

Opinion

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Strong opinions about rapists

Today's Oral Quarrel question asked readers: Should convicted or admitted rapists routinely be given the choice of castration over incarceration?

Following are the responses:

oral quarrel

Cut the damn thing off.

I think rape is a very, very serious crime, and they should have both, castration and prison.

No way. That is destruction of the body and should not be allowed in the court system.

Castration is not bad enough for any rapist. They should get castration plus a jail term, and I mean a long lengthy jail term for each rape that they are convicted of. Castration alone is not sufficient. They can rape using anything, not just a physical extension of themselves that would be castrated. They need more than castration. I really mean that strongly.

A convicted rapist should be castrated and should have absolutely no choice, therefore, he will not be able to do it to some other innocent party.

No, they should just get their hands cut off.

They should get neither. What they should get is to get hung by the part their body they used to victimize others.

No. Definitely no.

My opinion is they should not be given a choice. They should be castrated.

I think that they should be castrated.

I think that giving them the option is a very viable solution to a problem considering that supporting them for 30 years is very costly. Let them make up their own mind. I think it is a good choice.

I absolutely do think they should be given a choice.

No, they shouldn't have their choice. They should be convicted and killed.

I don't think there should be a choice, but I think they should definitely be castrated without choice for rape.

I think a rapist should get a minimum of 10 years and castrated. What about the victim? Why should they even be given a choice? Several of my neighbors here in southwest Farmington feel the same way.

Did the rapist give their victim a choice? Therefore, it should be automatic castration.

I think it is wonderful idea. A choice should be given and in fact on the second conviction, castration should be mandatory. I feel very strongly about this.

No, they should have no choice, just castration.

Yes, they should be given a choice on the first offense. After that they should be castrated.

They should have no choice. Just be castrated.

They should be castrated.

I believe they should be castrated, and in fact I think they should go further and brand them with an "R" on their forehead to warn women of the danger of that individual.

No choice should be given. They should be sentenced to life without any probation.

I would like to answer yes to this question.

I would think it would be a hard question for a judge to decide because a judge would not be able to tell what the psychological implications of castration would be. Perhaps if the choice was left up to a board of psychologists, it might be an alternative, but I would think that if someone is sick enough to rape, just castrating them is not going to make them healthy.

You have to be kidding about giving these people solace or whatever. An act like that is an act of violence against another person. Anybody that commits an act of violence against another person should be prosecuted and not just castrated.

I think they should be castrated and put in jail for 30 years.

Absolutely, no, no, no. That sort of slime should be horsewhipped, castrated and hung. We don't need those kind of people in society.

Yes.

I think they should be given the choice.

I feel that convicted rapists should not only be incarcerated but also castrated. They have committed an awful crime and they should be punished severely.



the stroller
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Best bar of all is good oyster bar

ON THESE cold winter evenings when The Stroller has occasion to go out to dinner at one of the leading dining rooms, it isn't the entree that fascinates him.

Long before he sits down at the table to glance at the menu he stops at the oyster bar. To him it is the most interesting place to be. It is fascinating to watch the young men behind the bar "shuck" the succulent bivalves.

It seems so simple when you watch someone adept with the special knife stab the oyster, then pry the shells apart and hand you an oyster on the half shell.

IT IS particularly interesting to The Stroller because the first job he ever had was opening oysters. In his early youth the family had a small lunch counter and one of the specialties was an oyster stew. There always had to be a right amount of oysters opened to take care of the trade.

One morning, long before it was time to go to school, father took The Stroller to the lunch counter to initiate him in the art of opening oysters.

Fearing that The Stroller might stab himself, father made special preparations. He made a place with a flat surface of iron to open the oysters. On this The Stroller placed the oyster edgewise, then hit it hard enough with a heavy handled knife to cause the shell to open. Once the shells were parted it was an easy matter to insert the knife and cut the eye free and then dish it out. It didn't take very long for a young fellow with a knife to learn the trick.

BUT THAT isn't what is done today. The modern oyster shucker stabs the oyster. There is a place on the edge of the shell that has the tiniest opening.

When the knife is inserted it is an easy matter to finish the job and hand the customer his oyster on the half shell.

The big trick is to find the opening. The Stroller never was allowed to take that chance for fear he would stab himself, so his entire career as an oyster shucker was spent the old-fashioned way.

This morning routine in which he had to open at least 100 oysters before he went to school was soon stretched to an all-day job. When he came to the "shop," as we called it, and the oyster supply was low he would have to get out the tools and start opening these delicacies from the sea.

THE SAME thing happened after school. So, during the course of a day he would open about 300 oysters, all the hard way.

It is quite a trick but the end result is worthwhile. When you develop an appetite for an oyster it is most difficult to work with them without satisfying your appetite.

There were other fascinating things about working with the oysters. When the old-fashioned oyster stew is properly prepared there is no dish to equal it.

The Stroller's father managed to obtain a recipe from a leading restaurant in Philadelphia and it soon became the most popular dish we served.

The trick was to stew the oysters in butter and juice until they curled. Then reduce the heat and add the milk or cream and let them simmer until hot enough to eat.

But opening the oyster and eating it right off the shell is still a great treat. That's why The Stroller stands for a time at any oyster bar before looking at a menu. As he stands there he is dreaming of the by-gone days when he opened the best oysters he ever tasted.

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