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Likely innocence

strong claim

39%

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Innocence Claim

Claimant: Steph Turner

Proxy: Alisha Turner



SYNOPSIS



Asexual person comes out as transgender in early 90s, gets falsely accused as being a "sexual predator" homophobic stereotype. Convicted without evidence. Must register as sex offender for life. Forced into poverty and homelessness.



- Highlight 1 No criminal history
- Highlight 2 Consistently maintained innocence, took no plea deals
- Highlight 3 Transphobic investigation and prosecution
- Highlight 4 Convicted without corroborating evidence
- Highlight 5 Climate of sex abuse hysteria
- Highlight 6 Media sensationalized coverage
- Highlight 7 Exculpatory evidence overlooked with untested DNA
- Highlight 8 Asexual transperson must register for life as "sex offender"

Tagline: Asexual transperson registered for life as a sex offender

FLIPSIDE



Prior to accepting herself as transgender, Janet (principal & codefendant) often ran afoul of the law. She appears to have suffered Asperger's (high functioning autism), so was slow at responding to social cues. Overcoming shame of being gender different helped her escape cycles of self-defeating behaviors. She overcame dyslexia and other challenges to lead a healthy life, until this happened.



SUMMARY



On July 7th, 1993, Steph Turner awoke to hear voices from the other room. Steph could hear her sister Janet talking to someone. That person left, but later returned with her irate mother to accuse Janet of an incredulous crime. You see, Janet was born male and now openly transgender, long before that was socially acceptable. And Janet had yet to fully transition.

At the height of the sex abuse hysteria in the early-90s, Steph came out as gender-nonconforming transgender. But living in a religiously conservative community, Steph kept it private. Steph soon came out to Janet, years after Janet had. They shared an apartment to rekindle their newfound bond. Both now freely embracing their feminine sides. Both felt asexual by not being loved for their full selves. Both drawn to the spirituality of transcending the gender divide.

A neighborhood child drew curious, peeping into Janet's window to gawk at what she called the "man with lipstick." When caught not being home on time, the child leveled bizarre claims of sex abuse unbecoming from a child. Exposed to porn?

The child then dragged Steph into her transphobic-indoctrinated accusations. The child claimed Steph posed with her as if she, the young child, was stabbing Steph in the chest with a jelly stained butter knife. She claimed this was to scare her from talking to police, that we would say she was the aggressor. Unbelievable? Not if you already believe trans people are subhuman.

Child testimonies back then were often coached. Trans people were easily vilified. Since no corroborating evidence was necessary back then to convict for sexual misconduct, both transwomen were wrongly convicted and sentenced to long terms in men's prisons, where Steph's codefendant transgender sibling died in 2001.

Repeated efforts to overcome this wrongful conviction failed. After serving a full 12-year sentence, Steph was discharged and finished undergraduate and graduate degrees. But is required to register as a sex offender for life, destroying economic and other opportunities. Your support can help turn this around.

\$600,000 estimated eligible compensation under state law

**"We know without doubt
that the vast majority of
innocent defendants
who are convicted of crimes
are never identified and cleared."**

Samuel R. Gross, *NRE*

You can help change a life for the better

Collateral consequences

Collateral consequences create second-class citizens, often without measurable outcomes to test if meeting their intended purpose. Consequently, they can have the opposite effect, like enabling recidivism--even among the wrongly convicted. This claimant reports enduring so many of these consequences to the point of being cut off from opportunities to live independently. You can help change this.

Impacting other's lives

Collateral consequences also impact others in Steph Turner's life. Steph Turner shares how family members have suffered from anxiety, depression, divorce, housing instability, poverty, stigma, targeted by bullies, You can help improve their lives too!

Challenging and aspiring

Despite challenging 1) economic needs, and other needs, this claimant aspires toward 7) income independence, 8) maintaining healthy lifestyle, 9) overcoming depression & anxiety, 10) restoring family ties, and other life improvements. Removing illicit discrimination will go a long way toward improving this claimant's life.

Suffering discrimination

Unfortunately, Michigan does not limit how far back and employer can run a background check. Background screeners must rely on indiscriminate records that fail to distinguish between "reliable evidence-based convictions" and "non-exonerated wrongful convictions"--permitting illicit discrimination.

Removing threats for improving health

Steph understandably experiences some anxiety from the wrongful conviction. Once hired, much of that should clear up. If not, Value Relating can help.

Steph understandably experiences some depression from the wrongful conviction. The wrongful conviction produces plenty of depressing economic conditions. Once hired, much of that should clear up. If not, Value Relating can help.

Take away

You need those you trust to be trustworthy. Right? You need them to make informed decisions about you, so they don't waste your precious time. Likewise, Steph needs those they trust, like you, to be trustworthy. They need those like you to be better informed in their decisions regarding them. Acknowledging the widespread problem of wrongful convictions is a start. Using this estimate of innocence can help you make better decisions.

Competitive legitimacy

Wrongful convictions run the gamut from totally innocent to complicated involvement. From convicted of a heinous sex crime that never occurred to complex situations where a child dies and the grieving mother is implicated by discredited forensic science of burn patterns.

The business of addressing damages from interpersonal violence is serious business. The sledgehammer approach to many crime investigations suggest “criminal justice” is more criminal than justice. Tunnel vision, confirmation bias, emotionally charged investigations, tainted interviewing and other routines practices ensures wrongful convictions likely occur at a faster pace than currently being cleared by the same process committing these egregious errors.

Can the same conflicted process repeatedly creating damaging mistakes continue to be trusted as the exclusive means to correct such egregious errors? This alternative puts that question to the test. Which would you prefer? Keep pitting human beings against each other from the untested faith as a way to find truth and justice? Or address all the needs involved in each conflict. This “need-response” alternative dares to serve as a better option than the disappointing legal process.

	Legal process: IP & CIU	Need-response: EIF
Claims data	No transparent compiling or posting of claims data	Compiles comparable data and made public
Claims process	Relies on opaque legal process with many conflicts of interest	Available to public scrutiny to determine for themselves
Claimant trauma	Risks retraumatizing claimant with adversarial approach	Allays risks of retraumatizing with conciliatory approach
Claims outcome	Adversarial win-lose outcome	Conciliatory win-win outcome
Claims result	Rejects most claims for review largely from lack of resources	Posts all claims for public scrutiny and public investment
Timeliness	Slow, opaque process led by embattled lawyers	Instantly available for all to see once posted online
Standard	Accountable to subjectively interpreted law	Accountable to objective reality of resolved needs
Impact	Risks discouraging claimants from ever seeking exoneration again	Empowers claimants to go directly to the people with case

Welcome to **competitive legitimacy**, which incentivizes alternatives to addressing a common need and awards those most effective in resolving such needs. Competitive legitimacy is a tool of need-response, which applies anankology, the new social science for the study and better understanding of many needs. Welcome to this experiment to resolve needs using a fresh understanding of affected justice needs.



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In your own words, what happened?

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Compensation for exonerees, if your state has such a statute.

H. You're not alone

Concluding remarks, terms of service, etc.



This tool is in pilot mode. It aims to calculate a likelihood of innocence compared to known cases of exoneration. It can be improved by feedback from each person utilizing it and receiving it.

[click here to contact me with your feedback to this tool](#)



A. Case information



Complete as many as you can. You can always come back later with hard-to-find info.

Claimant name	Steph	Turner
	Claimant email address	phone # where can be reached
	valuerelating@gmail.com	248-872-5500
date of birth	gender (from list)	preferred pronoun (from list)
12/20/1962	other (explain in box)	he/him/his
	race (from list)	primary language (from list)
	primarily white	English
	anything to add to these answers?	
	transgender	

Proxy name	Alisha	Turner
	Proxy email address	phone # where can be reached
	relation to claimant (pick from list)	how long knowing claimant
	former partner	since before conviction

Innocence claim

new What is your specific claim of innocence?
I am fully innocent of any criminal conviction

new Which for you feels worse? Being wrongly convicted or being falsely incarcerated?
Being falsely incarcerated feels worse than being wrongly convicted.

Indictment (official accusation)

initial charge(s)	alleged involvement level	actual involvement
1 sexual assault of minor	aiding & abetting	alleged crime never occurred
2 sexual assault of minor	aiding & abetting	alleged crime never occurred



Describe any added or altered charges

[Empty text box]

Describe any dropped charges

[Empty text box]

Plea

Did you plead guilty? (If yes, explain why below)

no, I pled not guilty

new

[Empty text box]

[Empty text box]

Offered a plea deal?

never open to any plea deal

[Empty text box]

How long insisting you're completely innocent?

always, even knowing it would cost me parole

Offense date

Arrest date

Indictment date

7/7/1993

7/7/1993

7/9/1993

Conviction

What is the conviction based upon?

jury trial

[Empty text box]

Prelim date

Jury selection date

Verdict date

7/20/1993

11/30/1993

12/13/1993

Anything else about the conviction you can add?

