently apply the death penalty in their countries.

Only parliament has the power to create and amend the laws of the country. On 3 Sept. 2021 in the matter of *Electoral Commission vs. Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and Others*, concerning the local government elections of 2021, **The Constitutional Court stated that it can only abide by, and execute laws adopted by parliament.** We only need to petition parliament to pass the law to have the death penalty reinstated.

6. AN EYE FOR AN EYE, EXPLAINED

Is it the obligation of our justice system to forgive and pardon society's perpetrators?

In **Matthew 5:38-42**, Jesus condemns the practice of personal retaliation: "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also."

Matthew 5:17 states: "Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose." This verse explains that the Lord Jesus did not intend to change any law that was given by His father. Throughout the bible the Lord explicitly gives men the authority, and commands that should anyone kill another person, that person's life must also be taken.

Exodus 21:12 states: "Anyone who assaults and kills another person must be put to death."

Exodus 21:23-25 states: "But if there is further injury, the punishment must match the injury: a life for a life, eye for eye," **Leviticus 24:17** states: "Anyone who takes another person's life must be put to death." **Malachi 3:6** states: "I am the Lord, and I do not change."

7. GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY

Jeremiah 48:10 states: "Cursed are those who refuse to do the Lord's work, who hold back their swords from shedding blood (in executing the judgment of the Lord)." God bestowed on government the responsibility of punishing crime and keeping order in society – the reason for the existence of the police, judiciary, and correctional services. How would society behave if these departments did not exist or failed to carry out their work effectively? We cannot just assume that our justice system is flawed and does not have the ability to surely state whether or not someone is guilty. We need to upgrade our systems and put more mechanisms in place to assure society of government's accurate and true verdicts every time. The punishment should 'fit the crime'.

Romans 13:1-5 states: "Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. **Would you like to live without fear of the authorities?** Do what is right, and they will honour you. They are God's servants, sent for the very purpose of punishing those who do wrong. Therefore, you must submit to them, not only to avoid punishment, but to keep a clear conscience."

THE CONCLUSION we make is that the bible can be used to support the death penalty.

8. WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP US?

- 8.1. Become a member of DPS. Download, print and complete the application form, scan and email it to the Chief Administrator: dpsmailbox23@gmail.com or WhatsApp: **082 899 9932**.
- 8.2. Let us know if you can help us extend and grow our organisation countrywide.
- 8.3. We need funds if we want to be more effective. Visit our website for the banking details.
- 8.4. Share our organisation's information pamphlet with others.
- 8.5. Encourage people to join DPS. The higher our membership numbers, the greater our impact.
- 8.6. Regularly visit our website for updated information on our progress and membership growth.
- 8.7. Make a habit of watching the news daily, reading newspapers and listening to the radio.
- 8.8. Be informed of the level of crime in your town. Obtain such statistics from the SAPS website.
- 8.9. Support and vote for political parties that endorse the reinstatement of the death penalty, because it will advance our cause in parliament. *(Please be reminded that you are free to vote and associate with any political party you wish, and that we place no obligation on anyone to align with any particular political party.)*
- 8.10. Do your own research and education about the death penalty.

It is a known fact that the murder rate is lower in countries that apply the death penalty than those that don't. The death penalty does help to deter violent crimes.