

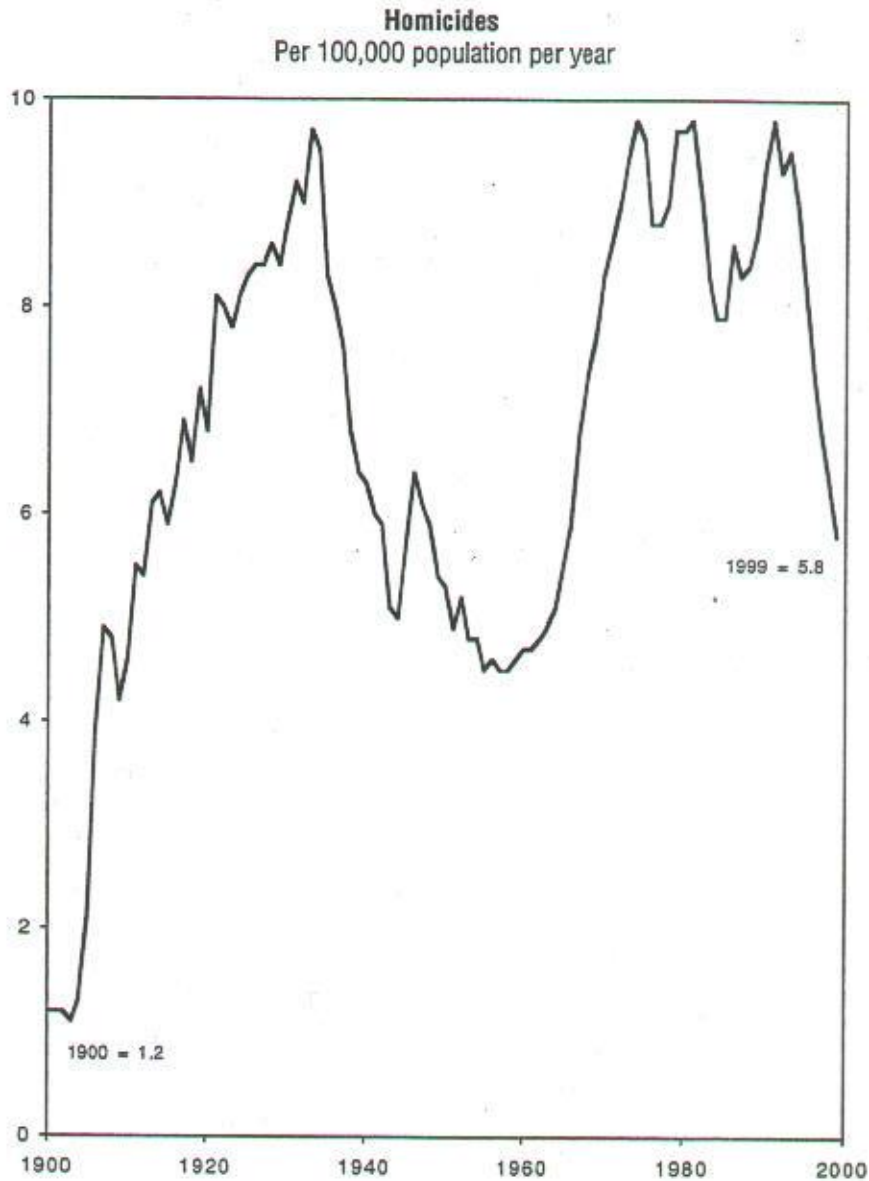
Historical Background on Capital Punishment and Homicide

And speaking of statistics . . . From

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Compare this graph of homicide rates with the execution rate on the following page. Why did Johansen begin his graph in the 1950s? Why didn't he begin it in 1910?

Graph on Execution Rate



Executions under Civil Authority
Number during time period by type of conviction

