

SUPREME COURT: KIDS ARE DIFFERENT!

Roper v. Simmons (2005)

Youth are:

- immature and reckless
- more susceptible to peer pressure
- developing and therefore transient by nature

Graham v. Florida (2010)

"...because juveniles have lessened culpability they are less deserving of the most severe punishments."

JDB v. North Carolina (2011)

[Youth] "often lack the experience, perspective, and judgment to recognize and avoid choices that could be detrimental to them..."

Miller v. Alabama (2012)

"the same characteristics that render juveniles less culpable than adults—their immaturity, recklessness, and impetuosity—make them less likely to consider potential punishment."

Montgomery v. Louisiana (2016)

"In light of what this Court has said in *Roper*, *Graham*, and *Miller* ... children are constitutionally different from adults in their level of culpability..."