Wrongly convicted the same day as codefendant

Jurisdiction of conviction

State (or fed):

County:

City

Michigan

Kent County

Grand Rapids

District Court

Case docket #

Preliminary prosecutor

Preliminary judge

93-FH-1714

Helen Brinkman

Joel Hoekstra

Circuit Court

Case docket #

Trial prosecutor

Trial judge

93-63014-FC

Kevin Bramble

Dennis Kolenda



INCARCERATION

Started prison sentence 7/7/1993

Date released from prison: 9/22/2005

Date released from parole (if applicable):

Date released from probation (if applicable):

Sentence severity lengthy "trial penalty" sentence

new How many major misconducts while incarcerated? 1

new Refused rehab from maintaining innocence? Participated in rehab but maintained innocence

How many parole denials for maintaining innocence? 3

Discharged from max sentence due to innocence claim? yes

Sex offender registry: on registry for life

Sex offender registry as of today: 6/29/2021

If exonerated, expect to seek compensation? yes

Could compensation make up for all the loss? no, not at all

Conviction Integrity Unit?

Any CIU?	Heard from the CIU near you?	Any favorable news from the CIU?
yes	yes	not yet

How often requesting help from an innocence project: 4

What was the response? Explain further below. Affirmed my case merited review, but had to prioritize their resources for others whose liberty was more in jeopardy.

1st request: only helping those on death row; 2nd request near end of my sentence: only helping those with life sentences; 3rd request in 2014 after getting out of prison but stuck on sex offender registry and homeless: prioritizing help for those still in prison

Criminal history	Criminal history contributors
no prior criminal history or since	

Any prior or subsequent convictions challenged? If so, explain in box below.

Anything unique to your wrongful situation we didn't think to ask?
My 3 young daughters never accused me since I never touched them inappropriately. An Olan Mills professional portrait of them was taken in the search warrant as "child pornography".

What is the worst feature of the case against you (if any) that has at least some merit? How would you account for it, without sounding like you're making excuses?
Codefendant had a long rap sheet, but no history of sexual violence. Seems to have overcome previous criminality and shame by accepting being transgender. At the time I struggled with codependency and by appearances prone to appease codefendant's requests than stand up for myself.

Please review your answers and fill any unfinished items. You've come this far, and we trust you can do it. You deserve to bring this injustice to an end.



B. Documentation for verification



These 14 items improve claim with any documentation to verify claim elements.

1 Trial transcripts

7%

If relevant, can claimant provide a copy of trial transcripts? If yes, select how from list below.

By URL below, searchable text (best)

<https://www.valuerelating.com/documentation>

Add any relevant info in box below to help us help you with your trial transcripts.

This link provides a list of links, with trial transcripts seperated by each day.

SUPPORTER REVIEW: Prepare for Independent Verifier

How many pages?	check if URL works, report from list below	Estimated time to verify
4,621	link works, all item(s) found	554.52 hours

2 Discovery documents

7%

If relevant, a copy of the discovery motion and a copy of discovery documents?

By URL below, searchable text (best)

<https://www.valuerelating.com/documentation>

Add any relevant info in box below to help us help you with your discovery documents.

Discovery Motion & discovery documents are listed in this page, each as a link to the mentioned document

SUPPORTER REVIEW: Prepare for Independent Verifier

How many pages?	check if URL works, report from list below	Estimated time to verify
36	link works, some item(s) found	4.32 hours

3 Other trial related documents

7%

If relevant, other trial related documents, like a motion to quash, to sever, to show cause.

By URL below, searchable text (best)

<https://www.valuerelating.com/documentation>

Add any relevant info in box below to help us help you with your other trial documents.

New Trial Motion, Mistrial Motion, and more

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4		0.48 hours



4 Police interrogation

If any transcript of any interrogation(s), how accessible?

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[Empty text input field]

5 Any new trial motion

7%

If relevant, a copy of any trial motion documents?

By URL below, searchable text (best)

https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/5d10a8_61a75e8b8358462e898a7a4a41cb9a6b.pdf

Add any relevant info in box below to help us help you with your new trial motion documents.

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SUPPORTER REVIEW: Prepare for Independent Verifier

How many pages?	check if URL works, report from list below	Estimated time to verify
13		1.56 hours

6 Presentence Investigation Report

7%

If relevant, a copy of the presentence investigation report used to prepare sentencing.

By URL below, searchable text (best)

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How many pages?	check if URL works, report from list below	Estimated time to verify
8		0.96 hours



7 Appellate brief

7%

If relevant, a copy of any appellate brief to exhaust state and federal remedies.

By URL below, searchable text (best)

https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/5d10a8_c49cc7d8aaa94618945310b43b136760.pdf

Add any relevant info in box below to help us help you with your appeal documents.

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How many pages?	check if URL works, report from list below	Estimated time to verify
60		7.2 hours

8 Appellate opinion

7%

If relevant, a copy of the appellate panel’s published or unpublished decision.

By URL below, searchable text (best)

https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/5d10a8_167f3b812ae54126b666ed99d2dac3e8.pdf

Add any relevant info in box below to help us help you with the appellate opinion document.

SUPPORTER REVIEW: Prepare for Independent Verifier

How many pages?	check if URL works, report from list below	Estimated time to verify
9		1.08 hours

9 Post-appellate remedies sought

If relevant, a copy of your habeas corpus or 1983 motion or other post-appellate appeals.

Add any relevant info in box below to help us help you with your other remedy documents.



10 Innocence project communication

If relevant, a copy of any correspondence with innocence projects or with others in the innocence mov

Add any relevant info in box below to help us help you with your IP correspondence.

11 Professional supporters

Any exchange with pro bono lawyers, faith leaders, cultural leaders, elected officials.

Add any relevant info in box below regarding your professional support documents.

12 Media interest and coverage

Any exchange with online activists, journalists, and their coverage.

Add any relevant info in box below about any correspondence with the media..



13 Other documentation

If relevant, a copy of any other documents relating to your case.

Add any relevant info in box below to help us help you with your other documents.

14 Other supportive material (e.g., alibi affidavit)

Provide any additional information to help best review your particular case.

Add any relevant info in box below to help us help you with your other supportive materials.

25% Verification progress

[click here for support](#)

Need help identifying support in case documents

verification step

Prep to-do list

You can improve your baseline score by checking off these to-do list items.

not started count page numbers in all identified documents

not started make sure all URLs work, documents accessible

not started make sure accessible documents support claims

Do you need any support for accessing any documents, or scanning them, or getting them online?

If so, let's talk.



c.1 Common factors in wrongful convictions



The **Innocence Project** has identified these six factors as common in wrongful convictions.

15 Eyewitness Misidentification

If claimed, explain in white box below.

Do you claim you were misidentified during a criminal investigation? Do you claim eyewitnesses made critical mistakes that resulted in your wrongful conviction? If yes, describe below.

			39%
no, not a factor			39%

16 False Confessions or Admissions

If claimed, explain in white box below.

Do you claim you were coerced into admitting guilt for something you now insist you did not do? Were you subjected to the Reid Technique? Were you given the option to take a plea deal to avoid the risk of a much harsher sentence? If yes to any of these, describe below.

no, not a factor			



17 Government Misconduct

Do you claim law enforcement or judicial officials or any other government employee’s committed fraud or neglect, or any other misconduct that led to your wrongful conviction? For example, was there any indication of a Brady violation? If yes, describe below.

Prosecution presented a semen sample taken from a “green” or “aqua” blanket, but neither defendant owned a green blanket, suggesting malfeasance. No DNA testing has yet been conducted on this sample. Green blanket never presented at trial.

Per standard at the time, investigators relied on leading questions to coerce complainant to give the kind of prurient account investigators anticipated (confirmation bias).

Found professional Olan Mills portrait of my 3 young daughters to use as proof of child pornography to rationalize unsubstantiated search warrant.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	41%
yes, a significant fact	Verifiable by the URL I provided		

18 Unvalidated or Improper Forensic Science

Do you claim your wrongful convictions was based, at least in part, on questionable forensic evidence? For example, was the conviction based upon contaminated evidence? Or did a state lab expert provide damaging testimony at trial without presenting the scientific reliability of the findings? If yes to any of these, describe below.

Claimed to find semen on green blanket but semen sample never tested to establish a match, nor was any green blanket presented at trial. Significant since neither codefendant nor I owned a green blanket.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	44%
yes, a significant fact	Verifiable by the URL I provided		



19 Jail Informant

If claimed, explain in white box below.

Do you claim your wrongful conviction resulted, at least in part, to a jail snitch or other informant with an apparent conflict of interest? Do you know if such an informant was given any incentives to testify against you? If yes to any of these, describe below.

no, not a factor

20 Inadequate Defense

If claimed, explain in white box below.

Do you claim your defense attorney failed to provide an adequate defense to the charges? For example, did your court appointed lawyer invest only a minimal amount of time and energy to help you mount a defense? If yes to any of these, describe below.

only a remote factor



c.2 Evidentiary factors



These six items increase a likelihood of wrongful conviction

21 Evidence yet to be DNA tested

Does claimant know of potentially exculpatory evidence has yet to be DNA tested?

