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JURY RIGHTS DAY, 2008

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by Sarah Palin, Governor

WHEREAS, September 5, 2008, will mark the 338th anniversary of the day when the jury refused to convict William Penn of violating England's Conventicle Acts, despite clear evidence that he acted illegally by preaching a Quaker sermon to his congregation.

WHEREAS, by refusing to apply what they determined was an unjust law, the Penn jury not only served justice, but provided a basis for the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment rights of freedom of speech, religion, and peaceable assembly.

WHEREAS, September 5, also marks the anniversary of the day when four of Penn's jurors began nine weeks of incarceration for finding him not guilty. Their later release and exoneration established forever the English and American legal doctrine that it is the right and responsibility of the trial jury to decide on matters of law and fact.

WHEREAS, the Sixth and Seventh Amendments are included in the Bill of Rights to preserve the right to trial by jury, which in turn conveys upon the jury the responsibility to defend, with its verdict, all other individual rights enumerated or implied by the U.S. Constitution, including its amendments.

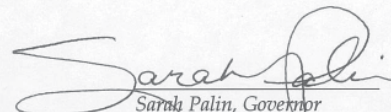
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sarah Palin, Governor of the state of Alaska, do hereby proclaim September 5, 2008, as:

Jury Rights Day

in Alaska, in recognition of the integral role the jury, as an institution, plays in our legal system.

Dated: September 3, 2008




Sarah Palin, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.

“Most Americans have no real understanding of the operation of the international money lenders. The accounts of the Federal Reserve System have never been audited. It operates outside of the control of Congress and manipulates the credit of the United States.”

*~ Barry Goldwater
(1909-1998) US Senator
(R-Arizona)*

“The wages of the average American worker, after inflation and taxes, have decreased 17% since 1973, the only Western industrial nation to so suffer.” ~

*Martin Gross
author Source: “The Tax Racket: Government Extortion From A to Z”*

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Dear Friends,

I am sure that many of you are sitting on the edges of your chairs, watching the markets and government responses. FIJA, long a proponent of free markets and fiscal conservatism, is doing well with our meager reserves. Contributions, however, are down significantly. You will find a contribution envelope in this newsletter, and we could really use your help right now. Thank you for your generosity. You might want to combine your contribution with an order, using the order form on page 14 of this newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who has been generously helpful to FIJA. To name a few: Danford Vander Ploeg, Rose Lear, Frank Turney, Ron Warner, Frank Stratton, Dick Marple, Avory Grayson, Bernie Stoltie, Lew Rockwell, Vin Suprynowicz, James McCrink, Douglas Buchanan, Bill St. Clair, Fred Maier, Gary Dunn, Mark T., Julie Sheppard, Margi Crook, Don Doig, Kirsten Tynan, Mark James, Jim Davies, Linda d'Arcy, Jim C., Susan Callaway, Linda and Steven, Paul and Jason, Kirsten and Shelly. Some of you stepped in to help with projects, provided the means, or made Jury Rights Day a huge success. Thank you all! Our media releases were picked up by media nationwide. Below is the shortest of three Media releases we sent out:

“Jury Rights Day ~ September 5

On September 5 of this year, FIJA activists across the nation will once again celebrate the juror's right to render a verdict based on conscience by handing out literature, writing letters to the editor, appearing on interviews, and speaking to groups. For more information, go to www.fija.org.

September 5th marks the 338th anniversary of the trial of William Penn - a trial that laid the foundation of our First Amendment Constitutional Rights of Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Speech, and Freedom of Peaceable Public Assembly. Many Governors have signed Proclamations in recognition of Jury Rights Day.

In 1670, Quaker William Penn of London was arrested for violating England's Conventicle Acts, which forbade the practice of religions other than the Church of England. The Judge instructed the Jurors to find Penn guilty. The Jurors' refusal to enforce a bad law led to the Court jailing and withholding food and water from some of the Jurors.

On appeal, the right of Jurors to base their verdict on their best judgment and conscience, despite existing law and court instruction, was affirmed, and that affirmation cemented the seldom-used but important right of “Jury Nullification of Bad Law” in all our legal systems—the ultimate right of the people to control their government.

The underlying common law concepts firmly establish the fact that Jurors cannot be punished for their verdict. As well, jurors are not required to give a reason for the verdict they render. The fundamental right of Jurors to render their verdict based on conscience is basic to the preservation of Justice, and to our Lawful Society.

Jurors cannot be punished for their verdict.

Jurors cannot be required to give a reason for their verdict.

Jurors have both the authority and the human duty to render a verdict based on their individual sense of justice and their conscience.

Receive a free information packet by calling 1-800-TEL-JURY. Visit www.fija.org.

For Immediate release

21 August, 2008

322 words

In this issue, you will see four 2008 Jury Rights Day Proclamations, as well as FIJA's Order and Contribution form - and take a look at our new T-Shirts! We are very proud and pleased to make the Calendars and T-Shirts available to everyone.

As you read about the activities across the country for Jury rights Day, begin to think about how you can celebrate and educate next year on this significant day.

For Justice and Freedom for All,

Sept. 5 Is Jury Rights Day. Do You Know Yours? Vin Suprynowicz

To grasp why the Bill of Rights leads off by barring Congress from “establishing” any religion, “or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,” you must understand that in 18th century England there was no “separation of church and state.” The English monarch to this day includes in her title “Fidele Defensor” – Defender of the Faith. Which helps explain why even our right to a jury trial stems directly from this era.

In 1670, it was declared illegal to hold a religious gathering or preach a sermon in England which was not a “Church of England” sermon. Dissident churches, including the Quaker meeting houses, were closed.

Unable to get into his London meeting house, William Penn led a Quaker meeting in the street outside. He was arrested and put on trial on Sept. 5, 1670, 338 years ago this week.

The judges explained to the jury that preaching a nonconformist sermon was illegal, and Penn had been caught doing just that. They instructed the jury to convict.

