

## EFFECTIVENESS OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN REDUCING CRIME IN DELTA STATE

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### ABSTRACT

*The paper examines the effectiveness of capital punishment in reducing crime in Delta State. Two objectives were developed for the study. Two hypotheses were tested to ascertain the relationship between capital punishment and crime in Delta State. Several related literatures were reviewed in the study. Social control and deterrence theory were used to explain social control measures to crime and deterrence approach. The study employed cross sectional design to determine the effect of capital punishment in crime control in Delta State. A sample of 400 was obtained from the population of 1,265,123 using Taro Yamane sample determination approach. The study utilised probability sampling technique combining stratified, simple random and systematic sampling methods to select the respondents that participated in the survey. The study used questionnaire as the instrument for data collection. Face and content validity was used to validate the instrument while Cronbach alpha was used to determine the reliability of the instrument with a reliability score of 0.72 obtained. Pearson Product Moment Correlation technique was used to test the hypotheses. The results of the analyses revealed that capital punishment is not enough to tackle violent and economic and financial crimes in Delta State. It was recommended amongst others that government should be concerned with tackling the surge in unemployment and poverty in the state to reduce the rate of violent, economic and financial crimes in the state.*

**KEYWORDS:** *Capital Punishment, Deterrence, Effectiveness, Violent Crimes, Transnational Crimes.*

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