

BABY DOE AND WHAT HAPPENED

- Baby Doe was born with a case of Down's Syndrome and an esophageal atresia meaning he is not able to digest food, in Bloomington, Indiana 1982. The child was not given a name from the parents as they thought he was a burden and the father was a teacher.
- Baby Doe's parents denied him the treatment to right his birth defect because he was mentally retarded, condemning him to die by starvation. There were dozens of offers to adopt the baby but his parents weren't interested. He eventually died of dehydration and malnutrition in Bloomington Hospital.

DEFINITION OF MURDER

- "When a man of sound memory and of the age of discretion, unlawfully killeth within any country of the realm and reasonable creature in rerum natura (in the nature of things) under the King's peace, . . . so as the party wounded, or hurt, et cetera, die of the wound or hurt, et cetera, within a year and a day after the same" -Edward Coke

UK MURDER LAW

- For murder you have to do a life sentence which comprises of 3 elements ;
 1. a minimum term representing retribution without any prospect of parole
 2. This starts on the expiry of the first and runs until the parole board decides that the person safely may be released on license
 3. At any time during the remainder of his or her life, the license may be revoked and the offender will then be detained until it is considered safe to release him or her again on license. This element does, in a real sense, represent a life sentence
- www.wikipedia.org/Murder_in_English_Law

VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER

- Voluntary manslaughter is when the defendant kills with malice aforethought, but there are mitigating circumstances which reduce his or her culpability.
 - example, when someone hits someone then runs off, then a person who was hit falls over and hits their head off of the curb and dies