

# NATIONAL SURVEY ON COMMUNITY

If you are completing this survey at the courthouse, please write your juror badge # in the box and fill-in in the ovals corresponding to the numbers on your badge.

Badge number					
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The following are questions about your experience serving in jury duty.

## Section A: Experience at the Courthouse

1. Overall, how would you rate your experience at jury duty?

- ① Less than satisfactory
- ② Satisfactory
- ③ Good
- ④ Very good
- ⑤ Excellent
- ⑥ Don't know

2. What was the main reason for the rating you gave in the previous question?

3. For each of the following persons, please describe the treatment that you received from them as a juror.

	Less than satisfactory	Satisfactory	Good	Very Good	Excellent
a. Judges	①	②	③	④	⑤
b. Attorneys	①	②	③	④	⑤
c. Court staff	①	②	③	④	⑤
d. Fellow jurors	①	②	③	④	⑤

Fill-in the response that shows how much you agree or disagree with each statement.

4. My fellow jurors and I came from very different backgrounds.

- ① Strongly Disagree
- ② Disagree
- ③ Neutral
- ④ Agree
- ⑤ Strongly Agree

5. I felt that my time was well-used by the court.

- ① Strongly Disagree
- ② Disagree
- ③ Neutral
- ④ Agree
- ⑤ Strongly Agree

6. People usually have expectations that come with them when they show up for jury service. Overall, how would you rate your experience as a juror in relation to your initial expectations?

- ① Much worse than I expected
- ② Below my expectations
- ③ About the same as what I expected
- ④ Better than I expected
- ⑤ Much better than I expected
- ⑥ I didn't know what to expect.

7. How would you describe the seating, facilities, and other accommodations provided to you in the jury assembly room?

- ① Very unpleasant
- ② Unpleasant
- ③ Neither pleasant or unpleasant
- ④ Pleasant
- ⑤ Very pleasant

## Jury Selection

8a. Were you ever sent to a courtroom to be considered for a jury?

- ① Yes
- ② No
- ③ Don't know

If you answered YES to Question 8a, please answer the following questions. Otherwise, skip all the way to Section B, which begins on Page B1.

8b. How would you rate the process that was used to select the jurors who got to sit in the jury box during trial?

- ① Less than satisfactory
- ② Satisfactory
- ③ Good
- ④ Very good
- ⑤ Excellent
- ⑥ Don't know

8c. What kind of trial were you sent to?

- ① Civil
- ② Criminal
- ③ One or more of each (civil and criminal)
- ④ Don't know

8d. Were you ever seated, at least temporarily, in the jury box?

- ① Yes
- ② No
- ③ I can't recall

8e. Did an attorney or judge have you removed from a jury?

- ① Yes
- ② No
- ③ Don't know

8f. If you answered Yes to the previous question, what reason were you given for being removed from the jury?

### Experience at the Trial

The following questions concern the courtroom trial that you witnessed. Fill-in the response that shows how much you agree or disagree with each statement. **If you never sat on a jury, please skip all the way to Section B, which begins on Page B1.**

If your jury was dismissed and never got to deliberate in the jury room, answer these questions while thinking about everything you saw before you were dismissed.

If you served on two juries this week, please answer these questions for only the second jury that you served on.

9. Some important aspects of the trial were difficult for me to understand.

- ① Strongly Disagree    ② Disagree    ③ Neutral    ④ Agree    ⑤ Strongly Agree

10. The trial was very interesting to think about.

- ① Strongly Disagree    ② Disagree    ③ Neutral    ④ Agree    ⑤ Strongly Agree

11. The case discussed during the trial was important enough to take up the time of a full jury.

- ① Strongly Disagree    ② Disagree    ③ Neutral    ④ Agree    ⑤ Strongly Agree

12a. Some jurors report that they have strong emotional reactions in relation to the trial they witnessed. Thinking back on the trial, what emotions did you feel during the trial?

- ① Positive emotions  
② Negative emotion  
③ Both positive and negative emotions  
④ I felt no emotions during the trial

12b. If you did feel emotions, in just a few words, what would be the strongest of those?

### Overall Reflections on Jury Service

The following questions concern your overall experience in both the trial and the jury deliberation (if any took place).

13. How would you rate your satisfaction with the jury's final verdict?

- ① Very unsatisfied  
② Unsatisfied  
③ Satisfied  
④ Very satisfied  
⑤ Don't know  
⑥ My jury did not reach a verdict

14. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the jury's deliberation?

- ① Very unsatisfied  
② Unsatisfied  
③ Satisfied  
④ Very satisfied  
⑤ Don't know  
⑥ My jury did not reach a verdict

Fill-in the response that shows how much you agree or disagree with each statement.

15. The jury played a very important role in resolving this case.

- ① Strongly Disagree    ② Disagree    ③ Neutral    ④ Agree    ⑤ Strongly Agree

16a. At the conclusion of your trial (whether it ended in a final verdict, a mistrial, a hung jury, or your dismissal), did the judge say anything memorable to you or the the jury as a whole?

