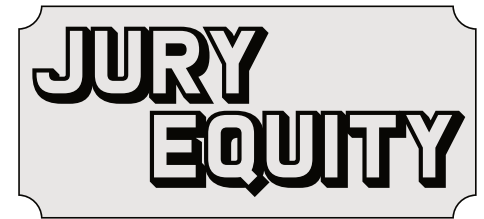


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Known as "Bushel's Case", it was ultimately ruled that **juries cannot be punished for their verdicts.** still refused to back down. and jailed the foreman because he assembly. The judge fined the jury and Mead) guilty of unlawful jury refused to find two men (Penn when a judge was furious that a This right dates back to 1670, mention it to them. defence will not be allowed to about this right by the judge. The know about. They **will not** be told specific right that you might not jurors in criminal trials have a

Let's Learn About...



OR...

**THE RIGHT OF JURIES
TO RETURN VERDICTS
ON THEIR CONSCIENCE**

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That precedent stands to this day, described as follows on a famous plaque inside the Old Bailey:
... *Chief Justice Vaughan delivered the opinion of the Court which established The Right of Juries to give their Verdict according to their Conventions*
In more modern English we might use the word "conscience" instead of "convictions".
Juries cannot be forced to explain their reasoning nor to change their verdict to make the judge happy.

Cautions and Suchlike

The intended audience for this document is UK adults who are **not currently doing jury service.**

It is suggested that you do not distribute this leaflet inside of, or very close to, any court building.

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References are provided on pages 5 & 6. You should read them, don't just rely on this zine.

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JURY NULLIFICATION!
ALSO CALLED "JURY EQUITY"

This right, sometimes called the "right to return a perverse verdict", when combined with the general legal principle of Double Jeopardy (the Crown can't keep prosecuting someone until they get the result they want), enables what is often known as...

"Extinction Rebellion: Jury acquits protesters despite judge's direction"
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-london-56853979>



"Conscience Acquittals: A Constitutional Backstop"
<https://gcnchambers.co.uk/conscience-acquittals-a-constitutional-backstop/>



"Judge throws out case against UK climate activist who held sign on jurors' rights"
<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2024/apr/22/judge-throws-out-case-against-uk-climate-activist-trudi-warner-sign-jurors-rights>



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If the jury believes the law is unjust, or the police or government are acting against greater justice by bringing a particular case to court, they can just Say Not Guilty. If a judge directs a jury that "there was no defence in law" for the admitted actions of the accused, but the jury feels that it would be morally wrong to convict, the jury can still just Say Not Guilty. Discussions in the jury room are absolutely private by law. If a jury decides to acquit a defendant because they think the "big picture" stinks, nothing and nobody can stop them.

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