DEATH PENALTY

QUIZ

1. Of 198 countries, how many have abolished (or stopped using) the death penalty for all crimes?
2. How many executions were recorded in the world in 2014?
3. 607 b. 878 c. 1,023
4. Why was the true number of executions much higher?
5. How many people in the world were known to be on death row, awaiting execution, in 2014?
6. 5,145 b. 14,709 c. 23,392
7. Which six countries executed the most people in 2013, so far as we know?

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1. Which two US states executed the highest number of prisoners in 2014?
2. How many prisoners in the US have been sentenced to the death penalty and later cleared of the crime and released since 1973?
3. Which European country still uses the death penalty?
4. When did the UK formally abolish the death penalty for all crimes?
5. What have been the four most common methods of judicial execution in the last few years?

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QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Of 198 countries, how many have abolished (or stopped using) the death penalty for all crimes?

**99 have abolished the death penalty for all crimes. Another 35 have not carried out executions in recent years.**

1. How many executions were recorded in the world in 2014?

**b. 607 in 22 countries**

1. Why was the true number of executions much higher?

**We can only give a number for known, recorded executions.**

**There is no accessible record of those executed in China but it is estimated that the total number is a multiple of those executed in the rest of the world. In 2014 it was also not possible to discover how many judicial executions there were in Syria and North Korea. There are also a number of countries such as Iraq, Iran and Saudi Arabia where the full number of executions is not reported.**

1. How many people in the world were known to be on death row, awaiting execution, in 2014?

**c. 19,094**

1. Which six countries executed the most people in 2014 so far as we know?
2. **China: thousands**

**2. Iran: at least 289**

**3. Saudi Arabia: at least 90**

**4. Iraq : at least 61**

**5. U.S.A.: 35**

**6. Sudan: at least 23**

1. Which two US states executed the highest number of prisoners in 2014?

**Texas (10), which has regularly executed more than any other state, and Missouri (10). 20 of the 35 US executions in 2014 were in these two states.**

1. How many prisoners in the US have been sentenced to the death penalty and later cleared of the crime and released since 1973?

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1. Which European country still uses the death penalty?

**Belarus. No-one was executed in Belarus in 2013, giving hope that sentences would no longer be carried out, but at least 3 people were executed in 2014.**

1. When did the UK formally abolish the death penalty for all crimes?

**1998 under the UK Human Rights Act. The last execution in the UK took place in 1964.**

1. What were the four most common methods of judicial execution in 2014?
2. **Hanging**

**2. Shooting**

**3. Lethal injection**

**4. Beheading**