- ① Yes  
② No  
③ I can't recall

16b. If you answered YES to Question 16a, please summarize the judge's words in the space provided.

## Experience During Jury Deliberation

The following questions concern your experience in the jury deliberation room. **If your jury did not make it to the jury deliberation room because you were dismissed, please skip ahead to Section B which begins at the top of the next page.**

17. What role did you play in the selection of the jury foreperson? (Mark all that apply.)

- I was named foreperson
- I nominated myself as foreperson
- I nominated another juror as foreperson
- I made suggestions for how to select a foreperson

18a. Some juries ask the judge for further instruction or for a chance to review evidence again during their deliberations. During jury deliberations, did your jury ask for assistance from the judge?

- Yes
- No

If you answered YES to Question 18a, please answer the following question.

18b. How helpful was the judge in answering your questions?

- Not at all helpful
- Somewhat helpful
- Very helpful

Fill-in the response that shows how much you agree or disagree with each statement.

19. Jurors thoroughly discussed the relevant facts of the case.

- ① Strongly Disagree
- ② Disagree
- ③ Neutral
- ④ Agree
- ⑤ Strongly Agree

20. The jury thoroughly discussed the instructions the judge provided.

- ① Strongly Disagree
- ② Disagree
- ③ Neutral
- ④ Agree
- ⑤ Strongly Agree

21. All of the jurors listened respectfully to each other during deliberation.

- ① Strongly Disagree
- ② Disagree
- ③ Neutral
- ④ Agree
- ⑤ Strongly Agree

22. The other jurors gave me enough of a chance to express my opinions about the case.

- ① Strongly Disagree
- ② Disagree
- ③ Neutral
- ④ Agree
- ⑤ Strongly Agree

23. During the jury deliberation, how often would you say that you explained the evidence or facts of the case to another juror?

- ① Never
- ② Once or twice
- ③ Three or four times
- ④ More than four times

24. During the jury deliberation, how often would you say that you spoke about your own relevant personal experiences to other jurors?

- ① Never
- ② Once or twice
- ③ Three or four times
- ④ More than four times

25. During the jury deliberation, how often would you say that you expressed your own views about the case to other jurors?

- ① Never
- ② Once or twice
- ③ Three or four times
- ④ More than four times

26a. Some jurors report that they have strong emotional reactions during their jury deliberation. Thinking back on the jury deliberation that occurred after the courtroom trial, what emotions did you feel during jury deliberation?

- ① Positive emotions
- ② Negative emotion
- ③ Both positive and negative emotions
- ④ I felt no emotions during the trial

26b. If you did feel emotions, in just a few words, what would be the strongest of those?

## Section B: Courts and the Government

The following questions concern the court system and the government in the United States.

1. Below is a list of four public institutions. Please mark one of the ovals provided to tell us how you would rate the average quality of the decisions each one makes.

	Very Low	Low	Neutral	High	Very High
a. U.S. Congress	①	②	③	④	⑤
b. U.S. Supreme Court	①	②	③	④	⑤
c. State and local judges	①	②	③	④	⑤
d. The jury system	①	②	③	④	⑤

Fill-in the response that shows how much you agree or disagree with each statement.

2. The criminal jury system is the fairest way to determine guilt or innocence of a person accused of a crime.

①	②	③	④	⑤
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

3. The civil jury system is a good way to settle many civil lawsuits.

①	②	③	④	⑤
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

4. I would report to jury duty if asked to do so in the future.

①	②	③	④	⑤
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

### Politics and Public Life

Below are a few statements about politics public life in your community and the nation as a whole. Fill-in the response that shows how much you agree or disagree with each statement. Please read and answer each question carefully.

5. I feel that I have a pretty good understanding of the important political issues facing this country.

①	②	③	④	⑤
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

6. I consider myself well-qualified to participate in politics and community affairs.

①	②	③	④	⑤
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

7. I think I am better informed about politics and government than most people.

①	②	③	④	⑤
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

8. I often fail to do my part to make my local community a good place to live.

①	②	③	④	⑤
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

9. I take seriously my responsibilities as a citizen.

①	②	③	④	⑤
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

10. People like me play an important role in the life of my community.

①	②	③	④	⑤
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

11. People like me don't have any say about what the government does.

①	②	③	④	⑤
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

12. Under our form of government, the people have the final say about how the country is run, no matter who is in office.

①	②	③	④	⑤
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

13. There are many legal ways for citizens to successfully influence what government does.

①	②	③	④	⑤
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

14. Americans always do their part to try to make their local community a better place to live.

①	②	③	④	⑤
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

15. Few Americans consider voting in elections to be an important civic duty.

①	②	③	④	⑤
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

16. When asked to do their part, most American citizens will make sacrifices on behalf of the nation.

①	②	③	④	⑤
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

**Thank You**

17. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Your assistance in providing this information is very much appreciated. If there is anything else you would like to tell us about your experience in jury service, please do so in the space provided.

