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Death penalty, and its injustice

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A cynic might say Gov. Jay Inslee is just striking another pose for his liberal benefactors. First the sudden budgetary epiphany on school funding and teacher pay hikes, then the let's-raise-the-minimum-wage trendiness, and now a moratorium on executions. It may be early in his term, but it's never too early to question political sincerity. The trouble is, on the death penalty Inslee is right.

To summarize, in a surprise announcement Tuesday the governor said the death penalty is ethically and morally questionable, and in practical terms a waste of effort and resources. He will sign no death warrants, he said. There will be no one put to death while he is in office.

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