Semen sample found on a green or aqua blanket. If this is actually the sky-blue blanket with aqua trim from bedroom, semen could be from a wet dream of Steph and not the sterile semen from principal as prosecutor claimed.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	46%
yes, a significant fact	Verifiable by information provided upon request		

22 Non-DNA evidence yet to be considered

Does claimant assert non-biological evidence was overlooked? Or new evidence surfaced?

Transphobia in religiously conservative community at the height of the child sex abuse panic of the 80s and early 90s. Role of coached testimony of children. Disparate impact from law allowing convictions without corroborating evidence.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	48%
yes, a significant fact	Should be verifiable but not sure how		

23 Exculpatory evidence exists

Does claimant assert exculpatory evidence exists? If so, does claimant assert a Brady violation?

Rape kit report made same day indicates reported assault highly unlikely; complainant given pop to drink prior to examining her mouth for alleged presence of semen.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	50%
yes, a significant fact	Verifiable by the URL I provided		



24 Conviction not corroborated by evidence

Does claimant assert conviction not corroborated by any empirical evidence?

According to 1993 law: "No corroborating evidence of an accusation is necessary for a conviction of criminal sexual conduct."

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	52%
yes, a significant fact	Verifiable by inaccessible documentation		

25 Conviction based on irrational theory of guilt

Does claimant assert the conviction's theory of guilt makes little if any sense?

Child's testimony asserts defendants staged Polaroid shot of her stabbing complainant in chest with butter knife and jelly smeared on claimant's shirt, and if she told police that codefendants would use it to claim she was the perpetrator. No jelly found on shirt. No Polaroid camera found or existed at premise. No picture ever existed. But this testimony formed basis to convict claimant of first degree aiding and abetting criminal sexual conduct.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	54%
yes, a significant fact	Verifiable by the URL I provided		

26 No actual crime

Does claimant assert no crime actually happened? Does lack of evidence suggest the alleged incident never occurred? Was claimant acting solely in self-defense, or insist sex was fully consensual?

Accuser appears to have confabulated the allegations; all the available physical & medical evidence collected within hours of the allegations supports defendants' claim no crime actually occurred. For example, the rape kit showed no rape trauma, no broken hymen.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	57%
yes, a significant fact	Verifiable by the URL I provided		57%



c.3 Investigative factors



These six items cite common police investigations problems, including two by **Judges for Justice**.

27 Law enforcement tunnel vision

Does claimant cite *confirmation bias* distorting the criminal investigation, leading investigators to ignore actual
 Once the child complainant made her prurient accusations, investigators relied on leading questions to confirm their biases, encouraging complainant to embellish her testimony. The lack of corroborating evidence suggests investigators became locked into believing the alleged crime had occurred, implicating their own transphobic prejudices, and could not correct their errant beliefs by realigning them with the exculpatory facts.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	
yes, a significant fact	Should be verifiable but not sure how		58%
			39%

28 Law enforcement noble cause corruption

Does claimant note any occasion where law enforcement bends the rules to obtain what they view as just ends?
 E.g., bluffed to intimate a confession, lied about codefendant implicating claimant, withheld or destroyed exculpatory evidence, incentivized deceit from a witness, coached testimony of a complainant.

Search warrant to find child pornography used Olan Mills portrait of my children as proof of possessing child pornography. Altered child complaint testimony suggests being coached. Appellate Panel, traditionally deferring to trial jury as tryer of fact, assumed that role in reinterpreting trial transcript to finding "fact" of aiding and abetting CSC2.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	
yes, a moderate fact	Verifiable by the URL I provided		60%

29 Complainant retraction

If claimed, explain in white box below.

Has complainant expressed doubt or retraction of the initiating accusation? Does complainant realize misidentifying perpetrator(s)? Does complainant now support wrongly accused while worried actual perpetrator remains free?

no, not a factor



30 Confession from actual perpetrator

If claimed, explain in white box below.

Has another person confessed to the crime? Does that person exclude any claimant involvement?

no, not a factor		

31 Another person implicated in the crime

If claimed, explain in white box below.

Was another suspect or person of interest under investigation but not charged? Does evidence exist that points to another likely culprit?

no, not a factor		

32 Conviction based upon outmoded law/beliefs

Does claimant assert conviction was based on law no longer in effect? Does claimant point to debunked beliefs that contributed to the guilty verdict?

“No corroboration of an accusation is necessary for a conviction of criminal sexual conduct.” A conviction can be based solely on the statement of the victim.

Investigators using suggestive leading questions that induce children to provide answers confirming the investigators’ biases.

Belief that LGBT people are sexual predators trying to recruit children into their “deviant lifestyle.”

Children never lie about being sexually victimized.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	
yes, a significant fact	Verifiable by inaccessible documentation		61%



c.4 Complicating factors



These six items tend to compound other factors, increasing likelihood of a wrongful conviction.

33 Presenting conflict of interest

Does claimant cite any government official presenting a conflict of interest, such as a prosecutor needing to win the case for reelection?

Presiding judge was up for reelection, which appears to have skewed the proceedings.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	62%
only a remote factor	I know of no way to verify this claim		

34 Perjured testimony or false accusation

Does claimant assert the supposed victim or accomplices made errant claims under oath, whether or not they knew them to be false?

Testimony from complainant appears to be parroting transphobic ideas about transgender people, and her testimony was coached according to documents received in Discovery.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	62%
yes, a moderate fact	I know of no way to verify this claim		

35 Moral panic

Was accusation made in context of a moral panic, such as the child sex abuse hysteria of the 80s and 90s?

Accusation occurred at height of child sex abuse hysteria, following same pattern of asking child leading questions to confirm investigators' biases, lacking any corroborating evidence.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	65%
yes, a significant fact	Verifiable by information provided upon request		



36 Disparate impact

Is claimant a member of a population that has been disproportionately targeted by law enforcement, such as dark-skinned minorities, immigrants, religious minorities, the mentally ill or LGBTQ persons?

Outed as transgender in a religiously conservative transphobic community, where many believed all LGBTQ people are sex predators victimizing children.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	65%
yes, a moderate fact	Should be verifiable but not sure how		

37 Law enforcement prejudice

Does claimant report any specific prior prejudicial hostile contact from any law enforcement official? Or hostile bias from law enforcement against claimant’s group identity?

Transphobic encounters with police in past. Arresting officers expressed transphobic beliefs when taking claimant to hospital for HIV test, suggesting their prejudices mirrored widespread transphobic beliefs distorting the investigation.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	66%
yes, a moderate fact	I know of no way to verify this claim		

38 Trial by media

Does claimant assert press coverage influenced the judicial process or outcome?

The arrest of two “crossdressing brothers” reinforcing this conservative religious community’s prejudices kept the case in the news, and ostensibly skewed the judicial process. Media at the time continued sensational coverage of sex abuse trials that presumed guilt of accused.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	68%
yes, a significant fact	Verifiable by inaccessible documentation		



c.5 Claimant's demonstrable innocence



These seven items contrast claimant's behavior against those with actual guilt.

39 Pled not guilty

Did claimant plead not guilty? Did claimant challenge some or all the charges at trial? Was claimant informed of the trial penalty risk if found guilty and sentenced?

Claimant pled not guilty to all charges and has never considered any plea options.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	70%
yes, a significant factor	Verifiable by information provided upon request		

40 Alford plea

After being confronted with the state's evidence, did claimant take an Alford plea?

[Alford pleas are not available in Michigan.]

Claimed?	Verifiable?		
no, not a factor			

41 Duration of innocence claim

Has claimant always maintained innocence? Or persisted in claiming innocence after promptly claiming a coerced confession?

Claimant has always maintained innocence, even when denied parole for not demonstrating remorse.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	71%
yes, a moderate factor	Verifiable by information provided upon request		



42 Respect for crime victim(s)

Does claimant present sympathy or empathy for victims of crime? Is there any evidence of the claimant being hostile to the complainant(s) prior or after the alleged incident?

Claimant insists no crime actually occurred, and views the investigation as a kind of sexual exploitation of the complainant for the prurient interests (even if only subconsciously) of the investigators. Note: both defendants identified as asexual transgender people. Years later, I learned she came out as gay, and this could help us understand why she was gawking at a "man with lipstick".

Codefendant suspects complainant "confabulated" the incidents, and perhaps did not knowingly lie when alleging the impossible sexual acts. We wondered if she had been exposed to pornography, and endured abuse from someone else she knows, but then projected her trauma onto loathed "crossdressers" to protect her family abuser. We felt shock at her characterization of being "whooped" by her parents if misbehaving, at odds with our Native American value of honoring all children.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	72%
yes, a moderate fact	Verifiable by information provided upon request		

43 Positive institutional record

If imprisoned, does claimant assert they were a model prisoner?