The jury asked to be read the wording of the law Penn was said to have violated. The judges told them they didn’t need to read any stinking law, they were to “take the law as we give it to you” – an insufferably aristocratic phrase that’s cropping up a lot in our own courthouses, these days.

The jury said if they couldn’t see the law, they weren’t going to convict. In fact, God bless them, they unanimously acquitted William Penn, who was thus free to emigrate to America, where he subsequently got his picture on a box of oats, and presumably did some other stuff.

The judges were not pleased. They locked the jury in an upstairs room, telling them they’d get no food or water – they couldn’t even come down to use the outhouse – till they convicted.

The jury, led by one Edward Bushel, would not relent. Friends passed them jugs of water on poles. Eventually Bushel and a few others, sticking by their guns, were thrown in prison.

The case went to the highest court in the land. And lo and behold, reaching back to Anglo-Saxon precedent, England’s Court of Common Pleas ruled the jury was right – they were under obligation to follow no one’s orders as to what verdict they could reach. Juries were and remain to this day free to vote their conscience, even in direct contravention of the instructions of the judge; they cannot be punished for doing so.

On these shores, the precedent was upheld in the case of John Peter Zenger, charged in 1735 with libeling the king. British law did not allow “truth” as a defense. If you published a criticism of the king, that was criminal libel. Zenger admitted he’d printed the pamphlet, and everyone could see it was critical of the king.

The court therefore instructed the jury to convict. The American jury told the judge where he could shove it, thus not only confirming American jury rights, but also handing us a little thing we like to call “Freedom of the Press.”

The next time you’re called for jury duty and the judge tells you “We don’t have that here; you must take the law as I give it to you,” you have two choices. You can tell him he’s lying (in which case he’ll send you home), or you can keep your mouth shut, get seated on that jury, and then tell your fellow jurors the guy in black has been lying, once you’re safely ensconced in the jury room.

This Friday, Sept. 5, jury rights activists across the nation will once again celebrate the juror’s right to render a verdict based on his or her conscience, even if in direct contravention to every “instruction” of the court.

“The chains of military despotism once fastened upon a nation, ages might pass away before they could be shaken off.” William Henry Harrison (American 9th US president (1841). 1773-1841)

“I see in the near future a crisis approaching that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. . . . corporations have been enthroned and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the Republic is destroyed. I feel at this moment more anxiety for the safety of my country than ever before, even in the midst of war. God grant that my suspicions may prove groundless.” - U.S. President Abraham Lincoln, Nov. 21, 1864 - (letter to Col. William F. Elkins) Ref: The Lincoln Encyclopedia, Archer H. Shaw (Macmillan, 1950, NY)

“Individuals have international duties which transcend the national obligations of obedience... therefore [individual citizens] have the duty to violate domestic laws to prevent crimes against peace and humanity from occurring.” - Nuremberg War Crime Tribunal, 1950

"No kingdom can be secured otherwise than by arming the people. The possession of arms is the distinction between a freeman and a slave. He, who has nothing, and who himself belongs to another, must be defended by him, whose property he is, and needs no arms. But he, who thinks he is his own master, and has what he can call his own, ought to have arms to defend himself, and what he possesses; else he lives precariously, and at discretion." ~ James Burgh (1714-1775) was an English Whig politician Source: "Political Disquisitions: Or, an Enquiry into Public Errors, Defects, and Abuses" (London, 1774-1775)

"A people armed and free forms a barrier against the enterprises of ambition and is a bulwark for the nation against foreign invasion and domestic oppression." ~ James Madison (1751-1836), Father of the Constitution for the USA, 4th US President

"Before a standing army can rule, the people must be disarmed as they are in almost every kingdom in Europe. The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword because the whole body of the people are armed, and constitute a force superior to any band of regular troops that can be, on any pretense, raised in the United States." ~ Noah Webster (1758-1843) American patriot and scholar, author of the 1806 edition of the dictionary that bears his name, the first dictionary of American English usage. Defined the militia similarly as "the effective part of the people at large."

Source: An Examination of the Leading Principles of the Federal Constitution, Philadelphia, 1787

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If you think the War on Drugs is absurd, counterproductive, or unconstitutional (it's all three) and you find yourself on a drug jury, you can – some would hold you have a moral duty to – vote to acquit no matter what you believe the defendant did.

If you can't get all your fellow jurors to go along with you, hang the jury. Refuse to let it convict. They can't do a thing but snarl at you like chained curs. Make the state re-try the case. Chances are there'll be even more opponents of the War on Drugs on the defendant's next jury – providing everyone keeps their mouths shut during "voir dire" and doesn't help the court to stack a jury full of obedient pro-Drug-War stooges.

For more information, go to www.fija.org.

The D.C. Court of Appeals held in the 1972 Vietnam draft case *U.S. vs. Dougherty* that "The pages of history shine on instances of the jury's exercise of its prerogative to disregard uncontradicted evidence and instructions from the judge. Most often commended are the 18th-century acquittal of John Peter Zenger on charges of seditious libel and the 19th-century acquittals in prosecutions under the fugitive slave laws.

In *United States v. Moylan* in 1969, the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled "If the jury feels the law is unjust, we recognize the undisputed power of the jury to acquit, even if its verdict is contrary to the law as given by a judge, and contrary to the evidence. ... If the jury feels that the law under which the defendant is accused is unjust, or that exigent circumstances justified the actions of the accused, or for any reason which appeals to their logic or passion, the jury has the power to acquit, and the courts must abide by that decision."

In *Georgia v. Brailsford*, 1794, Chief Justice John Jay, speaking for a unanimous Court, instructed the jury: "It may not be amiss, here, Gentlemen, to remind you of the good old rule, that on questions of fact, it is the province of the jury, on questions of law, it is the province of the court to decide. But it must be observed that by the same law, which recognizes this reasonable distribution of jurisdiction, you have nevertheless a right to take upon yourselves to judge of both, and to determine the law as well as the fact in controversy. ... Both objects are lawfully within your power of decision."

