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Why Government Destroyed Jury Powers and How to Restore Them

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I have left out the WHY part (see [Link above](#)) – it is long & painful! Here is how he figures to FIX it: *(Green=RDA notes)*

Solution

I personally want to see the Florida Constitution restore those old powers of juries to judge law as well as fact and to control prosecution of ALL felonies. I also want the Constitution to make it easier for citizens confidentially to present evidence of crimes to grand jurors without interference by bailiffs or state attorneys.

At the same time, I want the constitution to establish voting standards in addition to those that presently exist.

Electors and government employees should, without exception, read and write English with high school graduate efficiency, know the constitutions of the US and the State fairly well, have a high school diploma (*or pass an GED*), live financially self-sufficiently alone or within a family unit, and not subsist on government welfare (*just How Much should be allowed?*). These requirements will restore integrity to the electorate and government. The best way to enforce those requirements: require all who would (**MUST?**) swear an oath to support the constitutions (both State & Federal) first to answer correctly 80 out of 100 constitution competency test questions in a formal examination. High school graduation should require it.

(I think I would also add a test on our Founding History & Principles.)

I personally believe the Constitution should require a minimum of 2 years of active military service and 2 years of part time militia service prior to registration as a voter.

(Perhaps some lesser time & other form of service would suffice? Most of our Citizens are totally ignorant of how the rest of the World lives – mostly in comparative poverty. Perhaps having to LIVE in an impoverished neighborhood in a foreign country for “a while” would fix this.)

The Constitution should proscribe suffrage (*can't vote!*) to people under 25 years of age, aliens, felons, mental incompetents, the stupid, welfare recipients, (*drug addicts?*), people who cannot pass the constitution competency test as above, people who have not graduated from high school (*or the GED*), people who cannot read and write English with high school graduate proficiency, and people who are not financially self-sufficient.

As an alternative to such high standards for any kind of suffrage, those who don't qualify to vote might enjoy suffrage with 1/100 or 1/1000 of a vote, and those who do qualify might have 1 vote, 10 votes, or 100 votes, depending on their advancements financially, educationally, artistically, or professionally. Such scaling of suffrage gives the incentive of greater electoral influence to those who contribute more to an advanced civilization.

(The obvious problem here is How is it determined and HOW can “partial votes” be counted & properly dealt with?)

As to the terrible prices the USA and its productive people pay for having 25% of the population in the incurable condition of stupidity (crime, welfare abuse, infrastructure burdens, lost productivity, government pandering)... it should become a crime to infect an innocent baby with the lifelong debilitating disease of stupidity. Governments should deal with that the same way they deal with car/truck crash fatalities - prevent it by requiring preventive measures (like seat belts that prevent many injuries from crashes). This prevention will eventually dramatically reduce the percentage of stupid people in the population. After all, only the stupid don't know that stupidity nearly always has a genetic cause, and contraception in prospective stupid parents, by any necessary means, constitutes the only feasible prevention.

(This is a TOUGH ONE! Since most of these people are already on some form of WELFARE, perhaps we could “subsidize” their means of PREVENTING pregnancy and REDUCE their welfare payments when they have children. This would have to include FATHER identification and apply to those males also)

Bottom line, prudent people in government will not let the feckless destroy the functioning of their machinery of governing.

Nor should they.

The clamor for voting rights for irresponsible people caused government officials to reduce jury powers because they knew the irresponsibles would destroy the proper functioning of juries.

In order to restore those powers, the voters MUST BECOME RESPONSIBLE.

I've outlined some fairly simple, if difficult, ways to accomplish that. I say the time has come to progress in that direction.