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Is it time for the

Death Penalty

by Sumeshnee Reddy

Being part of a democracy means governance by the people, for the people. It is a widely known fact and accepted that most South Africans would readily agree to the re-implementation of the death penalty, as a form of punishment. The society we are a part of is one identified by a high rate of violent crimes, rape and appalling cases of intense violence. Many are of the belief that the death penalty will decrease these crimes of violence. Murder alone, in 2014 totalled 16914 according to Crime Stats SA.

The case that changed the law, making the death penalty unconstitutional and a violation of the right to life is the *S v Makwanyane* Case. The protection right to life was questioned and so was the death penalty's effectiveness and its constitutionality. At the end of the case, the court held in its judgment that the death penalty would be abolished and no longer used as a method for punishment. The country was in uproar, because it was clear that public opinion told a different story. The majority of the public wanted to retain the use of the death penalty. In some instances, this was by people who have valid reasons for wanting this and were either directly affected by crimes of a violent nature, or knew of someone affected by crime. This is unjust, and is definitely worth empathizing with. We live in a country where the sanctity of life, is questionable. We live in a place where the fear of attack, or crime is always at the back of our minds and that is not healthy nor is it a society that is ideal in anyway. Those who have vested their hopes in the court have also been disappointed when offenders get bail or win their appeals and swipe their "get out of jail free" cards.

Our court system, is and has to be innocent until proven guilty, or we would be in a state of anarchy and self-retaliation, with people taking the law into their own hands.

Our law favours the approach that it is better for ten guilty men to be set free than to imprison one innocent man. With our country's history of past oppression, many innocent men were given the death penalty under the

apartheid government, and our courts live with the memory of this. Under past governments, the courts and the death penalty were used as tools to further the injustice of apartheid rule and the policy of segregation. "On 9 June 1983, three members of the armed wing of the African National Congress (ANC), uMkhonto we Sizwe (MK), were executed at the gallows in Pretoria Central Prison. Marcus Motaung, Jerry Mosololi and Simon Mogoerane were charged with treason, with alternative charges of terrorism, murder and attempted murder, among others. Despite an international campaign to save their lives, the apartheid government went ahead with the execution."



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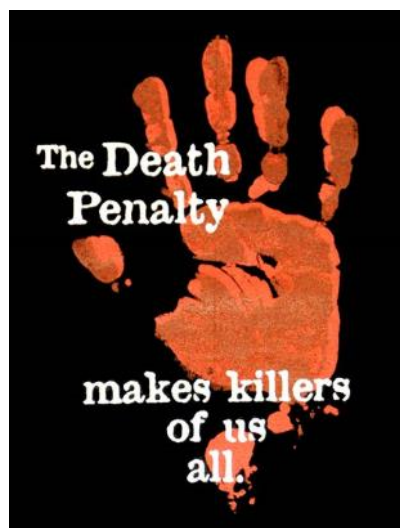
In the *S v Makwanyane* case, many of the judges brought forward very relevant points in their judgments. Ackermann (one of the judges) said that arbitrary decisions and equality are sworn enemies, and government may not take any decisions without a rule of law that supports such decision. Judge Langa, started by stating that the value of human life and dignity have both been demeaned. Our culture and society is one of retaliation and vengeance. The state has to be a role model to society, promoting a culture of respect for human life, based on the constitutional right to life. The way we treat our criminals is the measure by which our civilization is judged. Ubuntu/community is stressed. Ubuntu puts value on life and human dignity. The true test of our commitment to a culture of rights lies in our ability to respect not just the weakest, but also the worst. Severe punishment should be given, but not excessive.

Society cannot succumb to the doctrine, "an eye for an eye". If we truly followed that, then we would all be blind.

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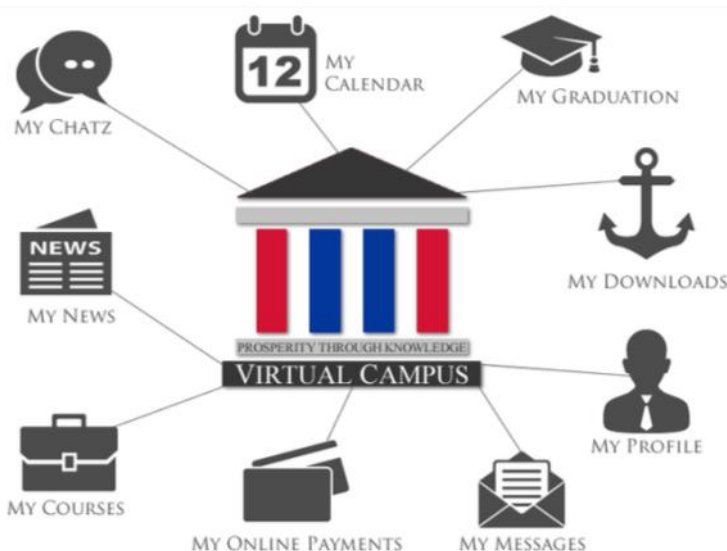
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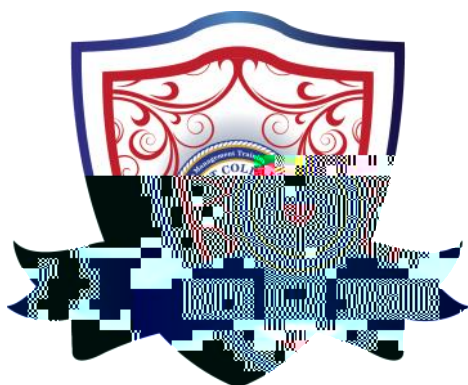
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