Received positive work records, was selected in 2000 to open a new prison. Selected as "model peer leader" for Kairos ministry program. Served in lay-leader positions without complaint. Only major misconduct ticket was destruction of state property after using branch from tree to make a dream catcher.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	73%
yes, a moderate fact	Verifiable by inaccessible documentation		

44 No criminal history

Was the instant offense the only criminal charge to the claimant?

No felony or misdemeanor arrests or convictions prior or afterwards.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	75%
yes, a significant fact	Verifiable by information requiring paid access		



45 Parole denial from maintaining innocence

Was claimant denied parole because of a “lack of remorse” in parole hearing while insisting innocence?

Was eligible for parole in August 2001 & 2003, but was denied parole for lack of contrition, and so claimant served the maximum of the sentence and was discharged in September 2005.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	76%
yes, a moderate fact	Should be verifiable but not sure how		

Lack of supply cannot disqualify the demand



The demand for professional help to review these viable claims of innocence far outstrips the meager supply.

Innocence Projects remain overwhelmed. We can help fill that gap.



c.6 Claimant's innocence recognized by others



These seven items provide independent recognition of claimant's actual innocence.

46 Any relief on appeal

Did the appellate panel provide any relief from the conviction or sentence?

Removed 1st degree CSC aiding and abetting but replaced with 2nd degree aiding and abetting by interpreting trial transcript (as trier of fact?). Declined to address CSC2 charge. Remanded resentencing to trial court. A year later, resentenced by trial court, replacing 15 o 30-year sentence with 8 to 15-year sentence (with good time the max was 12 years, providing an outdate in Sept 2005). Refusing anything short of exoneration, I hired a lawyer with the help of my mother to pursue any remaining state level remedies prior to seeking relief at the federal level. The lawyer sat on my trial transcripts for over a year without action, disillusioning me further with the legal process.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	77%
yes, a moderate factor	Verifiable by the URL I provided		

47 Supporters

Can claimant provide a list of supporters who believe in claimant's innocence?

Presentence Investigation (PSI) includes many support letters, and more can be produced upon request.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	78%
only a remote factor	Verifiable by the URL I provided		

48 Affidavits

If claimed, explain in white box below.

Can claimant provide any affidavits attesting to the facts in the case, such as an alibi?

no, not a factor



49 Judge support

If claimed, explain in white box below.

Has any judge come out in support of claimant's innocence?

no, not a factor

50 Prosecutor support

If claimed, explain in white box below.

Has any prosecutor come out in support of claimant's innocence?

no, not a factor

51 Defense counsel support

Does defense counsel continue to support claimant's claim to innocence?

Court appointed lawyer did her best to mount a compelling defense, by emphasizing the lack of corroborating evidence. She continues to express belief in the innocence of claimant, getting herself to represent claimant at resentencing hearing 1999-02-02.

Court appointed appellate lawyer demonstrated faith in claimant's innocence, finding more than 60 pages worth of material for the appellate brief, requiring permission (which was granted) to submit a brief in excess of 60 pages.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	79%
yes, a moderate fact	Verifiable by inaccessible documentation		

52 Influential support

Has any political or cultural leader come out in support of claimant's innocence?

My college roommate, a pastor, provided a support letter attesting to my character and trusted innocence

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	79%
only a remote factor	Verifiable by the URL I provided		



c.7 Other



This item provides space to account for anything not asked above.

53 Any other relevant items

Were any charges dropped prior to being indicted? Were any charges dropped, or added, after indictment, and when? Did changes reveal a possible weak case?

Complainant had been molested by older female cousin two years prior, but rape shield law prevented jury from knowing this fact.

Codefendant died in prison of cancer on 10-9-2001.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	81%
yes, a moderate fact	Verifiable by the URL I provided		

“

No one sits above the law, yet no law sits above need. Laws exist to serve needs, but whose?

And all needs sit equal before nature.

The moral question persists: whose needs get best served by which enforced laws?

The answer determines the level of legitimacy, the level of widely earned trust to serve these needs.

”



c.8 Process



These five process items may improve our estimation of a likely wrongful conviction.

54 Indictment changed

If claimed, explain in white box below.

Were there any changes to the original indictment by the time of the preliminary hearing or trial?

[Empty white box for explanation]

no, not a factor

55 Plea deal turned down

If claimed, explain in white box below.

Was there a plea offer that was turned down?

[Empty white box for explanation]

no, not a factor

56 Asserted right to trial

Did claimant contest the indictment in full and challenge all charges at trial?

Both defendants asserted our right to a trial, and my codefendant risked being classified as a habitual offender since she had prior convictions for petty theft and carrying a concealed weapon.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	
yes, a significant fact	Verifiable by the URL I provided		83%

57 Discovery with exculpatory evidence

Could any documentation provided by the prosecution be viewed as exculpatory?

The examining physician for the rape kit, conducted a couple hours after the alleged assault, could not find any medical corroboration.

Claimed?	Verifiable?	Independent verification	
yes, a significant fact	Verifiable by the URL I provided		86%

58 Exculpatory evidence not provided in discovery

If claimed, explain in white box below.

Claimant aware of exculpatory evidence not revealed in discovery (i.e., possible *Brady* violation)?

[Empty white box for explanation]



D. Requests and responses for exoneration help



Rate your experience seeking legal aid. And state how much you now trust the legal-judicial process.

59

Contacted your state's innocence project? If yes, rate your level of satisfaction.

Satisfaction level: somewhat dissatisfied with their responsiveness to my innocence claim

Trust level: I'm discouraged and ready to try something radically different

60 district attorney

Contacted your local CIU or DA? If yes, rate your level of satisfaction.

Satisfaction level:

Trust level:

61 Other sources of legal assistance

Pro bono or hired lawyer, investigative journalists, law school students or others who might help?

Satisfaction level:

Trust level:

62 Innocence movement

With demand for services exceeding supply, rate the innocence movement as it stands right now.

Satisfaction level:

Trust level:

What do you specifically need from the innocence movement? Rate each item's level of importance to you right now. Help the innocence movement prioritize resources to meet your needs.

exoneration	increasingly consuming my focus
financial support for legal costs	low priority right now
expunged record	important but can wait for it
removal of all collateral consequences	can't go on any further without it
compensation	must have it as soon as possible
apology	not important at all right now
OTHER:	

63 Impact on claimant (legitimacy of exclusionary legal-judicial process)

What are some specific impacts on the claimant after trusting the adversarial judicial process?

1 reason for being denied review in the past	prioritizing assistance to others
2 revisiting case risks retraumatization	risks losing some focus
3 depression level from legal-jud. process as only option	moderate level linkable to it
4 anxiety from relying on same process creating error	afraid courts cannot face its errors
5 anxiety from slowness of legal-judicial process	afraid justice will come too late
6 anxiety from prosecutor's power to reinforce error	fear judiciary opposes full justice
7 anxiety from having little to no control over process	feel manipulated by the process
8 disillusionment with legal-judicial process	generally disappointed

This claimant fully distrusts the legal-judicial process. Its harmful performance casts doubt on the legitimacy of the process offered by innocence projects and conviction integrity units. This "estimated innocence form" complements or competes with these options that cannot, on their own, keep pace clearing or correcting the problem of wrongful convictions.

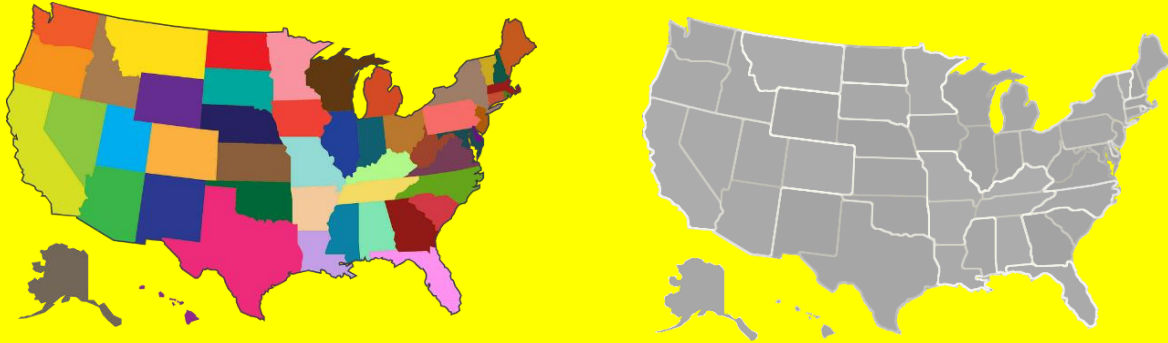


E. Collateral consequences of wrongful conviction



Background checks that privilege discrimination with these specific items.

Click maps to go to websites listing collateral consequences by each state, and restoring lost rights.