Does the local black-robed political hack trying to intimidate you out of voting your conscience in the jury room think he is a superior authority on our system of law and jury trial than John Jay, first Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court?

If he aims to direct your deliberations, ask him to come back into the jury room and guide you. He cannot. He is forbidden to do so. Why do you suppose that is?

"The judge cannot direct a verdict it is true," said Mr. Justice Holmes, for the majority in *Horning v. District of Columbia*, 1920, "and the jury has the power to bring in a verdict in the teeth of both law and facts."

That is the truth, and the truth shall set us free. The rest is lies, and the goal of the black-robed liars is ever to get us to hold out our wrists for the manacles of their tyranny – doing it docilely, and thanking them for the favor. September 5, 2008

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State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
John Lynch, Governor

A Proclamation

JURY APPRECIATION DAY
SEPTEMBER 5, 2008

WHEREAS, Jury Appreciation Day is an acknowledgement and celebration of the heritage that is our Nation's and State's system of justice, liberty and equality under the law; and

WHEREAS, September 5, 2008 marks the 338th anniversary of the trial of William Penn, a trial that laid the foundation of our First Amendment Constitutional Rights of Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Speech, and Freedom of Peaceable Public Assembly; and

WHEREAS, The Sixth and Seventh Amendments are included in the Bill of Rights to preserve the right to trial by jury; and

WHEREAS, Jurors have a duty and responsibility to render a just verdict taking into account the facts of the case, mitigating circumstances, merits of the law, and the fairness of its application in each case; and

WHEREAS, The participation of citizen jurors is the bulwark of our justice system. Jurors' time is valuable and the commitment of citizen jurors is greatly valued by the State of New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, It is important to recognize the importance of educating our fellow citizens about the rewards and benefits of jury service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **September 5, 2008** as **JURY APPRECIATION DAY** in New Hampshire.



Given at the Executive Chamber in Concord, this 25th day of August in the year of Our Lord two thousand and eight, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-three.


 John H. Lynch
 Governor

*"Mr. Speaker, we are now in Chapter 11... Members of Congress are official trustees presiding over the greatest reorganization of any bankrupt entity in world history."
 ~ James A. Traficant, Jr. (1941-) U.S. Representative from Ohio Source: March 17, 1993 in the Congressional Record*

*"I have never seen more Senators express discontent with their jobs ... we have been accomplices to doing something terrible and unforgivable to this wonderful country... we have given our children a legacy of bankruptcy. We have defrauded our country to get ourselves elected."
 ~ John Danforth
 Republican Senator from Missouri
 Source: in an interview in The Arizona Republic on April 22, 1992*

*"This [audit] was made extremely difficult because [IRS] existing Systems were not designed to provide reliable financial information... on their operations."
 ~ Charles A. Bousher
 Comptroller, Government Accounting Office
 Source: on the first-ever audit of the IRS in 1993.*

*"The taxpayer; that 's someone who works for the federal government, but doesn't have to take a civil service examination"
 ~ Ronald Reagan (1911-2004) 40th US President*

How I Spent My Jury Rights Day News from the Nation on Jury Rights Day Activities

First report from Newcastle, Wyoming.

I handed out flyers and talked to people in front of the Post Office here. It would have been useless to stand in front of the courthouse, since so few people go in or out in a day's time. There have been no jury trials in the three years I've been here.

As I expected, it was pretty boring. The newspaper guy didn't show up, though he waved as he went by once. <G> A woman packing a gun, walking back and forth in front of the post office handing out literature is just not "news" here.

I was actually surprised at how many people cheerfully accepted the literature and the many who made positive comments. Two said they had never been called to jury duty in their lives. One was 40 and the other said she was 52!! Others said they had been on a jury at least once. Only two people outright refused the pamphlet, and a few walked around to indicate they didn't welcome my approach.

One young lady said she liked my gun! Nobody else seemed to notice it or care.

The "cop" in the "Homeland Security" truck from the Sheriff's department drove by... and didn't even look. A city policeman went in to the lawyer's office next



By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, September 5, 2008 will mark the 338th anniversary of the day that the jury in William Penn's trial refused to convict him of violating England's Conventicle Acts, despite clear evidence that he acted illegally by preaching a Quaker sermon to his congregation; and

*W*HEREAS, by refusing to apply what they determined was an unjust law, this jury not only served justice, but provided a basis for the United States Constitution's First Amendment rights of freedom of speech, religion and peaceable assembly; and

*W*HEREAS, September 5th also commemorates the day when four of Penn's jurors began nine weeks of incarceration for finding him not guilty. Their subsequent release and exoneration established forever the English and American legal doctrine concerning the rights and responsibilities of juries; and

*W*HEREAS, the Sixth and Seventh Amendments were included in the Bill of Rights to preserve the right to trial by jury, which in turn conveys upon the jury the responsibility to defend, with its verdict, all other individual rights enumerated or implied by the United States Constitution, including its Amendments; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially designate September 5, 2008, as

JURY RIGHTS DAY
in the State of Connecticut.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor



door to the post office, and he looked but didn't react that I could see... just went on in. I didn't see him come out.

Lots of waves and smiles from folks driving past.

