

Questions for van den Haag, “In Defense of the Death Penalty”

1. Some people argue that the death penalty is morally wrong because it is a type of ‘barbarity’. How does van den Haag respond to this type of argument?
2. Why, according to van den Haag, is it inappropriate to give the death penalty in response to rape and kidnapping?
3. Some people argue that the death penalty is wrong because it amounts to nothing more than vengeance. How does van den Haag respond to this objection?

Questions for Bedau, “Capital Punishment”

1. **What is the difference between *preventing crime* and *detering crime*?**
2. According to Bedau, does capital punishment prevent crime? Why/why not?
3. According to Bedau, does capital punishment deter crime? Why/why not?