

Video Summary

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In my 10 minute video I included many clips from other separate YouTube videos. I did this because I wanted to prove my point and convince the audience without them being bored or tired of hearing one particular voice. I started the video off with a couple slides with questions such as presenting the audience with my topic question and points I look forward to make throughout the video. I also uploaded and included parts of a lethal injection sentence taking place to add a sense of context and reality into the video. Lethal injection is the most common procedure for carrying out the Death Penalty and including it will inform the audience of how it is carried out. I trimmed out the last parts for obvious reasons such as for those with the faint of heart, etc.

The following video I used was a Q&A from Prof. Carol Steiker at Harvard Law, the interview discussed topics and points on the death penalty. I also happen to use this video because it was connected to one of my sources, which also happens to an interview with Prof. Steiker only a written one. The original video is merely 1 hour long but I only included some key points in there that contributed to what I used originally, which was the question “Will the Supreme Court Abolish the Death Penalty?” Adding on to this, I included other clips that backed it up which were not found originally in the written interview. Next I added a clip from a UN press conference that asked for the abolishment of the Death Penalty. I wanted to add this clip because it contributed to my question and point of argument, that the Death Penalty affects our relations with foreign nations. For the next video clip I used, I wanted to support my argument that the Death Penalty doesn’t deter crime. For that, I really wanted to make my standing point here and start convincing the audience. Being said, I wanted something that was strong and made the point. The video from Business Insider was a perfect match because while it showed statistics and professional opinions it also showed a short clip perfectly explaining one of the human thoughts behind committing a crime. The clip sort of summarizes why such a cruel sentence would not meet the bar for deterring crime, in addition other methods would be better.

I used a video from Jubilee for my next one because of many reasons. One it was my original source and argument for the paper. I skipped the other parts and skipped to the best one, “Innocent lives on death row.” I admire this part because if you notice, all 6 individuals agree to the idea that the justice system is not perfect and there are indeed innocent lives at stake. Even though the 3 individuals are Pro-Death Penalty, they still agreed and stepped forward, making it ironic that they still support it. It’s almost like they know it’s wrong but are scared to admit it. My final clip is an excerpt from a video showing a former Prosecutor apologizing to the man he put on death row. At the time, he was dedicated to put the man to jail for a crime he didn’t take part in. Until recently, evidence came to light proving his innocence. I included this clip because it supported my previous video and claim that there are indeed innocent people on death row and matter of fact, here is an example. I also included it for emotional purposes, to touch and convince the audience in a softer way rather than throwing facts into their faces. I understand the background music was kind of tiring and boring but I felt it was the appropriate tone for the topic I’m proposing.