I handed out about 3 dozen of the Jury rights primer and about a dozen of the True/false flyer. Here are the pictures: <http://www.thepriceofliberty.org/fijaday-newcastle.htm>

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Report from Fairbanks, Alaska

I was on (Fox News) channel 13 in Fairbanks, Alaska last night Big sign Sarah Palin and Jury Rights Day sign, And with governor Sarah Palin copy of Jury Rights Day Proclamation. I will be ordering a copy to send to you soon, This is the first time defense lawyers and prosecutors took my flyers, most of them were copies of Jury Rights Proclamation signed by governor and vice-president nomination Sarah Palin, And the real winner was the former attorney general under governor Wally J. Hickel that made the governor rescind his Jury Rights Proclamation in 1992 after he the governor signed it! Charlie Cole took a copy of Palin's proclamation, and I snapped a picture of him, He just might try and upset the apple cart of jury rights again, Sincerely, Frank Turney, fija.org Activist Alaska

THE JURY BOX

"We are willing enough to praise freedom when she is safely tucked away in the past and cannot be a nuisance. In the present, amidst dangers whose outcome we cannot foresee, we get nervous about her, and admit censorship."

~ E. M. Forster
(1879-1970)

Source: *Two Cheers for Democracy*, 1951

"What censorship accomplishes, creating an unreal and hypocritical mythology, fomenting an attraction for forbidden fruit, inhibiting the creative minds among us and fostering an illicit trade. Above all, it curtails the right of the individual, be he creator or consumer, to satisfy his intellect and his interest without harm. In our law-rooted society, we are not the keeper of our brother's morals - only of his rights."

~ Judith Crist
(1922-) US Film Critic
Source: *Censorship: For And Against*, 1971

"Whenever people are well-informed they can be trusted with their own government; that whenever things get so far wrong as to attract their notice, they may be relied on to set them to rights."

~ Thomas Jefferson
(1743-1826), US Founding Father, drafted the Declaration of Independence, 3rd US President
Source: letter to Richard Price, January 8, 1789

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The American Juror
Dear Iloilo Jones,

Most people have a distinctly different response when first hearing of Fully Informed Juries compared to say politics or religion.

Their response is not so much to argue but wondering, how could that be? After all, how could an idea so profound be dropped from the court system right here in the land of the free? It's equivalent to forgetting we have the right to vote in elections.

I went through the same process. Reading the Constitution and Bill of Rights I came up with a few places trials and Juries are mentioned but no reference to being allowed to judge the law, so I can empathize with their doubts. Bringing up England and other foreign countries really didn't clarify things.

So the question still remained, how come our Constitution doesn't mention the right of Jurors to judge the law?

Well grasshoppaah, the key is the United States Constitution is a rule book, not a dictionary! It doesn't define "Judge", "Jury", "People" or a whole slew of other terms. It doesn't even tell us what the "...definition of 'is' is." Other than insurance companies defining "we", "us", "you" and "them", most contracts between people don't define terms used within.

The United States Constitution details what the Federal Government must do and the 10th Amendment bans the government from all other activities. Those who signed the Constitution must have also figured jury responsibilities have been known since AD 1215, so surely they'll remain intact forever more.

Maybe a way to present Jury rights is to describe them (the right to conclude the defendant did not commit a crime even though he broke the law, the right to question if the law was applied correctly, the right not to be punished for their verdict), explain the origin of these rights, how we came to adopt them, some historical and modern examples of Jurors exercising their rights.

Hold on a second, le'me catch my breath. OK, give comments by Judges, politicians and others (Red Beckman described the Jury as the fourth branch of government.)

Lastly give examples of unjust punishments due to uninformed Juries, how Judges used to inform Juries of their rights till 1895 (Sparf vs. U.S.), Judges in New Hampshire, Maryland and Indiana are now required to inform Juries of their rights, and that the Constitution is not a dictionary so the origin of Jury Nullification lies elsewhere.

Sincerely, Jim Wilhelmson

Jean Allen wrote:

My sister, who lives in D., received a summons for district court jury duty. In it was a questionnaire. These were the questions she remembers. Jean

I wish I had seen the questions earlier. I did not even have time to make copies. It was due within 5 days of receipt and that was yesterday. Questions about...

How many siblings for each one ...how old, where do they live, what do they do for a living

Which TV shows do you watch.

Which newspapers do you read.

Which organizations are you affiliated.

Do you have a bumper sticker on your vehicle, if yes what does it say?

Do you have a personalized car tag, if yes what does it mean?

Are you a member of a church, synagogue etc., if yes how many times per month do you attend?

If you have internet access, which web sites do you regularly visit?

Many questions about family history concerning being arrested or being the victim of a crime (I get that, but!) If I think of more I will send. Jean

Hello Jean,

I had a questionnaire like that several years ago. I took the bumper sticker off my car because it said, "Fear the government that

(Jury Box continued on page 13)

One Rule to Wield Against 10,000 (And Counting)

Review of the James Joseph Duane video “Don’t Talk to the Police.” Professor Duane, who teaches at Regent Law School, also serves on FIJA’s Advisory Board.

Sunni Maravillosa

Despite its age, the Bill of Rights continues to stir controversy. Some view the document as an anachronism sadly out of date in today’s technological society. Others view those ten articles as “the law of the land” that governs interactions between private citizens.

Few seem to recognize that these beliefs stem from a lack of understanding of the basic function of the document it was intended as a list of “thou shalt nots” for federal and local government agents. As such, the Bill of Rights remains relevant, if somewhat difficult to count on, what with court rulings and the court of public opinion both leaning against those fundamental rights in varying ways.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the current general opinion regarding the Fifth Amendment. More specifically, it is the statement in it protecting one from self-incrimination that is considered wearisome by many: “No person ... shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself.” In today’s United States, where privacy is a dying commodity and is considered by some to be primarily the refuge of wrongdoers, “taking the Fifth” has become widely viewed as implicitly admitting one’s guilt.

Yet, in an era where encounters with police and other law enforcement officers have become increasingly likely, even for law-abiding citizens, it has never been more important that each person understands the vital role of the Fifth Amendment. It is crucial in protecting one’s liberty.

Regent University law professor and former criminal defense attorney James Duane has undertaken to educate Americans in this regard. Duane, in a fast-paced presentation titled Don’t Talk to the Police, which is available at Google Video (<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-40976025148>

85833865&hl=en), outlines why it is always a bad idea to talk to the police.

