



CITIZENS AGAINST LAWSUIT ABUSE

Results of Survey on Attitudes Toward Jury Service

Question	Answer	Total	Nor. Cal	So. Cal	L.A.	Valley	Coast	Bay Area
Have you ever ignored a jury summons or intentionally tried to get out of serving on a jury?	Yes	12%	5	12	13	13	10	12
	No	87	95	85	87	84	88	88
	Don't know/refused	1	0	3	0	2	2	0
Have you ever felt pressure at work to ignore a jury summons or to intentionally try to get out of serving on a jury?	Yes	7	0	6	11	8	7	6
	No	91	100	92	87	89	90	92
	Don't know/refused	2	0	1	2	3	2	2
California has a one-day or one-trial system, whereby jurors serve only one day or one trial, whichever is longer. Were you aware of this before I mentioned it?	Aware	58	31	63	66	56	60	51
	Unaware	41	64	36	33	42	40	48
	Don't know/refused	1	5	1	1	2	0	2
Ignoring a jury summons constitutes contempt of court. Were you aware of this before I mentioned it?	Aware	78	83	78	80	80	79	70
	Unaware	21	17	19	19	19	19	28
	Don't know/refused	1	0	3	1	1	2	2
Currently, a person who fails to report for jury service can be punished by a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or five days in jail. Would you support or oppose efforts to increase the maximum fine for failure to report for jury service? Would you strongly or somewhat (support/oppose)	Strongly support	15	14	19	15	18	17	8
	Somewhat support	10	7	7	13	9	10	11
	Don't know/refused	9	2	7	10	11	10	12
	Somewhat opposed	20	29	17	14	19	26	25
	Strongly opposed	46	48	50	48	43	38	43
Having a jury that is not representative of local communities and "peers."	Very concerned	32	38	30	35	23	29	35
	Somewhat concerned	37	36	39	37	34	45	37
	Don't know	4	2	4	3	9	0	2
	Not too concerned	12	5	13	9	19	14	11
	Not at all concerned	15	19	13	17	14	12	15
Those who respond to jury duty may end up shouldering a greater burden, such as increased summons to jury-duty due to high numbers of no-shows	Very concerned	24	26	28	22	18	19	25
	Somewhat concerned	44	33	41	49	47	48	45
	Don't know	4	5	4	4	3	5	2
	Not too concerned	12	19	10	9	18	14	11
	Not at all concerned	16	17	17	16	14	14	17
Citizens who fail to report for jury service negatively impact our civil justice system	Very concerned	25	26	29	24	20	26	27
	Somewhat concerned	45	52	40	44	50	50	44
	Don't know	3	0	4	3	4	2	1
	Not too concerned	12	5	10	15	10	14	12
	Not at all concerned	15	17	17	14	16	7	16