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The Race on Death Row

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ABSTRACT

I am interested in the racial imbalance that occurs within the U.S. Criminal Justice system regarding the death penalty. The criminal justice system is not race neutral as race mediates the Criminal Justice process at every phase. Data on capital punishment really helps make this visible, as we constantly notice this when we examine statistics and rates of punishment by race. Particularly, African American's have the highest rates of victimization throughout the prisons and being sentenced to death. In this paper, I will focus and discuss the racial imbalance that appears in our Criminal Justice system for the death penalty as a mechanism.