To give just two insights into the briar patch of American jurisprudence, Duane cites an American Bar Association estimate from some years ago of approximately 10,000 federal criminal statutes in the U.S. Code; he also mentions one example, the Lacey Act, which includes Indian tribal laws, state laws, and international laws in its scope. There is no way any individual can know, much less steer clear of, all those laws.

Duane also reminds viewers that the rules of evidence do not allow for police testimony to be exculpatory: it is literally true that “everything you say can and will be used against you.” Duane relies on Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson’s words from *Watts v. Indiana*, 338 U.S. 49 (<http://vlex.com/vid/20016287>) to press his point home: “[A]ny lawyer worth his salt will tell the suspect in no

uncertain terms to make no statement to police under any circumstances.”

Duane’s presentation is not one to watch just once. It is densely packed with facts and ideas. Several of them are so foreign to the current zeitgeist that many individuals will need to see Don’t Talk to the Police several times,

and invest some time into thinking about what he says, to truly start understanding and appreciating the video. His rapid-fire speech which sometimes leads to minor bobbles, e.g., Duane says “committed” when he means “convicted” while discussing one case also makes fully absorbing his message challenging from just one viewing.

Stay with it. Under the pressure of a police interrogation, especially if one doesn’t have one’s own attorney, it can be too easy to give way just a little and that’s all that’s necessary

“... it is literally true that “everything you say can and will be used against you.”

(One Rule continued on back page)

“All socialism involves slavery.... That which fundamentally distinguishes the slave is that he labors under coercion to satisfy another’s desires. The relation admits of many gradations.

Oppressive taxation is a form of slavery of the individual to the community as a whole. The essential question is ~ How much is he compelled to labor for other benefit than his own, and how much can he labor for his own benefit?

~ Herbert Spencer (1820-1903) British author, economist, philosopher
Source: *The Man Versus the State* -1884

“The beginning of wisdom is to call things by their right names.”

~ Chinese Proverb

“A good argument diluted to avoid criticism is not nearly as good as the undiluted argument, because we best arrive at truth through a process of honest and vigorous debate. Arguments should not sneak around in disguise, as if dissent were somehow sinister... For it is bravery that is required to secure freedom.”

~ Clarence Thomas
U. S. Supreme Court Justice
Source: *Lecture*, 13 February 2001

“A sure sign of a genius is that all of the dunces are in a confederacy against him.”

~ Frank Lloyd Wright (1867-1959) American architect, designer, writer, and educator

“Freedom of the press is perhaps the freedom that has suffered the most from the gradual degradation of the idea of liberty.”

~ Albert Camus
(1913-1960)

Source: *Resistance, Rebellion and Death*, 1961

“Without freedom of thought, there can be no such thing as wisdom; and no such thing as public liberty, without freedom of speech.”

~ Cato

John Trenchard (1662-1723)
& Thomas Gordon (169?-1750)

“Liberty of speech invites and provokes liberty to be used again, and so bringeth much to a man’s knowledge.”

~ Sir Francis Bacon

(1561-1626) Philosopher,
British Lord Chancellor

Source: *The Advancement of Learning*, 1605

“Search for the truth is the noblest occupation of man; its publication is a duty.”

~ Anne Louise Germaine de Stael

(1766-1817) French author

“We are apt to shut our eyes against a painful truth... For my part, I am willing to know the whole truth; to know the worst; and to provide for it.”

~ Patrick Henry

(1736-1799) US Founding
Father

Source: *“The War Inevitable”*
speech to the Virginia
Convention, March 23, 1775

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear FIJA,

The Supreme Law of the Land - NOT!

Your Spring, 2008, newsletter’s cover story “Maine Jurors Say It’s Legal to Protest an Illegal War” includes a premise that under Article VI of the Constitution of the United States any treaty that the United States government enters into makes that treaty the supreme Law of the Land.

Internationalists, those who would like to see a one world government, have been fostering this concept for decades. If Americans can be convinced of its validity, then it will be a much simpler matter to over ride and over write the Constitution.

The applicable clause of Article VI reads: “The Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding.”

Superficially, one can misinterpret this clause to imply that any ratified treaty becomes the supreme Law of the Land. I will submit two arguments to make my case against this interpretation. The first is an analysis of the Article VI clause and the second is a logical argument based on the Constitution’s amendment process versus the treaty ratification requirements.

First, the United States Constitution is the supreme Law of the Land as originally established by our founders. Any enacted law after the ratification of the Constitution must be in accord with the Constitution in pursuit of the powers given to the government and must not go outside the limits placed on it.

In the phrase “Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States shall be the supreme Law of the Land” what does “the Authority of the United States” mean? The only “Authority” that the United States [government] has is what was given to it by the Constitution through the

agreement of the “people”.

Therefore, the treaty must not violate the Constitution by extending governmental powers or loosening governmental limitations.

Second, Article V of the United States Constitution provides the process by which the Constitution can be amended.

It specifies that two-thirds of both the House of Representatives and the Senate must agree to a proposed amendment or two-thirds of the State legislatures can call a Convention to propose amendments and then ratification by three-fourths of the State legislatures must take place in order for the amendment(s) to become part of the Constitution. Contrast this with Article II, Section 2, of the United States Constitution that gives the President the power to make treaties with the consent of two-thirds of the Senators present.

Especially note that ratification of a treaty entered into by one person, the President, requires only two-thirds of Senators present – a temptation for calling a midnight session for a “quickie” vote.

How could the founders, with their collective wisdom, have prescribed such a greatly reduced requirement to amend the Constitution?

I don’t know whether the Nuremburg Principles or the Geneva Conventions are in accord with the Constitution, but I do know that United Nations Treaties are in violation of the United States Constitution by illegally assigning powers to the UN Security Council that are only reserved to the United States government. The Constitution would have to be amended in order to do this. A trade treaty such as with the WTO or NAFTA whereby an international quasi-governmental agency could gag a US citizen to prevent them from making disparaging remarks about products from another country would be another example of a Constitutional violation.

