

NEW DIRECTIONS IN CRITICAL CRIMINOLOGY

TITLE: Exonerations, Race and Conservative Activism Against the Death Penalty in the United States

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DESCRIPTION: The innocence of convicts condemned to death is one of the arguments against the death penalty in the United States. In 2010, a group called Conservatives Against the Death Penalty formed in that state of Montana. In view of the fact that criminal justice policy is highly racialized – that support for penal harm depends on race-specific ideas about criminality – this study assesses whether mobilization of conservative opposition is related to the discovered innocence of white convicts. I evaluate that hypothesis using data on exonerees in the United States from The Innocence Project ([theinnocenceproject.org](http://theinnocenceproject.org)).