

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
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:

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.

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.

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.

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

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