

# Guilty or Not Guilty?

What should you do as a juror if you don't agree with the law or how it is applied in the case at hand?



As a juror, you may vote Not Guilty for any reason you believe is just.



Around 97% of federal and 95% of state criminal charges are decided without the benefit of trial by jury.



Many who risk trial by jury are punished with a far harsher sentence (known as the “trial tax”) merely for exercising their Constitutionally guaranteed right.



YOU may be the defendant's last hope for a fair hearing and a just verdict!

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**You ALWAYS have the option of Not Guilty**

- ***even if you believe the law was broken***
- ***even if the judge says you must convict***

Judges are officially not allowed to instruct jurors to convict, but courts have been extremely lenient with judges who lead jurors into Guilty verdicts they regret.

**Don't fall for it!**

