Capital punishment

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PREMISE

In 2024, out of a population of 341,145,670, as many as 3,072,666 (0.90%) died in the United States of America [1].

Of those, 20,162 were murdered.

Of those 25 were executed for murder, an average 25 years after their crime.

It may be thus inferred that 0.66% of the deceased died murdered.

It may also be inferred that the number of executions amounted to 0.16% of the 15,553 murders perpetrated 25 years prior (1999).

QUESTION 1

Irrespective of a prior opinion in favor or against the death penalty, explain in less than 10,000 words the practical rationality and probable effect of the death penalty.

QUESTION 2

If you are in favor, are you of the opinion that the number of executions should be increased 800-fold to reflect the recent murder rates, and go from 25 to 20,000 annually? Kindly explain your opinion.

[1] or Ontario, or Mexico, one gets confused