

DPIC'S 2011 YEAR END REPORT MEDIA COVERAGE SUMMARY

The following summarizes the media response to DPIC's "The Death Penalty in 2011: Year End Report," released December 15, 2011. Coverage appeared in over 400 broadcast and print media outlets.

NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS AND NEWSWIRES

*This section highlights some of the **original** news pieces that prominently mentioned DPIC and its 2011 Year End Report. ("Original" means reporting beyond a reprint of an AP, Reuters or other wire story.)*

| SOURCE | ARTICLE |
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| Associated Press | "Report: US death sentences reach 35-year low," December 15, 2011 |
| Reuters | "New Death Sentences Fall to Lowest Level in 35 Years," December 15, 2011 |
| USA Today | "Number of death sentences hits a 35-year low," December 15, 2011 |
| Washington Post | "Report: US death sentences fall to lowest level since resumption of capital punishment," December 15, 2011 |
| Wall Street Journal | "New Death Sentences Fall to Lowest Level in 35 Years," December 15, 2011 |
| Los Angeles Times | "Death sentences plunge in U.S.; Texas again No. 1 in executions," December 15, 2011 |
| CNN Wire | "Public discomfort leads to plunge in death sentences," December 15, 2011 |
| United Press International | "Report: Death sentences fall in 2011," December 15, 2011 |
| US News & World Report | "Is Capital Punishment on Death Row?," December 15, 2011 |
| Christian Science Monitor | "Why the death penalty is at historic low in the US," December 15, 2011 |
| MSNBC.com | "Death sentences, executions take 'historic drop,' report says," December 15, 2011 |
| The Atlantic | "The Looming Death of the Death Penalty," December 15, 2011 |
| Politico | "Report: Fewest death cases since '76," December 15, 2011 |
| BET.com | "Report: Death Sentences Plunge to Historic Lows," December 15, 2011 |
| The Huffington Post | "Death Sentences In U.S. Fell To Record Low In 2011: Report," December 15, 2011 |
| Stateline (Pew Center on the States) | Infographic: Death penalty decline , December 16, 2011 |
| TIME | "Why the Death Penalty Is Slowly Dying," January 3, 2012 |

TELEVISION AND RADIO BROADCAST:

Coverage of DPIC's 2011 Year End Report appeared on several national outlets and almost 100 local TV stations. This section highlights some of the broadcast coverage based on the report:

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| National Public Radio | Morning Edition, aired December 15, 2011 |
| NBC | Nightly News with Brian Williams, aired December 17, 2011 |
| CNN (three stories) | December 15, 2011 |
| CBS Radio | December 15, 2011 |
| Tonight Show w/ Jay Leno | December 16, 2011 |

STATE AND REGIONAL PRINT OUTLETS:

The report received strong pick up in state and regional papers. In addition, 202 news websites reprinted DPIC's press release.

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| Dayton Daily News | "Ohio holds third highest execution rate," December 15, 2011 |
| Columbus Dispatch | "Death-penalty opponents appeal to end the system," December 15, 2011 |
| NY Daily News | "U.S. death sentences & executions plunge in 2011, report says," December 15, 2011 |
| Detroit Free Press | "Number of death sentences hits a 35-year low in US; executions also on the decline," December 15, 2011 |
| Texas Tribune | "Executions, Death Sentences Drop In Texas, Nation," December 15, 2011 |
| Houston Chronicle | "Capital punishment 'on the defensive'," December 18, 2011 |
| Alaska Dispatch | "US death penalty sinks to historic low, but why?," December 15, 2011 |
| Austin American-Statesman | "Texas executions, death sentences continue to decline," December 15, 2011 |
| Boston Globe | "Report: US Death sentences reach 35-year low," December 15, 2011 |
| Sioux City Journal | "Report: US Death sentences reach 35-year low," December 15, 2011 |
| Crain's Cleveland Business | "Death be not proud," December 15, 2011 |

EDITORIALS:

This section highlights some of the **editorials** that were based on DPIC's 2011 Year End Report.

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| Los Angeles Times | "Doubts on the death penalty," December 17, 2011 |
| Akron Beacon Journal | "'Death lottery'," December 18, 2011 |
| Austin American-Statesman | "Texas juries choosing life without parole," December 20, 2011 |
| Birmingham (AL) News | "YOUR VIEW: Use of death penalty drops, but not in Alabama," December 19, 2011 <i>(Letter to the editor based on State Grassroots Media Kit produced in conjunction with DPIC)</i> |
| Birmingham (AL) News | "OUR VIEW: Alabama this year went against the national trend of fewer executions, even though the state's system of capital punishment leaves much to be desired," December 27, 2011 |
| Washington Post | "Executions on the decline," January 1, 2012 |
| Dallas Morning News | "Death penalty on the wane," January 2, 2012 |

NEW MEDIA/BLOG COVERAGE AND SPECIALTY PUBLICATIONS:

This section highlights some of the **original** pieces that appeared on prominent blogs and online sources, including outlets geared toward people of faith, people of color, the legal community, and progressives.

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| The Christian Post | "Drop in Death Penalty Sentences a Result of 'Growing Discomfort,' Say Experts," December 15, 2011 |
| America Magazine: The National Catholic Weekly | "Support for Death Penalty Continues to Decline," December 19, 2011 |
| The Grio: African American Breaking News | "Death sentences, executions take 'historic drop,' report says," December 15, 2011 |

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| Colorlines: award-winning reporting on racial justice | "The Arc Is Bending Toward Justice. But That Doesn't Make Our Work Easier," December 19, 2011 |
| News One: For Black America | "Number Of Death Sentences Hits A 35-Year Low," December 15, 2011 |
| Al Sharpton blog post | "Number Of Death Sentences Hits A 35-Year Low," December 15, 2011 |
| Fronteras: The Changing America Desk | "Report: Death Sentences In U.S. Drop Sharply In Last Decade," December 15, 2011. |
| Think Progress (Center for American Progress) | "As Public Opinions Turns Against The Death Penalty, Number Of Capital Sentences Hits 35-Year Low," December 15, 2011 |
| Talk Left | "Report: U.S. Death Sentences Decline in 2011," December 15, 2011 |
| Reuters Alternet | "Death penalty cases drop sharply in US," December 15, 2011 |
| The Raw Story | "Study finds death penalty use in decline," December 15, 2011 |
| The Daily Beast Cheat Sheet: Must Reads | "Death Sentences at Historic Lows," December 15, 2011 |
| ABA Journal | "Fewer than 100 Death Sentences Imposed in 2011; Is 'Growing Discomfort' the Reason?," December 15, 2011 |
| FindLaw.com | "Death Penalty Use Plummets to 35-Year Low," December 16, 2011 |

INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAPERS AND NEWSWIRES:

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| AFP Wire Service | "Death penalty cases drop sharply in US," December 15, 2011 |
| The (London) Guardian | "Death penalty declines in US as disapproval grows," December 15, 2011 |
| The (United Kingdom) Daily Mail | "Historic drop in executions as U.S. death sentences reach 35-year low," December 15, 2011 |
| Irish Times | "Use of death penalty in US declines," December 15, 2011 |