Justice or Revenge

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Opinions, ideas and views of Capitol Punishment are often broad and vary from individual to individual, to where we are unable to agree upon the Death Penalty being a fair, just and moral punishment. The issues for which I will present in this essay will take you into the heart and soul of Capital Punishment. First, let us examine the definitions of "justice" as well as that of "revenge."

Justice, defined by Webster:

- 1. The principle of ideal or moral rightness
- 2. The upholding of what is right: fairness

Revenge, defined by Webster:

1. To impose or inflict injury in return for (injury or insult)

Now that we have cleared that up, let's examine the obvious. We as a civilized society refuse to assault the assaulter, beat the wife beater, nor will we sink to the level of raping the rapist. Somewhere along the line we have come to accept murdering the murderer, not just do we murder the murderer, but we commit this act, in a manner that consists of the highest form of premeditation, that has ever taken place by any man, woman or Government throughout history. Sentencing that man to death, holding him captive in a cage, 15, 20, 25, years before marching him to a death chamber and murdering him under "the guise of justice," as his fellow citizens sit and observe this hideous, malicious act of revenge, and then announce "justice has been served." Stop lying to yourself as well as others, for justice will never be served by murdering your fellow man, but a vengeful heart will be fulfilled, or so you assume. Please fight for what you know is right and join:

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