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Jury Survey

The results of the jury survey reveals that the United States Jury System is keen on insuring that every U.S. citizen upholds their civic obligations, but does not necessarily insure that everyone will get an opportunity to actually serve on a jury. Of the 50 people surveyed, 44, or 88% of them, have been summoned at least once for jury duty; many of them have been summoned several times. Meanwhile, a measly 12% of the people questioned, or 6 of the 50, have somehow escaped the hungry wrath of the Jury System. What this shows is an inconsistency in the United States Jury System. While some people have been summoned on more than one occasion, others have never been summoned at all. Selection for jury duty is clearly not as diverse as it is designed to be, and yet the *Juror Instructions And Information* pamphlet states,

"Jury duty is a responsibility that all qualified citizens must share ... The law requires a fair cross-section of each county's qualified residents to be available each day for jury duty ... This random summoning enhances juror impartiality and diversity. There is no attempt to deliberately inconvenience anyone"

Based on the results, one could guess that the Jury System is trying to target specific residents in order to get them to fulfill their responsibility. However, the flaw in the Jury System is that, although it claims to select citizens randomly, it is ignoring a portion a people that have never been summoned. Though this 12% may consider themselves 'lucky', sooner or later, they must complete their civic responsibility like everybody else. The government is extremely strict on who is excused from jury duty and who is not, and it seems that they enforce jury duty on the

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public very seriously. On the contrary, they fail to enforce a system of fairness and equality while selecting the candidates to serve. They cannot expect some people to serve over and over again, while others remain untainted from the U.S. Jury System. Furthermore, despite how much the government insists on citizens doing their duty, an overwhelming amount of those that *do* get summoned only learn later on that they are excused from serving on the jury (37 of 44, or 84%). Talk about hung jury; the government can't even decide whether they want you to serve or not.

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