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Know your rights!

- You can, and should, vote your conscience.
- You cannot be forced to obey a “juror’s oath.”
- You have the right to “hang” the jury with your vote if you cannot agree with other jurors!



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law is no law at all.”***

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Jury Nullification...

The safeguard of last resort against wrongful imprisonment and government tyranny.

If you are selected for jury duty, the normal instinct is to find a way out of it. That is completely understandable, especially if you don't understand the incredible opportunity of the juror to stop wrongful imprisonment and government tyranny.

Every juror has the power to say "not guilty" if they disagree with the law. Every juror has the power to judge the facts of the case, the law itself, and whether or not the law is being misapplied. This is the power of jury nullification, a centuries-old tradition that goes back to the Magna Carta. A single juror with a conscience can send a peaceful man home to his family instead of to a cage.

Your place in history...

In 1670, William Penn faced a jury that refused to convict him for the heinous crime of speaking to a group of Quakers without permission.



Jury nullification was practiced in the 1850's to protest the federal Fugitive Slave Act. Jurors resolutely refused to convict people for harboring escaped slaves.

Jury nullification played a key role in ending alcohol prohibition. Today, juries are choosing to nullify immoral, racist, destructive drug laws.



The juror is our last peaceful defense against unjust laws.

Today's "justice system" is polluted with victimless crimes and numerous unjust laws. The incarceration rate in the U.S. is the highest in the world, ranking number one for both the most prisoners and the highest percentage of people in cages. Every day, people are arrested for violating drug prohibition laws, selling raw milk or lemonade, exercising the right of self-defense... Even collecting rain water or growing a garden on your own property can get you arrested.

In addition to destroying the lives of peaceful people, this culture of incarceration has created an unbearable tax burden. **As the "justice system" becomes more corrupt, the role of the juror becomes more important than ever.**

No Victim? No crime. In his famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail," Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote **"one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws...an unjust law is no law at all."** The juror has the power to protect those who act on Dr. King's instructions. If there is no victim, then the law is unjust. To send your fellow man to a cage for an unjust law is to participate in state-sanctioned kidnapping.

Let your conscience guide you, regardless of the judge's instructions. If the law is unjust or if it is being applied unjustly, then you have a duty to vote "not guilty."