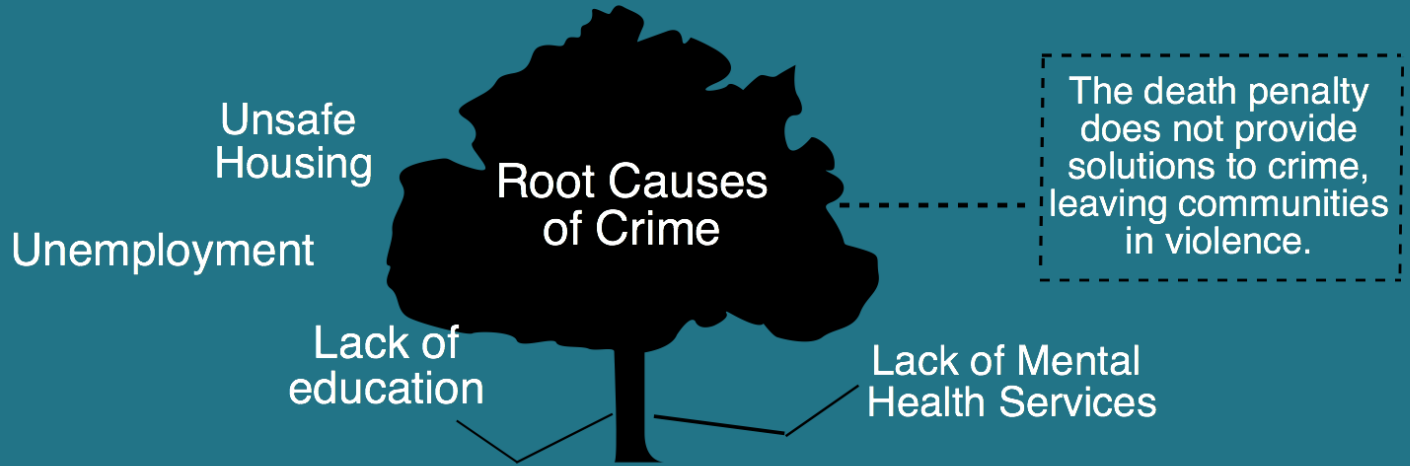


# Safer Communities

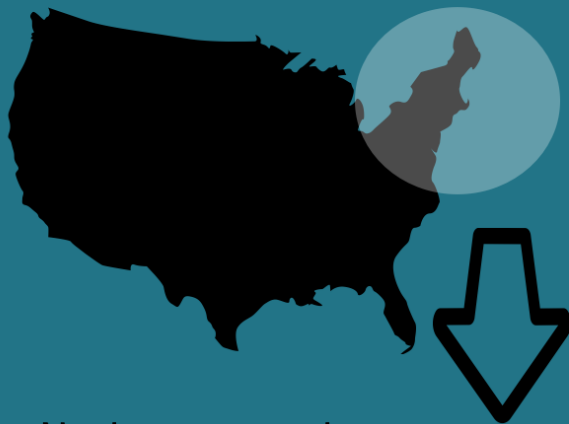
We all benefit from a criminal justice system that creates a safe society with less crime. The death penalty fails to reduce crime because it is not an effective deterrent and does not address the root causes of crime.



"Experience tells us that enhancing and enforcing penalties alone often fails to resolve social problems, nor do they result in reducing the crimes rate"  
- Pope Francis

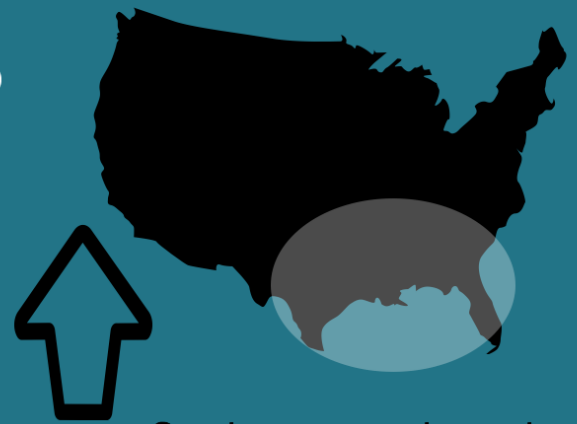
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# 90%

of criminologists say the death penalty is not an effective deterrent to crime.



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The death penalty costs up to 16 times more than life in prison without the possibility of parole. Those funds could be used towards common sense solutions for public safety



Increased funding for much needed victim services



Better sentencing and parole programs such as drug treatment and re-entry services



More resources for police departments such as training, equipment, and staff salaries