

WELCOME TO THE ERA OF PRESUMED GUILT

This November, Indiana voters will decide whether to expand the government's power under Indiana's Constitution to keep people behind bars before they have even been convicted of a crime.



WHAT IS PUBLIC QUESTION 1?

Public Question 1 is a **proposed amendment to Indiana's Constitution that would expand the power to jail people before conviction.**

It would allow judges to deny bail in more cases and keep someone behind bars while their case moves through court.

That could mean **weeks or months in jail for someone who is still presumed innocent**, putting their job and family stability at risk.



WHAT DOES MY VOTE MEAN?

YES

supports changing Indiana's Constitution to allow courts to deny bail in more cases.

NO

opposes the amendment and keeps current bail protections in place.



Judges already have tools to protect public safety. They can use supervision, money bail, electronic monitoring, no-contact orders, treatment, testing, travel restrictions, etc. **Public Question 1 goes further: it would expand the government's power to deny freedom altogether before conviction.**

WHAT IS AT STAKE?

Being jailed before trial can cost someone their job, housing, health care and time with their family before the government has proven its case.

Indiana's jails are already strained. In 2024:

- ▶ **More than 18,000 people were held in county jails.**
- ▶ **31 jails operated above the state's recommended capacity threshold.**
- ▶ **Eight jails were operating above 100% capacity.**

WHAT DOES INDIANA'S DATA SAY? >>>>>>>>>>

98.6%

of people
classified as
high risk **did not**
commit a new
violent crime.

98.9%

of people
classified as
moderate risk **did**
not commit a new
violent crime.

99.4%

of people
classified as low
risk **did not**
commit a new
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**THE PRINCIPLE IS
SIMPLE: PEOPLE ARE
INNOCENT UNTIL
PROVEN GUILTY.**

BE READY TO VOTE.

Public Question 1 will appear on Indiana ballots in November 2026.

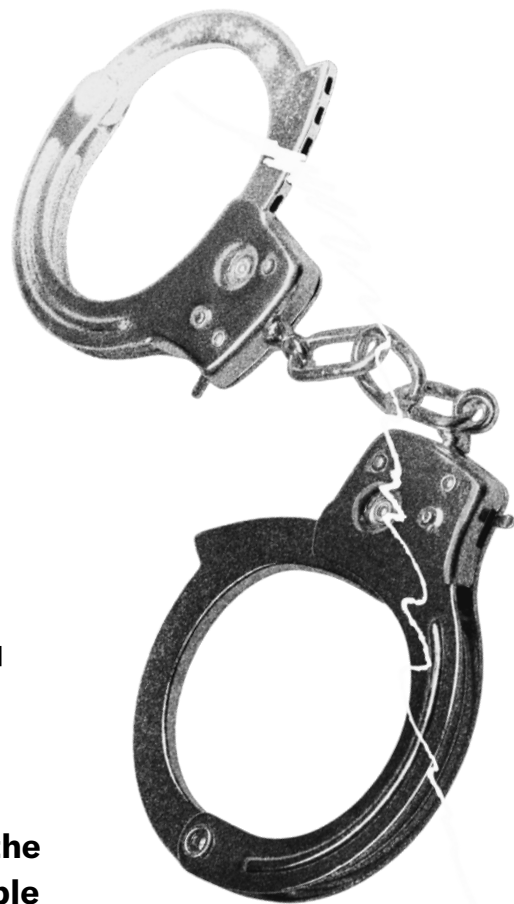
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