The article had me at the First Amendments’ “the right of the people to petition the government for a redress of grievances”. Power to the Jury!

I fully support the protesters' rights and the jury's verdict, but if the United States Constitution can be altered through treaty, then there may no longer be juries, but only tribunals of international judges.

Hugo Schulz

Hello FIJA -

Comments on voting one's conscience.

When I was a real estate broker in Savannah, GA many years ago, one of the other brokers used to call his wife an "educated idiot". She was a school teacher.

Today, a lady in Atlanta, GA fits that description. She will not support Ron Paul because he is for our freedom and she wants to incarcerate anyone who uses drugs. Says she will not vote at all if McCain is not the Republican nominee. She graduated from Emory at age 20. Smart? Yes. Educated? Yes. There are people whose consciences would not allow them to decide a case in any other way than what they are told by the judge. I would like to see more emphasis on decisions like *Marbury v Madison*. "Any law which is repugnant to the Constitution is null and void." And encouraging people to read the Constitution and think for themselves.

Margi

Iloilo-

Thank you so much for all the materials! I never expected to receive that many! Have no fears, because everything will be put to good use, me and Frank handed out hundreds of the true and false and gun flyers the first day during a parade, seriously we handed out a lot. Then today we got the calendars and new bumper stickers!

Thanks, they will be put to good use

Ron in Fairbanks

Hi Ilo Jones,

I was on (Fox News) channel 13 in Fairbanks, Alaska last night. Big sign Sarah Palin and Jury Rights Day sign, and with governor Sarah Palin copy of Jury Rights Day Proclamation. I will be ordering a copy to send to you soon,

This is the first time defense lawyers and prosecutors took my flyers, most of them were copies of Jury Rights Proclamation signed by our governor and vice-president nomination Sarah Palin. The real winner was the former attorney general under governor Wally J. Hickel that made the governor rescind his Jury Rights Proclamation in 1992 after he the governor signed it! Charlie Cole took a copy of Palin's proclamation, and I snapped a picture of him. He just might try and upset the apple cart of jury rights again

Making some changes on my web site, Check out the wording on my front page with governor Sarah Palin at

<http://www.votefrankturney.com>

I will be changing heading soon, Alaska Jury Rights Activist

Sincerely, Frank Turney, FIJActivist.
Alaska

Hello IMJ,

I finally got the printer to work and had several others print them up. We will really be pushing FIJA and the principle of Jury Nullification. Thank you very much for all your work it helps to know others fight the same battle is out there. And thank you for your incredible quick response.

Sincerely, Rob Taylor

Organizer for the Campaign for Liberty

Hi FIJA,

Your site is such an important source of information, and I'm glad I found it over a year ago....

Yesterday I went through voir dire at the county courthouse, for a criminal case. One of the questions on the Q&A screening sheet was "Do you have a problem accepting the instructions of the judge as to the law in the case?" The desired answer was, of course, "No." If there had been a check box for "Maybe," I'd have checked that, but since there wasn't one, I checked "Yes."

Once the jury panel was seated in the
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"A true party-man hates and despises candour."
~ Adam Smith
(1723-1790) Scottish philosopher and economist
Source: *The Theory of Moral Sentiments* par. III.I.85

"In the US, voters cast ballots for individual candidates who are not bound to any party program except rhetorically, and not always then. Some Republicans are more liberal than some Democrats, some libertarians are more radical than some socialists, and many local candidates run without any party identification. No American citizen can vote intelligently without knowledge of the ideas, political background, and commitments of each individual candidate."
~ Ben H. Bagdikian
(1920-) Armenian-born author, dean emeritus of the University of California at Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism, former editor at the Washington Post
Source: 1982

"The most important political office is that of private citizen."
~ Justice Louis D. Brandeis
(1856-1941) US Supreme Court Justice

"The essential characteristic of socialism is the denial of individual property rights..."
~ Ayn Rand
(1905-1982) Author
Source: *The Virtue of Selfishness* 1964

“The life of the nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful, and virtuous.”

– Frederick Douglass

[Frederick Baily] (1818-1895),
Escaped slave, abolitionist,
author, editor of the North
Star and later the New
National Era

“I often wonder whether we do not rest our hopes too much upon constitutions, upon law and upon courts. These are false hopes, believe me, these are false hopes. Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court can save it; no constitution, no law, no court can even do much to help it. While it lies there it needs no constitution, no law, no courts to save it.”

*– Judge Learned Hand
(1872-1961), Judge, U. S.
Court of Appeals*

“Why not include a provision that everybody shall, in good weather, hunt on his own land and catch fish in rivers that are public property and that Congress shall never restrain any inhabitant of America from eating and drinking, at seasonable times, or prevent his lying on his left side, in a long winter’s night, or even on his back, when he is fatigued by lying on his right.”

– Noah Webster

(1758-1843) American patriot and scholar, author of the 1806 edition of the dictionary that bears his name, the first dictionary of American English usage. Source: During the debates on whether the Bill of Rights should be added to the Constitution. Webster opposed adoption as unnecessary.

Jury Rights Day Celebrated Across the Nation in Word and Deed

Actions

Ron Paul meet up group in Ithaca NY spent their Freedom Friday sign wave celebrating Jury Rights Day.

<http://ronpaul.meetup.com/>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B22Z6tMoSIA>

FIJA Activists Frank Stratton, Dick Marple, Frank Turney and Avory Grayson obtained Jury Rights Day Proclamations from Governors of four states. Governors of Alaska, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Washington have signed Jury Rights Day Proclamations for 2008.

