Juror Bias Scale… Score Key

1. Appointed judges are more competent than elected judges. *(Filler)*

2. A suspect who runs from the police most probably committed the crime. *(PC, P)*

3. A defendant should be found guilty only if 11 out of 12 jurors vote guilty. *(RD, P)*

4. Most politicians are really as honest as humanly possible. *(Filler)*

5. Too often jurors hesitate to convict someone who is guilty out of pure sympathy. *(RD, P)*

6. In most cases where the accused presents a strong defense, it is only because of a good lawyer. *(PC, P)*

7. In general, children should be excused for their misbehavior. *(Filler)*

8. The death penalty is cruel and inhumane. *(RD, D)*

9. Out of every 100 people brought to trial, at least 75 are guilty of the crime with which they are charged. *(PC, P)*

10. For serious crimes like murder, a defendant should be found guilty if there is a 90% chance that he committed the crime. *(RD, P)*

11. Defense lawyers don't really care about guilty or innocence, they are just in the business to make money. *(PC, P)*

12. Generally, the police make an arrest only when they are sure about who committed the crime. *(PC, P)*

13. Circumstantial evidence is too weak to use in court. *(PC, D)*

14. Many accident claims filed against insurance companies are phony. *(PC, P)*

15. The defendant is often a victim of his own bad reputation. *(PC, D)*

16. If a grand jury recommends that a person be brought to trial, then that person probably committed the crime. *(PC, P)*

17. Extenuating circumstances should not be considered—if a person commits a crime, then that person should be punished. *(RD, P)*

18. Hypocrisy is on the increase in society. *(Filler)*

19. Too many innocent people are wrongfully imprisoned. *(RD, D)*

20. If a majority of evidence—but not all of it—suggests that the defendant committed the crime, then the jury should vote *not guilty*. *(RD, D)*

21. If someone commits a victimless crime like gambling or possession of marijuana, he should not be convicted. *(RD, D)*

22. Some laws are made to be broken. *(Filler)*

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* Defense-biased statements are scored at face value; prosecution-biased statements are reverse scored (1 = 5, 2 = 4, 3 = 3, 4 = 2, 5 = 1).

PC = Items 2 + 6 + 9 + 11 + 12 + 13 + 14 + 15 + 16

RD = Items 3 + 5 + 8 + 10 + 17 + 19 + 20 + 21

Total Score = PC + RD