

Fully Informed Jury FAQ

1. Why a fully informed Jury?

The primary function of the independent juror is not, as many think, to dispense punishment to fellow citizens accused of breaking various laws, but rather to protect fellow citizens from tyrannical abuses of power by government. The Constitution guarantees you the right to trial by jury. This means that government must bring its case before a jury to The People if government want to deprive any person of life, liberty, or property. Jurors can say no to government tyranny by refusing to convict.

2. Was the jury ever informed of this right?

Yes. Judges used to inform juries of their rights prior to 1895. The reason they stopped was so many laws were being nullified by jurors and government wanted more control over the people.

3. Can I get in trouble if I vote to nullify unjust laws?

No. You are exempt from prosecution and have impunity.

4. Is this been done anywhere else in the United States?

Yes. The whole State of New Hampshire passed a law about jury nullification, (HB 146).