64 Collateral consequences impacting claimant

Mark on left *how* each applies. If applies, mark on right *when* it applies.

permanent	1) Conviction posted online	during and since incarceration
	2) Custody reimbursement	
	3) Education discrimination	
permanent	4) Employment discrimination	since incarceration
	5) Exempt from public assistance	
	6) Exempt from student financial aid	
	7) Health care discrimination	
permanent	8) Housing discrimination	since incarceration
	9) Loss of government benefits	
	10) Loss of gun rights	
temporary	11) Loss of parental rights	during and since incarceration
temporary	12) Loss of vote	during incarceration
permanent	13) Loss or denial of professional licence	since incarceration
	14) Prevented from seeing family	
	15) Prevented from visiting prisoners	
not applicable	16) Restitution to alleged victims	
permanent	17) Restricted movement	during and since incarceration
permanent	18) Sex offender registry	during and since incarceration
permanent	19) Workplace discrimination	since incarceration
	20) Other (details in box below)	

Add here any consequence of the conviction not listed above.

65 Collateral consequence impacting others in claimant's life

Mark on left *how* or *if* each applies. If applies, mark on right *to whom* it applies.

lasting	1) anxiety	impacting close friends & family impacting only family members impacting (then) partner & kids impacting (then) partner & kids impacting close friends & family impacting everyone I know impacting everyone I know
lasting	2) costs to contact while in prison	
lasting	3) depression	
lasting	4) divorce	
lasting	5) housing instability	
lasting	6) loss of companionship	
lasting	7) loss of parent during upbringing	
lasting	8) loss of stable income	
lasting	9) loss of emotional support	
lasting	10) poverty	
lasting	11) stigma	
	12) targeted by bullies	

Feel free to add any impacts on others overlooked in the list above.

66 Current neglected needs due to these collateral consequences

Now let's look at specific impacts by the wrongful conviction's collateral consequences.

Challenging

Rate each item by how much the wrongful conviction appears to impact it in your current life.

1) economic	significantly challenged
2) physical health	only slightly challenged
3) mental health	moderately challenged
4) relationships	significantly challenged
5) will-to-live	not challenged at all
6) OTHER:	

Aspiring

Rate each item by importance in your life right now, so we can best serve your needs.

7) income independence	I struggle to make it happen but unsuccessfully
8) maintaining healthy lifestyle	I feel I've reached it but not maintained it
9) overcoming depression & anxiety	I maintain it without help like this
10) restoring family ties	I maintain it without help like this
11) helping others similarly situated	I don't seek it nor think about it much
12) OTHER:	

Any other wrongful conviction challenges or aspiration you'd like to add?



F. Claimant narrative



Here is where the claimant puts in their own words what they claim happened, providing helpful context for the wrongful conviction. This appears in what others see first, so give it your best. This section wraps up the form. The remainder is for helping you, the claimant (and proxy), to find the support you need to overcome this injustice. Keep going, you're almost there!

67 Claim Synopsis

In two sentences or less, grab the reader's attention with a tear-jerking synopsis of the innocence claim. This text appears in the executive summary at the top. **250-character limit**



Asexual person comes out as transgender in early 90s, gets falsely accused as being a "sexual predator" homophobic stereotype. Convicted without evidence. Must register as sex offender for life. Forced into poverty and homelessness.

68 Claim highlights

List eye grabbing highlights of claim, with as few words as possible. Replace each example with something from your own case.



Highlight 1	No criminal history
Highlight 2	Consistently maintained innocence, took no plea deals
Highlight 3	Transphobic investigation and prosecution
Highlight 4	Convicted without corroborating evidence
Highlight 5	Climate of sex abuse hysteria
Highlight 6	Media sensationalized coverage
Highlight 7	Exculpatory evidence overlooked with untested DNA
Highlight 8	Asexual transperson must register for life as "sex offender"

Tagline Asexual transperson registered for life as a sex offender

69 Flipside

For a balanced view, acknowledge what could be seen in the worst light. Nullify criticism by getting it out of the way. End on a positive note, like how you overcame the worst.



Prior to accepting herself as transgender, Janet (principal & codefendant) often ran afoul of the law. She appears to have suffered Asperger's (high functioning autism), so was slow at responding to social cues. Overcoming shame of being gender different helped her escape cycles of self-defeating behaviors. She overcame dyslexia and other challenges to lead a healthy life, until this happened.



70 Claim Summary

Summarize the innocence claim--with an eye for short attention spans. Add some context to the synopsis above. Provoke the reader's curiosity and interest to discover more.

FORMAT:

On [INCIDENT DATE], [CLAIMANT] [HOW INCIDENT OCCURRED]. [CONTEXT].

Do your best to describe the facts without vilifying anyone. Let the reader decide.

Close with a *call-to-action* [CTA], what you are asking the engaged reader to do.

Look through the example to get some ideas.



On July 7th, 1993, Steph Turner awoke to hear voices from the other room. Steph could hear her sister Janet talking to someone. That person left, but later returned with her irate mother to accuse Janet of an incredulous crime. You see, Janet was born male and now openly transgender, long before that was socially acceptable. And Janet had yet to fully transition.

At the height of the sex abuse hysteria in the early-90s, Steph came out as gender-nonconforming transgender. But living in a religiously conservative community, Steph kept it private. Steph soon came out to Janet, years after Janet had. They shared an apartment to rekindle their newfound bond. Both now freely embracing their feminine sides. Both felt asexual by not being loved for their full selves. Both drawn to the spirituality of transcending the gender divide.

A neighborhood child drew curious, peeping into Janet’s window to gawk at what she called the "man with lipstick." When caught not being home on time, the child leveled bizarre claims of sex abuse unbecoming from a child. Exposed to porn?

The child then dragged Steph into her transphobic-indoctrinated accusations. The child claimed Steph posed with her as if she, the young child, was stabbing Steph in the chest with a jelly stained butter knife. She claimed this was to scare her from talking to police, that we would say she was the aggressor. Unbelievable? Not if you already believe trans people are subhuman.

Child testimonies back then were often coached. Trans people were easily vilified. Since no corroborating evidence was necessary back then to convict for sexual misconduct, both transwomen were wrongly convicted and sentenced to long terms in men’s prisons, where Steph’s codefendant transgender sibling died in 2001.

Repeated efforts to overcome this wrongful conviction failed. After serving a full 12-year sentence, Steph was discharged and finished undergraduate and graduate degrees. But is required to register as a sex offender for life, destroying economic and other opportunities. Your support can help turn this around.



G. Compensation

If officially exonerated, will you seek compensation?



Michigan's compensation statute, along with some challenges to receive such a claim.

Years; State	12	Michigan
Statute	MCLS 691.1751 et seq	
Eligibility	Judgment of conviction was reversed or vacated and charges were dismissed or found not guilty on retrial.	
Standard of proof	Clear and convincing	
Determined by who	Court of Claims	
Timely filing	3 years	
Maximum award	not provided	
Per year incarcerated	\$50,000	
Future civil litigation	conditional	
Your eligible amount	\$600,000	

\$8,600 How much earned last year? Even without compensation for exoneration, you can potentially earn around 68% more than your current income. By removing employment discrimination from this wrongful conviction, you could earn up to \$1501 more per month. That's about \$346 more per week. Hidden costs of anxiety and depression could also drop significantly. Share that with your supporters!



H. You're not alone



Evidence indicates the majority of the wrongly convicted are not yet exonerated, and may never be.

2,800

latest total exonerated according to the [National Registry of Exonerations](#)

Custody population

of 6.9 million applied to various estimated rates of wrongful conviction

These rates do not apply accurately to each population, but gives you a scope of the real problem.

1. **0.0016% to 1.95%** applied to custody population totals 110 to 134,550. This represents over 100% to 2.08% cleared cases.
[Hoffman, M.](#)
2. **0.016% to 0.062%** applied to custody population totals 1104 to 4,278. This represents over 100% to 65.45% cleared cases.
[Cassell](#)
3. **0.027%** applied to custody population totals 1863. This represents over 100% cleared cases.
[Scalia \(Marquis\)](#)
4. **0.5% to 1%** applied to custody population totals 34,500 to 69,000. This represents 08.12% to 4.06% cleared cases.
[Zalman](#)
5. **0.5% to 3%** applied to custody population totals 34,500 to 207,000. This represents 08.12% to 1.35% cleared cases.
[Ramsey & Frank](#)
6. **2.3%** applied to custody population totals 158,700. This represents 1.76% cleared cases.
[Gross](#)
7. **3.3% to 5.0%** applied to custody population totals 227,700 to 345,000. This represents 1.23% to 0.81% cleared cases.
[Risinger](#)
8. **4.1%** applied to custody population totals 282,900. This represents 0.99% cleared cases.
[Gross, et al.](#)
9. **5% to 15.0%** applied to custody population totals 345,000 to 1,035,000. This represents 0.81% to 0.27% cleared cases.
[Roman, et al.](#)
10. **6%** applied to custody population totals 414,000. This represents 0.68% cleared cases.
[Loeffler, et al.](#)
11. **11.60%** applied to custody population totals 800,400. This represents 0.35% cleared cases.
[Walsh, et al.](#)
12. **15.4%** applied to custody population totals 1,062,600. This represents 0.26% cleared cases.
[Poveda](#)

Other academic articles may exist calculating similar or unique rates, not identified here. Contrary to popular belief, not all prisoners nor felons claim innocence. Only about 15% prisoners claim *actual innocence*, according to research by the RAND Corporation. The data suggests every claim deserves a sincere consideration. Starting with this claim of verifiable actual innocence.