Wyoming State FIJ Activist Susam Callaway distributes literature at the Crook County Courthouse.
<http://www.thepriceofliberty.org/fijaday-newcastle.htm>

Blogs

FIJA press release published on Bill St. Clair’s blog.
<http://billstclair.com/blog/>

Blog post about Jury Rights Day posted on Random Ramblings of a Republican blog.
<http://republicitarians.blogspot.com>

Governor Palin’s Jury Rights Day proclamation posted on the Brits at Their Best blog.
<http://www.britsattheirbest.com/>

Blog post about Jury Rights Day posted on Daily Paul blog.
<http://www.dailypaul.com/>

*** Blog post about Jury Rights Day posted on Sunni Maravillosa’s blog.
<http://www.sunnimaravillosa.com/>

Op-ed about Jury Rights Day linked by Right Mind blog. <http://right-mind.us/>

Websites

FIJA press release published by Jeff Knox on the Firearms Coalition website.
<http://www.firearmscoalition.org/>

FIJA press release published on Reason to Freedom website.
<http://www.reasontofreedom.com/>

FIJA press release published at The Price of Liberty website.
<http://www.thepriceofliberty.org/>

**News of Jury Rights
Day spreads across
the internet in Blogs,
Websites, Newswires,
and Forums**

Governor Palin’s Jury Rights Day proclamation posted on the Beltway Blips website. <http://beltwayblips.com/>

FIJA press release published on Free State Project website.
<http://freestateproject.org/>

Op-ed about Jury Rights Day linked by DIGG. <http://www.digg.com/>

Op-ed about Jury Rights Day linked by Free Republic.
<http://www.freerepublic.com/>

FIJA press release published on the Christians Unite website.
<http://news.christiansunite.com/>

Media and Newswires

FIJA press release published on the Earned Media website.
<http://www.earnedmedia.org/>

Op-ed about Jury Rights Day printed in the Las Vegas Review Journal.
<http://www.lvrj.com/>

Op-ed about Jury Rights Day linked by Rational Review News.
<http://www.rationalreview.com/>
 FIJA press release published on Christian Newswire website.
<http://www.christiannewswire.com/>

FIJA press release published on New Hampshire Free Press website.
<http://www.newhampshirefreepress.com/NHFreePress/?q=node/215>

Op-ed about Jury Rights Day published on Vin Suprynowicz' blog.
<http://www.vinsuprynowicz.com/>

Jury rights and jury nullification article posted to Associated Content.
<http://www.associatedcontent.com/>

Op-ed about Jury Rights Day published on This Is Common Sense blog.
<http://thisiscommonsense.com/>

Iloilo Jones was interviewed by three radio program hosts.

Web Forums

Thread about Jury Rights Day posted on Revision3 web forum.
<http://revision3.com/forum/>

Thread about Jury Rights Day posted on Kitco web forum.
<https://www.kitcomm.com/>

Thread about Jury Rights Day posted on The Mental Militia web forum.
<https://www.thementalmilitia.com/>

Thread about Jury Rights Day posted on MyOpenForum.
<http://www.myopenforum.com/>

Thread about Jury Rights Day posted on Ron Paul Forums.
<http://www.ronpaulforums.com>

Thread about Jury Rights Day posted on Courthouse Forum.
<http://www.courthouseforum.com/>

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fears your gun,” and wrote quite truthfully that I did not have any bumper stickers. These questionnaires are very intrusive.

One questionnaire from a North Western state asked if they were familiar with Fully Informed Jury Association. If you say Yes to that, you will not be selected for jury duty.

You can say that you are able to follow the judges instructions, but if you don't follow his instructions, you just say you were voting your conscience.

We need fully informed jurors to help keep innocent people out of prison, so please do not try to get out of jury duty.

We have 5% of the world's population and 25% of the world's prisoners. And Yes, there are many innocent people in prison.

The Fully Informed Jury Association has great brochures on the Second Amendment and on Body Rights. The government cannot constitutionally tell you what you can and cannot put in your bodies.

Please go to www.fija.org and read up on your rights. I will be glad to send a packet of information to anyone who will write me and give me their address.

Margi

iloilo, hi!

I have been out of town and didn't get it in time for your deadline - sorry!

My one comment would have been about this statement, “Their later release and exoneration established forever the English and American doctrine that it is the right and responsibility of all jurors to decide matter of law and fact in any case before them”.

Iloilo, wouldn't this have established that jurors couldn't be punished for any verdict that they brought in? dann

Hi Dann,

You are right! This point was central to the first news release we sent out for Jury Rights Day. We sent out three news releases, each with a slightly different emphasis. IMJ

“People have a right to the Truth as they have a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” ~ Frank Norris (1870-1902)

Source: *The Responsibilities of the Novelist*, 1903

“If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear.” ~ George Orwell [Eric Arthur Blair] (1903-1950) British author
 Source: *Animal Farm*, 1945

“The rising power of the United States in world affairs ...requires, not a more compliant press, but a relentless barrage of facts and criticism ...Our job in this age, as I see it, is not to serve as cheerleaders for our side ...but to help the largest possible number of people to see the realities.” ~ James Reston (1909-1995) Scottish-born (“Scotty”) New York Times journalist, editor, bureau chief, two Pulitzer Prizes, Presidential Medal of Freedom

“If all mankind minus one were of one opinion and only one person were of the contrary opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that person that he, if he had the power, would be in silencing mankind... If the opinion is right, they are deprived of the opportunity of exchanging error for truth; if wrong, they lose, what is almost as great a benefit, the clearer perception and livelier impression of truth, produced by its collision with error.”

~ John Stuart Mill (1806-1873) English philosopher and economist
 Source: *On Liberty*, 1859

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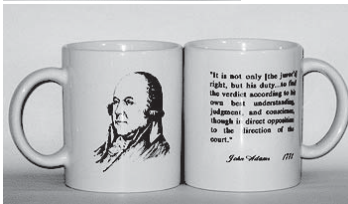


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courtroom, the judge went through all the questions, and we each raised our panel number to every “wrong” answer we gave, and these were noted by the judge and lawyers.

