



Use of Nitrogen Gas for Capital Punishment

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Recently, the execution in the **United States** using **nitrogen gas** (for the first time since 1982) prompted discussions on the ethics and efficacy of [capital punishment](#).

- The execution triggered public outcry and reignited debates on the **moral and legal aspects of capital punishment**.
- [Nitrogen gas](#) is used as a method of execution by inducing [hypoxia](#), a lack of oxygen, which leads to unconsciousness and eventually death.
 - The process typically involves the individual being placed in a sealed chamber or wearing a face mask through which nitrogen gas is pumped.
 - As the person breathes in the nitrogen, it replaces oxygen in the lungs, leading to oxygen deprivation in the bloodstream and brain.

Read more: [Raising the Bar on Capital Punishment](#)

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