

CALIFORNIA ON BLAST (AN UNJUST IMPOSITION)

THE DEATH PENALTY IN CALIFORNIA IS IMPOSED ARBITRARILY AND CAPRICIOUSLY BASED ON GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION AND THE DISCRETION OF PROSECUTORS, RATHER THAN FACTORS RELATED TO THE COMPARATIVE EGREGIOUSNESS OF THE CRIME AND RELATIVE CULPABILITY OF THE DEFENDANT.

IN CALIFORNIA, THE 58 PROSECUTORS (DISTRICT ATTORNEYS) ARE GIVEN ABSOLUTE DISCRETION TO DECIDE WHETHER TO SEEK THE DEATH PENALTY WITHIN THE BUREAU'S BROAD PARAMETERS OF PENAL CODE SECTIONS 190.2 AND 190.25 (CALIFORNIA'S DEATH PENALTY STATUTE)

WITHOUT ANY STATUTORY STANDARDS TO GUIDE OR GOVERN A PROSECUTOR IN MAKING THE DECISION TO ~~PROSECUTE~~ SEEK THE DEATH PENALTY FOR A DEFENDANT AS OPPOSED TO A LIFE SENTENCE, A PROSECUTOR CAN SIMPLY FEEL LIKE OR BELIEVE A DEATH SENTENCE IS WARRANTED, WHICH OFTEN ~~IS~~ ~~SOMETIMES~~ VIOLATES THE VERY CORE OF CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT TO DECENCY AND RESTRAINT.

WITHOUT ESTABLISHED STANDARDS TO GUIDE THE EXERCISE OF DISCRETION, PROSECUTORS RELY ON IRRELEVANT AND OFTEN UNLAWFUL CONSIDERATIONS, INCLUDING RACE, ECONOMIC STATUS, GENDER, AND VICTIM STATUS. THIS IS HAPPENING! AS A RESULT, THERE IS CURRENTLY NO ~~REASONABLE~~ REASONABLE BASIS FOR THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN WHO RECEIVES THE DEATH SENTENCE AND ANOTHER WHO IS SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON.