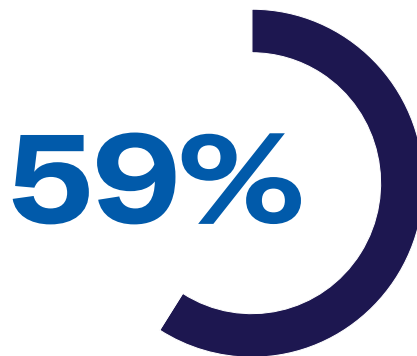


# HOW OHIOANS FEEL ABOUT THE DEATH PENALTY

Poll info: The Tarrance Group surveyed N=600 voters (online) across Ohio from September 29 – October 1, 2020. The margin of error is +/- 3.9% in 95 out of 100 cases.

## POLL HIGHLIGHTS

▼ When asked what punishment is preferred for 1st degree murder, **54%** of respondents chose a life sentence instead of the death penalty.



support replacing the death penalty with life in prison without the possibility of parole. About half **strongly support** this.

▼ **59%** of households with a member employed in criminal justice are supportive of death penalty repeal.

▶ Death penalty repeal is a bipartisan issue, with **69% Democrat** and **53% Republican** support over the course of the survey.



## WHY OHIOANS SUPPORT REPEALING THE DEATH PENALTY

- ▶ Death penalty trials cost taxpayers as much as \$16 million dollars per case. It would be much cheaper to replace the death penalty with life in prison without the possibility of parole and redirect the savings to other priorities.
- ▶ Ohio is home to eleven death row exonerees who collectively spent 216 years in prison for crimes they didn't commit.
- ▶ More than 170 innocent people have been sentenced to death in this country, and some innocent people have been executed. With the death penalty, there is always the risk of executing innocent people.
- ▶ For every six people the state of Ohio has executed, one person has been found innocent. This kind of mistake is far too frequent when human lives are at stake.
- ▶ The death penalty has repeatedly been shown not to be an effective deterrent to crime.
- ▶ People of color make up 15% of Ohio's population and 56% of Ohio's death row. 75% of Ohio executions involve a white victim.

## PROCESS AND SUPPORT

- ▶ As of November 2020, there are 139 people on Ohio's death row. Ohio's last execution took place in July 2018. With terribly botched executions and an inability to obtain lethal injection drugs, all scheduled executions since that time have been on hold.
- ▶ Public opinion has never been higher in support of ending the death penalty. More than half the country has repealed or placed moratoria on the death penalty.

**IT'S TIME TO END THE DEATH PENALTY IN OHIO ONCE AND FOR ALL.**