Arguments Favoring Execution

Much of the reasoning for execution is based on our worldview of justice: "An eye for and eye, a tooth for a tooth." If someone murders someone, then they should be killed. It sends a strong message to people contemplating murder that if you kill someone that you will pay for it with your own life. The argument that the death penalty isn't a deterrent to murder flies in the face of common sense. Of all the people who have been executed, none of them have ever murdered again. There is debate as to how much it helps the families of victims but the idea of erasing brutal killers from existence does have appeal especially for very gruesome murders. Some people believe that being against the death penalty is an indicator of weakness in not facing up to what really needs to be done. The arguments in favor of the death penalty do have merit. This is what makes the issue difficult and why it requires some deep thinking to make the best choice.