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I believe it is always bad to take away somebody's rights before they have been proven guilty of anything. Everybody should be able to have a trial by jury as public pressure to get convictions could push judges to convict in more cases that aren't clear cut.

As judges don't have much oversight from government or people I believe having the option of jury is important.

The increase sentencing when children are involved is a good part of this.

The victim not being allowed to be cross examined is also a poor idea. They have removed this in alot of rape cases but it has been seen that in some cases when this has been allowed convictions have been overturned. Even though it can be hard on the accuser the defendent should have their right to a fair trail and avenues to prove their case open.

I believe there should be harder sentences if convicted. I also think it would be good to have a longer sentence if found guilty compared to pleading guilty. This would be because of the extra trauma of the court case on the victim.

Best regards