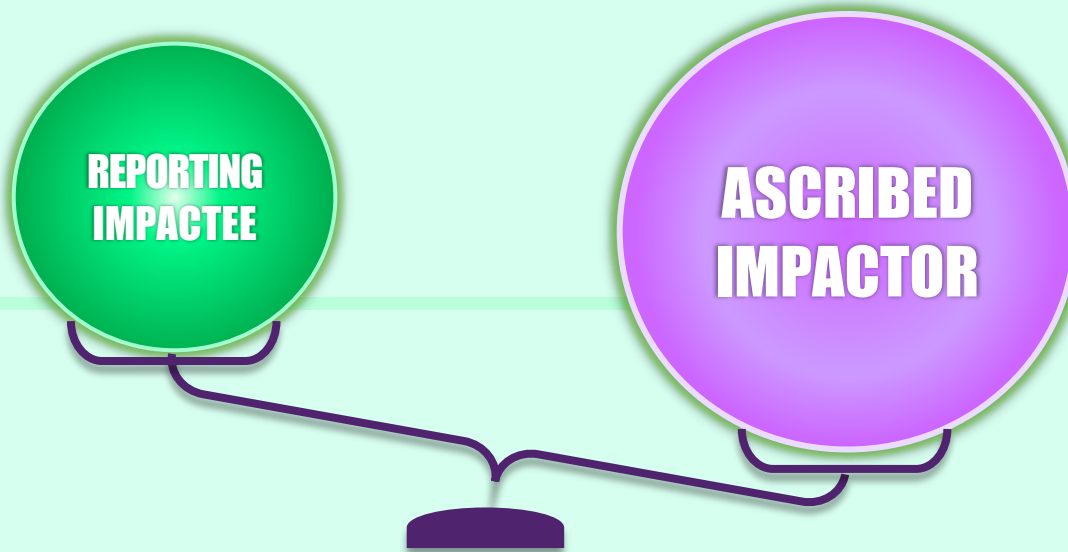


I. PROBLEM: You're trapped in a judicial power relation

Answer the law with your affected needs

Welcome to **need-response**. Laws exist to serve needs, and this new field goes straight to the needs. One of its tools is the **impact parity model**. It looks at how power relations impacts your needs.

A power relation exists where one person holds more influence over the other person in the relation. The powerholder is called the 'ascribed impactor' or AI. The powerless is called the 'reporting impacttee' or RI.



The **Reporting Impacttee** is impacted by the power relation more than impacting it.

As the RI, you humbly yet firmly "report" being impacted by legal-judicial power, as you're forced to fit into their binary categories, against your needs.

The **RI** typically endures the coercive impact of judicial power relation in a fearful **AVOIDANCE PHASE**.

Justice is not serve. When that pain gets unbearable, the RI may shift to a pain-relieving **ADVERSARIAL PHASE**.

Peace resumes when boths sides identify and address each other's affected needs in this **CONCILIATORY TRANSITION**.

The **Ascribed Impactor** impacts the power relation more than being impacted by it.

You "ascribe" who forcefully impacts you, giving them a chance to respond to your transcendence of their judicial binarism with "conviction quality".

The **AI** tends to steer clear of uncomfortable details of those they adjudicate in this **AVOIDANCE PHASE**.

Justice is not served. When the RI eventually reacts, the **AI** often guards self from pain in this **ADVERSARIAL PHASE**.

Peace resumes when boths sides identify and address each other's affected needs in this **CONCILIATORY TRANSITION**.

LEARN MORE...

I. SOLUTION: Our advocacy campaign for your innocence



This 'EIF' is offered free. You can go it alone or seek our guiding support to optimize its potential. We suggest you keep your costs low until you start receiving invested support for this claim.

The campaign offers three levels of involvement. If incarcerated, a claimant is repped by their proxy.

- Follower** **Follow the campaign:** see firsthand this unfolding story of innocence
- Supporter** **Support the campaign:** invest in this innocence story
- Leader** **Lead the campaign:** serve as a proxy for the incarcerated claimant

SEE PLANS & PRICES

START FOR FREE ?

For only \$7.95 each week, you lead the effort to exonerate your loved one. We help you optimize this tool. We strategize messaging with the message templates below. Your first week is free.

Subscribe as a **Leader** to immediately receive a passkey that opens all the features of this tool.

passkey: **Passkey is correct.**

If you find our advocacy campaign is not a good fit for you, cancel at any time. We suggest you find at least 40 supporters willing to invest in your campaign. That will cover the weekly session costs. If unable to nail down that many supporters, you can always make up the difference out of pocket. Remember, this is all an investment in innocence.

Fundraising as investment

You shouldn't have to pay out of pocket trying to correct what the state did to you. Ultimately, the state should pay. Let's give them cause to invest in your innocence. Until then, costs are covered by your team's investment in [the claimant]'s compelling innocence.

Advocacy campaign phases

The campaign unfolds in five phases. You officially launch your campaign in the Team phase.

- Prep phase:** You lay the foundation for a campaign to champion Steph's innocence
- Base phase:** We build a support team of supporters to champion Steph's innocence
- Team phase:** We put your team to work to help Steph's innocence claim to be heard
- Grow phase:** We network with professionals with the power to help make a difference
- Goal phase:** We affirm the prosecuting attorney's legitimacy when reviewing Steph's case

Each phase is supported by online sessions with me. The cost gets covered by your weekly subscription and the weekly subscriptions of your supporters. Start for free by booking an UNPACK your innocence session. Join The Unexonerated Facebook group to get started.

UNPACK innocence

RELATE innocence

ADVOCATE innocence

JOIN 'THE UNEXONERATED'

LEARN MORE ONLINE...



J. Building your support team



Prepare your campaign by inviting supporters to invest in Steph's innocence.

Invitee

	First name	Last name	Email address	
1	Marie	Pearson	mpearson44@email.com	s
2	Sandra	Lewison	sandralew@email.com	s
3	Marcus	Hill	marcus.w.hill@email.com	s
4	Christine	Nash	chrissy-reese@email.com	f
5	Justin	Allen	ja-greatworks@email.com	s
6	Marissa	Cranson	marissa1998@email.com	d
7	Juan	Ruiz	juan-ruiz-rodriquez@email.com	f
8	Alexa	Dysander	alex-dysander@email.com	s
9	Tabitha	Benson	tabben@email.com	s
10	Jonathan	Williams	j.williams@email.com	s
11	Miriam	Kahn	kahn2009@email.com	d
12	Mark	Tanner	m-tanner@email.com	s
13	Annette	Greason	greason@email.com	s
14	Jordan	Watson	jordanwatson@email.com	s
15	Lee	Minson	leeminson2@email.com	d
16	Thomas	Parks	tomparks44@email.com	s
17	Felton	Donaldson	felton@email.com	d
18	Charles	Simmons	csimmons@email.com	s
19	Allison	Clemmens	clemmens-a@email.com	s
20	Roberta	Simons	roberta.s@email.com	s
21	Tammy	Hill	tammyhill@email.com	f
22	Lauren	Cranson	lauren.s.cranson@email.com	s
23	Rebecca	Ward	beckyward@email.com	s
24	Bryan	Larsen	bryan.r.l@email.com	d
25	Emile	Walker	walker14@email.com	f
26	Freeda	Houseman	freedahousemand@email.com	s
27	Del	Cotter	delparker@email.com	d
28	Alan	Marks	alanmarks@email.com	f
29	Joel	Johnson	jjohnson@email.com	f
30	Lisa	Patterson	lisapattersonmiller@email.com	d
31	Jennifer	Norton	jennynorton@email.com	f
32	Abdul	Said	saidenterprises@email.com	s
33	Genelle	Nixon	genellenixon@email.com	f
34	Howard	Freed	h.w.freed@email.com	s
35	Aliya	Parks	aparks@email.com	d
36	Randy	Zylstra	zylstra56@email.com	f
37	Johnny	Waters	jwaters1@email.com	d
38	Wanda	Hamilton	whamilton@email.com	f
39	Juanita	Rodriguez	jmrodriguez@email.com	f
40	Peter	Randall	peterrandall@email.com	d



K. Invite your personal supporters

1) PREP phase

TO: Marie Pearson mpearson44@email.com
FROM: Alisha Turner Proxy's email address
DATE: Tuesday, June 29, 2021
SUBJECT: Hey, Marie, you're invited

Steph Turner was wrongly convicted in 1993 and continues to be falsely registered as a sex offender in Michigan. I'm convinced he had no role in the crime, and now I have a tool to help prove it. The tool compares Steph's case to known exonerations, then calculates a likelihood of innocence. It estimates he is 86% innocent, which is a strong claim. Together, we can help make that claim stronger. And finally liberate him.