Then the judge asked each individual why he’d answered yes. So, in the case of those who had been the victims of crimes, e.g., folks said they were robbed, or burglarized, etc. If it was something personal, we could request a sidebar and speak to the judge and lawyers semi-privately.

As I waited for “my” question to be read aloud, I silently rehearsed my answer, for I suspected it might shock all those present.

When the judge asked the “instructions” question, I was the only one out of 50 who answered in the affirmative. I stood up, but alas, the judge called me up for a sidebar before I could open my mouth. At his bench, he repeated the question (I suspect he thought I was some kind of “kook”) and I stated “I believe that jurors have the right to judge the law as well as the facts of a case.”

He asked if that meant I wouldn’t follow his instructions. I said “Not necessarily, but if I feel the law is unjust, frivolous or absurd I’d have to vote my conscience.”

Without reacting, the judge asked the lawyers if they had any questions for me, and neither did, so I was sent back to my seat. On the way, I searched the gazes of my fellow panelists, but saw nothing but disinterest or boredom.

I assume my remarks automatically got me absolved from jury duty. Of course, I find this unjust in the extreme.

Regards,
Andrew S. Fischer

Iloilo Jones wrote:
Hi Frank!

The local GOP of Tennessee, in George’s area, where FIJA has a very strong presence, is making a poster of you and Sarah Palin with an article about FIJA and the Jury Rights Day Proclamation Sarah signed. How great is this?!

Thank you for making this possible!
Best to you,
Iloilo

Iloilo,

That sounds great! I just ordered a copy from Fox13) T.V. on Jury Rights Day in front of the state court house, I’ve been told many times by people in Fairbanks have seen myself on national Fox and CNN shaking hands with Governor and her husband during her swearing in to be governor here in Fairbanks, I saw it for myself yesterday morning. My dealing with our governor was about Drugging of children with Ritalin, Bill of Rights, and Jury Rights. Too bad it wasn’t a Paul and Palin ticket!

Sincerely, Frank Turney

P. S. If it wasn’t for the efforts of yourself and FIJA This could never have happened, “I’m just a messenger spreading the Truth”

(We hope to get this entire video on YouTube very soon! ~ ed.)

Dear Iloilo,

This is just a note to you and the FIJA/AJI for your excellent publication American Juror, Volume 20, Issue 1. In particular, I want to call your attention to the excellent points you made in the 7th paragraph on page 12. You state that a person can hang a jury by saying the government prosecutor failed to prove the government’s case. You also say that a juror can state no reason for their verdict and it is the juror’s right to do so.

This is excellent information. This needs to be publicized more. It’s great to see this information getting out to the public. I wrote to you once before on this matter but just had to do so again because of your efforts to educate the public on these issues. Please write and speak about these key points as often as you can.

I’m enclosing a donation to help out. I wish you and FIJA/AJI continued success.
Robert Bilas

“You have all the characteristics of a popular politician: a horrible voice, bad breeding, and a vulgar manner.” ~ Aristophanes (450-385 BC) Greek comedy writer

Source: Knights, 424 B.C.

“A bureaucrat is the most despicable of men, though he is needed as vultures are needed, but one hardly admires vultures whom bureaucrats so strangely resemble. I have yet to meet a bureaucrat who was not petty, dull, almost witless, crafty or stupid, an oppressor or a thief, a holder of little authority in which he delights, as a boy delights in possessing a vicious dog. Who can trust such creatures?”

~ Marcus Tullius Cicero (106-43 B.C.) Roman Statesman, Philosopher and Orator

“Crime does not pay...as well as politics.”

~ Alfred E. Newman
Source: MAD Magazine

“Politics, n. Strife of interests masquerading as a contest of principles.” ~ Ambrose Bierce (1842-1914) Humorist

“To love. To be loved. To never forget your own insignificance.

To never get used to the unspeakable violence and the vulgar disparity of life around you. To seek joy in the saddest places. To pursue beauty to its lair. To never simplify what is complicated or complicate what is simple. To respect strength, never power. Above all, to watch. To try and understand. To never look away. And never, never, to forget.” ~ Arundhati Roy



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to open the door to reasonable doubt and possibly, a conviction. The bulk of the video is devoted to considering the ways that can happen.

If, after viewing Don't Talk to the Police, one is tempted to view Duane's perspective as hyperbolic or biased, I strongly recommend viewing its companion video. Virginia Beach police officer George Bruch was invited to rebut Duane's points; yet his presentation, titled The Other Side of the Story (<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=6014022229458915912&q=&hl=en>), begins with Bruch stating, "[E]verything he said was true ...and it was right, and it was correct."

Bruch proceeds to provide a series of chilling stories, highlighting the methods and foibles in fundamental human nature that police rely on to build a case against an individual.

Professor Duane has done an excellent job of demolishing the disparaging perspective of the Fifth Amendment so commonly held.

With clashes between citizens and the police on the rise and becoming increasingly violent, every American should watch his video and its companion. Then, when joining Duane's chorus of "Thank God for the Bill of Rights; and thank God for the Fifth Amendment," we should add, "Thanks also to James Duane for his foresight in videotaping his presentation."

Every American needs to see these videos; parents should watch them with their children and talk with them about the issues afterwards.

With at least 10,000 laws and the rules of evidence stacked against the American citizen and his liberty, the importance of the Fifth Amendment in protecting one from self-incrimination cannot be overstated.

Sunni Maravillosa is a longtime freedom activist; she was publisher of Doing Freedom! 'zine and worked at Free-Market.Net for several years. When she isn't busy raising her two children or making candies, she can be found online at Sunni and the Conspirators: Individualism and Freedom (<http://www.sunnimaravillosa.com/>) and Sunni's Salon, a 'zine focusing on individualistic, pro-freedom culture (<http://www.endividualism.com/salon/>)



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