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Death Penalty Worldwide

Judged for More Than Her Crime

A Global Overview of Women
Facing the Death Penalty

The Alice Project



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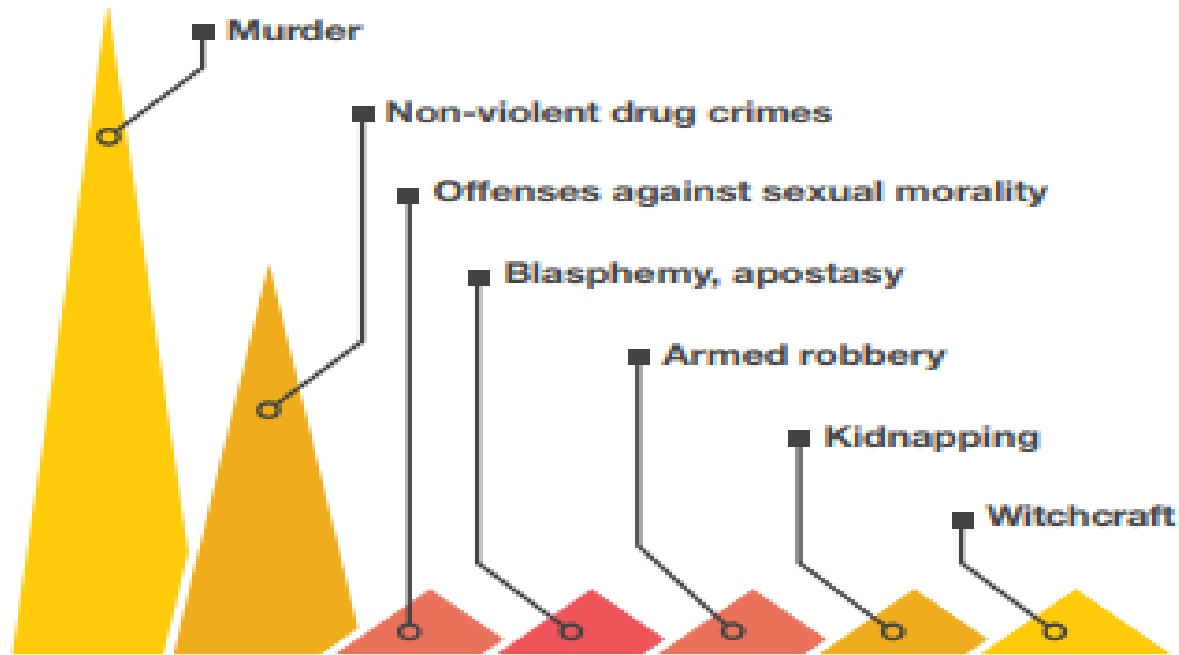
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Next Steps for the Abolition Movement



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