Steph asserts three of six known factors common in wrongful convictions. The most significant factors include , government misconduct, misapplied forensic science, and possibly others less significantly. He identifies 26 other important factors known to wrongly convict the innocent. He needs your support to help validate his strong claim. He needs your help, Marie, checking if the links work for his case documents. With your support, we can draw closer to proving his claim.

Steph has asked for help from innocence projects four times. He was told they had to prioritize their service to others. Innocence Projects receive far more requests for help than they can serve. Besides, the legal process is generally slow, divisive, and arbitrary. With your help, Marie, we can outdo the legal process with the new transformative option of 'need-response'. Instead of serving laws, it addresses the specific needs for which laws exist to serve. Help us spark a movement, where Steph and I raise the standard of justice, grounding it more in love and understanding.

With pioneering support from Value Relating, we're building support to convince the authorities to review Steph's compelling case. With your support, Marie, we can compel the prosecuting attorney of Kent County to see how innocent he actually is. The more who join our campaign, the greater the chance for Steph's exoneration. You can help write the narrative of his upcoming liberation. Join as a follower, for free, and see this story of discovered innocence unfold. Join as a supporter, to invest as little as \$10 to start and \$2.95 each week. Start with a 14-day trial to help create this unfolding narrative of discovered innocence. Click the link now to help us right this wrong, while the opportunity still exists. Thank you.

<https://www.valuerelating.com/1993-steph-turner>

Recipient response: **Soft yes (hesitant to proceed)** responsive: reply in 2 to 5 days



L. Support letter from team members **2) BASE phase**

TO: friendly media **CC:** Steph & Alisha
FROM: Sandra Lewison
DATE: Tuesday, June 29, 2021
RE: I 100% support Steph Turner's 86% estimated innocence

My friend Steph Turner and I could be enjoying time together right now. Instead, he currently underemployed because of a crime he didn't do. Now he has a unique tool to demonstrate the level of his actual innocence. Compared to those already exonerated, this tool estimates that Steph has a 86% likelihood of being actually innocent.

I learned Steph has asked for help from innocence projects four times. And I learned there are far more wrongly convicted than innocence projects can process. I joined his innocence campaign to help pick up the slack. This new tool highlights some of Steph's compelling innocence.

- * No criminal history
- * Consistently maintained innocence, took no plea deals
- * Transphobic investigation and prosecution

Your audience may want to hear more about Steph's amazing story. You can catch a glimpse of it at <https://www.valuerelating.com/1993-steph-turner>. Our campaign will either complement or compete with the slow legal process that continues to fail Steph and others just like him.

Perhaps your audience hungers for this alternative giving Steph fresh hope. You can learn more about it at <https://www.valuerelating.com/unexonerated>. You can ask me to fill you in. Or I can direct you to the campaign leader. I am just one of Steph's supporters trying to make a new kind of difference. I trust you are too.

Best,
Sandra Lewison

Recipient response: **Wavering (requires more info)** punctual: next day reply



M. Press release

3) TEAM phase

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 29, 2021

Contact: Value Relating

valuerelating@gmail.com

248-872-5500

Asexual transperson registered for life as a sex offender

Asexual transperson registered for life as a sex offender

Value Relating created a revolutionary tool to quickly estimate claims of wrongful conviction. It compares a claim of actual innocence to known cases of exoneration. Then compares those details to calculate Steph Turner's actual innocence. As Steph put it, "Asexual transperson registered for life as a sex offender."

Contrary to popular belief, all prisoners do not claim to be innocent. Steph is among the 15% of prisoners who claim "actual" innocence. Other prisoners admit doing the deed, but fail to see their harm. Others view their conviction as a badge of honor, as a proud outlaw. Not Steph. His 86% estimated innocence sets him apart.

The appellate process overlooked Steph's actual innocence, as it has other exonerees. Innocence projects could help. But they routinely receive far more requests than they can serve. If only half of the 15% claiming actual innocence are truly innocent like Steph, there would be 165,000 viable claims to process. "We know without doubt," declares the editor of the National Registry of Exonerations, "that the vast majority of innocent defendants who are convicted of crimes are never identified and cleared."

Today, Steph struggles with poverty. Instead of giving up hope, he is pioneering a new approach to this problem. He and his supporters call for more resources to review claims like his. Here are some highlights of his compelling case for actual innocence.

- * Transphobic investigation and prosecution
- * Climate of sex abuse hysteria
- * Exculpatory evidence overlooked with untested DNA

You can learn more about Steph's story at <https://www.valuerelating.com/1993-steph-turner>. His compelling innocence claim is one among a growing number using this introductory platform at <https://www.valuerelating.com/unexonerated>. See how Steph's story cries out for better resources to identify and clear the innocent falsely registered as a sex offender. Starting with Steph himself.

Recipient response:



N. Support message to victim(s)

3) TEAM phase

TO: podcaster
FROM: Steph & Alisha
DATE: Tuesday, June 29, 2021
RE: We need you to pass along an important message

Thank you for your encouraging responses to our support team. Our campaign for Steph Turner's innocence now reaches a critical milestone. And we need your help to reach it. Could you please pass along the following message to someone special?

"Hi. Our names are Steph Turner and Alisha Turner. We're reaching out to you in a spirit of love and mercy. We are in the middle of a campaign to right a wrong. We can now say with 86% certainty that Steph Turner is actually innocent.

"We understand this risks bringing up a lot of pain from the past. We fear your pain and our pain will never go away until real justice can be done in a healing way. The law prevents us from contacting you directly. So we asked one of our media contacts to pass along this message of hopeful healing.

"Steph was in shock at the time, so he naturally became self-absorbed. The police and prosecutors easily mischaracterized this as a criminal mindset. They would be self-absorbed too if suddenly losing their freedom and public reputation. We want to take back the power of our lives they stole, for both you and ourselves.

"We welcome you to join our pioneering approach to deeper justice. We are finding ways to be less dependent on law enforcement authorities that needlessly divide us. We are proactively addressing problems of violence, including the state's exploitation of us, in more engaging ways. We believe you deserve a deeper justice than what you got."

Thank you for passing this on. Once you agree you can pass this message along, we can give you the latest contact information we has.

Media response: **Firm yes (eager to proceed)** | prompt: same day reply

Victim response: **Wavering (requires more info)** | irresponsible: reply in 6 to 14 days



O. Democratic accountability

3) TEAM phase

TO: local state rep Republican
 FROM: Value Relating
 DATE: Tuesday, June 29, 2021
 RE: Budgeting locally for innocence

Steph Turner makes a compelling claim for innocence. He struggles with poverty for a crime we can now know with a degree of certainty that he didn't do. Because we now have a tool that can estimate his innocence, by comparing the known details of his case to known exonerations. Called the "Estimated Innocence Form", it calculates Steph's probable innocence at 86%.

As a local resident of Michigan, Steph relies on the state's innocence projects. But he finds them overwhelmed with too many requests to take the time to review his compelling innocence claim. With only 2 CIUs in Michigan, which typically have only a limited staff, Steph's innocence may never be identified and corrected in time.

"We know without doubt," declares the editor of the National Registry of Exonerations, "that the vast majority of innocent defendants who are convicted of crimes are never identified and cleared." Nationwide, less than 3,000 have been exonerated. Researchers estimate between .5% and 15.4% of prisoners are wrongly convicted. That suggests Steph Turner is one of the 190 to 5,860 in a prison population of 38,053 in Michigan (using 2021 data) who are wrongly convicted.

The residents of your district want to know they are kept safe. Not only from perpetrators overlooked when the wrong person is convicted, but safe from overzealous law enforcement. I share your concern about the expansion of the powers of the state without adequate accountability. Just as I share the other side's concern about the unequal impact on society's most disadvantaged populations. For the sake of Steph Turner and the many others in Michigan just like him, I implore you to expand or prioritize the budget for prosecuting attorneys to address this growing problem. Give his community of supporters a reason to vote for you. Thank you.

Recipient response: **Unresponsive (no reply in 2 wks)** dismissive: no reply in 2 weeks



P. Innocence Investigation Springboard (se

3) TEAM phase

TO: Innocence Project
FROM: Steph & Alisha
DATE: Tuesday, June 29, 2021
RE: We can help you validate Steph's innocence

We ran the numbers for the innocence movement and it doesn't look good. A handful of lawyers pour hours and hours through a choice number of innocence claims. With an estimated range of 190 to 5,860 in a prison population of 38,053 of likely innocent prisoners in Michigan alone, Steph Turner wonders will you ever get to his compelling claim of innocence?

Don't get me wrong, we're thankful for what you do. But why must we rely exclusively on the same broken adversarial legal process that keeps making these egregious errors? Stephnow has an alternative that can either complement or compete with your noble yet limited efforts. Called the Estimated Innocence Form, hecan now demonstrate hisinnocence with 86% certainty.

This tool compares the details to Steph's claim to those already exonerated. The more he case mirrors those exonerated, the higher the score of estimated innocence. This "EIF" processes the nuance of hisinnocence claim more thoroughly than your typical questionairre for claimnants.

