

Questionnaire

Northern California Innocence Project is a nonprofit clinical program located at Santa Clara University School of law. This questionnaire is part of a project for purposes of collecting data. Names or any other personal individual information will not be released. Please complete by August 20, 2021 and thank you for your participation.

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1. When you hear the word “incarceration,” what’s the first thing that comes to mind? *

2. On a scale of 1 to 5, how well do you know the criminal legal system? *

Mark only one oval.

- 1-Not Very Well
- 2-Somewhat
- 3-The Basics
- 4-More Than The Basics
- 5-Very Well

3. Do you agree that the criminal legal system is reliable *

Mark only one oval.

- 1-Strongly Agree
- 2-Agree
- 3-Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- 4-Disagree
- 5-Strongly Disagree

4. Based on your answer from the previous question, please explain why? *

5. When you hear the word "innocent," what's the first thing that comes to mind? *

6. Do you believe that there are people who are wrongfully convicted (didn't commit the crime they were convicted of) who are incarcerated? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

7. Exoneration means to reverse a person's conviction of a crime through demonstration of innocence or flaw in the conviction. What comes to mind when thinking about an 'exoneration'? *

8. How well do you know the exoneration process? *

Mark only one oval.

- 1-Not Very Well
- 2-Somewhat
- 3-The Basics
- 4-More Than The Basics
- 5-Very Well

9. How accessible do you believe it is to reverse a wrongful conviction? *

Mark only one oval.

- 1-Not Accessible
- 2-Somewhat Accessible
- 3-Accessible Enough
- 4-More Than Enough
- 5-Very Accessible

10. NCIP and organizations alike exist because our legal system doesn't provide assistance to those who have been wrongfully convicted. Do you think it is the responsibility of the state of CA's legal system to provide assistance? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

11. Please explain your answer to the previous question. Why or why not? *

12. Do you agree that wrongfully convicted people should receive assistance in re-entering society? *

Mark only one oval.

- 1-Strongly Agree
- 2-Agree
- 3-Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- 4-Disagree
- 5-Strongly Disagree

13. True or False, if you are exonerated in California, you automatically receive compensation? *

Mark only one oval.

- True *Skip to question 15*
- False *Skip to question 14*

14. Do you agree that those who are exonerated (conviction reversed) should be compensated for lost time spent in prison? *

Mark only one oval.

- 1-Strongly Agree
- 2-Agree
- 3-Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- 4-Disagree
- 5-Strongly Disagree

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15. You said true, the answer is false. Do you agree that exonerated people should be compensated? *

Mark only one oval.

- 1-Strongly Agree
- 2-Agree
- 3-Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- 4-Disagree
- 5-Strongly Disagree

16. Please explain your previous answer. *

17. Very few exonerated people receive compensation for their time spent in prison. What assistance do you believe wrongfully incarcerated people should receive once released from prison? *

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Personal Information will not be released.

18. I consent to have my answers recorded for Northern California Innocence Project. *

Check all that apply.

Yes

19. Name *

20. Age *

Mark only one oval.

Under 20

20-29

30-39

40-49

50-59

60+

21. County of residence *

Mark only one oval.

Santa Clara County

San Francisco County

Contra Costa County

Marin County

Alameda County

Solano County

San Mateo County

Santa Cruz County

Other

22. If 'other,' name county of residence below.

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