

## Human Rights

### Human Rights Articles (Condensed)

#### UDHR: Universal Declaration of Human Rights

We are born free and equal, should all have access to rights and have the right to life

We should not be hurt, tortured or enslaved

We should be protected by and treated fairly within the law

Our privacy should be respected



We should belong to a country and be able to travel for enjoyment and safety



If wanted, we should have a family

We should have free thought, speech, including towards religion

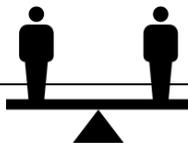
**Nobody can take these rights away from us**

### Torture

**Torture:** The deliberate inflicting of severe physical or mental pain or suffering by public officials to intimidate, punish or obtain a confession or information from the victim.

#### Examples of torture:

- Waterboarding
- Starvation
- Blackmailing
- Sleep deprivation



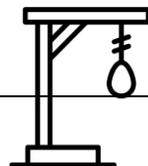
### Religious views on torture

<u>Christianity</u>	<u>Islam</u>
Humans are made in 'the image of God' according to Genesis 1.26	Allah created all life and therefore all life should be treated with utter respect and dignity
Christians are taught to treat all others with 'agape' – unselfish, unconditional love	The Qur'an teaches the uniqueness of every human individual (Qur'an 5.32)
The Parable of the Good Samaritan was told by Jesus to teach that people are all equal	The Qur'an teaches the importance of helping even just one individual regardless of religion

### The death penalty

**Capital punishment:** Also known as the death penalty, is the practice of executing someone as punishment for a specific crime. It can only be carried out by the state.

<u>Arguments for</u>	<u>Arguments against</u>
Sharia Law – derived from the Qur'an – includes the death penalty for certain crimes	One of the most often repeated phrases in the Qur'an says that Allah is 'the most merciful.'
Jesus said 'those who live by the sword will die by the sword.'	Christians believe that you should 'love thy neighbour' and therefore would not agree with the death penalty.
Most countries that still use the death penalty are Muslim	The 10 commandments include 'Thou shalt not kill.'



### Slavery

**Slavery:** the activity of owning other people who are forced to work for or obey you  
**Key religious teachings on slavery**

"You shall love your neighbour as yourself"  
 (Matthew 19:19)

"Whoever steals a man and sells him, and anyone found in possession of him, shall be put to death"  
 (Exodus 21:16)

"You may buy male and female slaves from among the nations that are around you" (Leviticus 25:44)

### Protecting Human Rights Amnesty international

Amnesty International work to protect people where justice, freedom, truth and dignity are denied.

As a global movement of over 7 million people they are the world's largest human rights organisation. They investigate and expose human rights abuses helping to create a more just world.

### Martin Luther King



Martin Luther King, Jr. was a civil rights activist in the 1950s and 1960s.

Martin Luther King was a Christian pastor so the teachings of Christianity had a big influence on his actions.



### Malala

As a young girl, Malala Yousafzai defied the Taliban in Pakistan and demanded that girls be allowed to receive an education. For speaking out she was shot in the head by a Taliban gunman in 2012 but survived.



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Amongst many other awards, in 2014, she became the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

