

THINKING *Critically*

- ★ Why does the “cruel or unusual” provision of the California Constitution change the orientation toward the death penalty and its legality?
- ★ Why would California keep the death penalty in a symbolic sense but not actually use the practice?
- ★ Does the cost of execution matter in the decision to impose the death penalty?
- ★ Should Texas reevaluate its use of the death penalty based upon the costs of executing a prisoner?

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