

# Just Say Not Guilty?

**The jury right to say “not guilty” is an essential safeguard against injustice. Jury nullification dates back to English common law and the founding of the United States.**

- Jurors in early 19th-century America routinely refused to enforce the Alien and Sedition Act.**
- Jurors in mid-19th-century America widely rejected the Fugitive Slave Act.**
- Jurors in the early 20th-century America refused to enforce Alcohol Prohibition.**

**The injustices of the war on drugs have become obvious to many Americans. In cases where the law, the prosecutorial excesses, and the likely sentence seem manifestly unfair, jury nullification is a legitimate option.**

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