Steph's chief ally, Alisha Turner, is assembling a team of volunteers to go through his case documents. Together, they will try to link as much of his claim as possible to available documentation. After they lean on those who could provide those documents.

We invite you to engage us during this pioneering approach toward exoneration. During this populist era, we see it's time for us to take up more matters in our own hands. If the legal-judicial process cannot be trusted to correct its own errors, we will step up. See the enclosed Conviction Summary Report to see what we mean. Then let's talk about getting Steph the overdue justice he deserves. I look forward to your reply, and working on this together. Thank you.

Recipient response: **Soft yes (hesitant to proceed)** irresponsible: reply in 6 to 14 days



Q. Conviction Quality Report

Steph Turner

<u>No.</u>	<u>Contribution</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Independent verification</u>	<u>score</u>
		PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE		39%
15	not a factor	Eyewitness Misidentification		
16	not a factor	False Confessions or Admissions		
17	significant factor	Government Misconduct	NOT YET VERIFIED	41%
18	significant factor	Unvalidated or Improper Forensic Science	NOT YET VERIFIED	44%
19	not a factor	Jail Informant		
20	remote factor	Inadequate Defense	NOT YET VERIFIED	
21	significant factor	Evidence yet to be DNA tested	NOT YET VERIFIED	46%
22	significant factor	Non-DNA evidence yet to be considered	NOT YET VERIFIED	48%
23	significant factor	Exculpatory evidence exists	NOT YET VERIFIED	50%
24	significant factor	Conviction not corroborated by evidence	NOT YET VERIFIED	52%
25	significant factor	Conviction based on irrational theory of guilt	NOT YET VERIFIED	54%
26	significant factor	No actual crime	NOT YET VERIFIED	57%
27	significant factor	Law enforcement tunnel vision	NOT YET VERIFIED	58%
28	moderate factor	Law enforcement noble cause corruption	NOT YET VERIFIED	60%
29	not a factor	Complainant retraction		
30	not a factor	Confession from actual perpetrator		
31	not a factor	Another person implicated in the crime		
32	significant factor	Conviction based upon outmoded law/beliefs	NOT YET VERIFIED	61%
33	remote factor	Presenting conflict of interest	NOT YET VERIFIED	62%
34	significant factor	Perjured testimony or false accusation	NOT YET VERIFIED	65%
36	moderate factor	Disparate impact	NOT YET VERIFIED	65%
37	moderate factor	Law enforcement prejudice	NOT YET VERIFIED	66%
38	significant factor	Trial by media	NOT YET VERIFIED	68%
39	significant factor	Pled not guilty	NOT YET VERIFIED	70%
40	not a factor	Alford plea		
41	moderate factor	Duration of innocence claim	NOT YET VERIFIED	71%
42	moderate factor	Respect for crime victim(s)	NOT YET VERIFIED	72%
43	moderate factor	Positive institutional record	NOT YET VERIFIED	73%
44	significant factor	No criminal history	NOT YET VERIFIED	75%
45	moderate factor	Parole denial from maintaining innocence	NOT YET VERIFIED	76%
46	moderate factor	Any relief on appeal	NOT YET VERIFIED	77%
47	remote factor	Supporters	NOT YET VERIFIED	78%
48	not a factor	Affidavits		
49	not a factor	Judge support		
50	not a factor	Prosecutor support		
51	moderate factor	Defense counsel support	NOT YET VERIFIED	79%
52	remote factor	Influential support	NOT YET VERIFIED	79%
53	moderate factor	Any other relevant items	NOT YET VERIFIED	81%
54	not a factor	Indictment changed		
55	not a factor	Plea deal turned down		
56	significant factor	Asserted right to trial	NOT YET VERIFIED	83%
57	significant factor	Discovery with exculpatory evidence	NOT YET VERIFIED	86%
58		Exculpatory evidence not provided in discover		

Verification progress: **Need help identifying support in case documents**



R. Local district attorney

4) GROW phase

TO: Prosecuting Attorney of Kent County in Michigan
FROM: Value Relating PARTY OF DA
DATE: Tuesday, June 29, 2021
RE: Announcing a new tool for estimating viable claims of innocence

You must get hundreds of petitions each year from prisoners claiming to be railroaded. It's hard to take them seriously. Once convicted, you know felons will do just about anything to undo that conviction. Prisoners are desperate to regain their lost freedom. They will irresponsibly game the system in much the same way they irresponsibly manipulated the situation of their crime.

Or is the truth buried in these assumptions? Let's be honest now. Your job urges you to claim more than you actually know. While you cling to 'conviction finality', you don't really know what you don't know. Let's face it, it's now easier for the accused to admit their human imperfections than for police and prosecutors to admit theirs.

We're making it easier for you. Value Relating LLC is pioneering a tool for quantifying an innocence claim. Steph Turner is among the first to try it. He was convicted by your office back in 1993. Since then, he maintains that he is actually innocent. By comparing his claim to known exonerations, we can estimate with 86% certainty that Steph is indeed actually innocent.

See the attached Conviction Quality Report for the results. The tool is being used by Steph's supporters, who are trying to improve the estimate score by verifying the details of his innocence claim. They are now seeking support, checking if the links work for his case documents. We trust your commitment to justice will support this need.

You can learn more by writing to Value Relating LLC at valuerelating@gmail.com. You can expect to hear from us again, as we build support for Steph's calculated innocence. If we don't hear from you, we will presume you have no objections to our pioneering approach to justice. We look forward to working with you in the near future. Thank you.

Green, Bruce A. (1999). Why Should Prosecutors "Seek Justice"? *Fordham Urban Law Journal*, 26 :3:6.

First response:	Hard no (absolutely not)	prompt: same day reply
2nd response:	Wavering (requires more info)	responsive: reply in 2 to 5 days
3rd response:	Soft yes (hesitant to proceed)	irresponsive: reply in 6 to 14 days
4th response:	Firm yes (eager to proceed)	punctual: next day reply



S. Power Impact Report

Need-response

REPORT TO: Prosecuting Attorney of Kent County in Michigan

This is a report generated by **need-response**, a new field addressing each other's affected needs.

Law enforcement creates a power imbalance between the police and citizens. Officers can influence citizens far more than citizens can influence officers. Once arrested and detained, prosecutors magnify this power imbalance. This 'Power Impact Report' identifies some of the unhealthy consequences from the prosecutor's power.

Even if Steph Turner is not as innocent as he claims, the impact of prosecutorial power can ultimately undermine the interests of justice. When compared to other exonerees, he presents a 86% chance of being actually innocent. Consider the following impacts with that in mind.

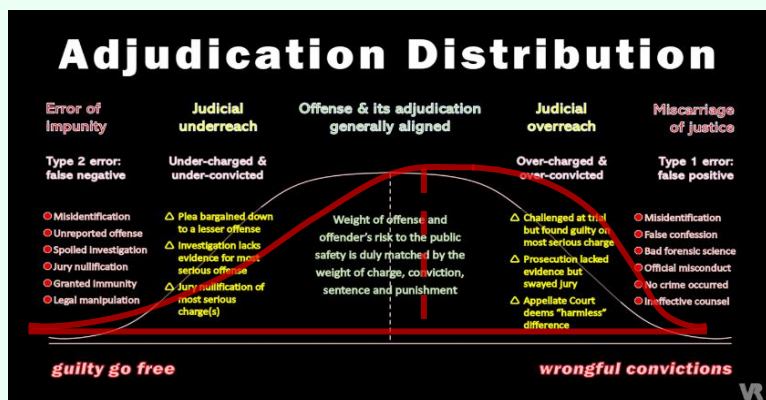
How the wrongful conviction challenges Steph Turner's life

- 1) economic: significantly challenged 3
- 2) physical health: only slightly challenged 1
- 3) mental health: moderately challenged 2
- 4) relationships: significantly challenged 3
- 5) will-to-live: not challenged at all 0
- 6) : NOT REPORTED 0

How the wrongful conviction affects Steph Turner's aspirations

- 7) income independence: I struggle to make it happen but unsuccessfully 3
- 8) maintaining healthy lifestyle: I feel I've reached it but not maintained it 4
- 9) overcoming depression & anxiety: I maintain it without help like this 6
- 10) restoring family ties: I maintain it without help like this 6
- 11) helping others similarly situated: I don't seek it nor think about it much 0
- 12) other aspiration: NOT REPORTED 0

With a 38% negative impact on Steph Turner's needs, and 53% impact on his aspirations, deeper justice may not be served. Getting to the sources of unjust negative impacts requires us to address unchecked prosecutorial power. Need-response examines the range of outcomes in this "adjudication distribution".



Out of understandable concern for Type 2 errors, prosecutorial power is now apt to make more Type 1 errors. It is now easier for the accused to admit to their human imperfections than for police and prosecutors to humbly admit theirs. There is more to justice than citing misdeeds; full justice requires the liberty to fully resolve needs.



T. Exaction Invoice

Exaction Invoice #1

INVOICE FOR HIDDEN COSTS OF A POWER IMBALANCE

TO BE SENT TO: Prosecuting Attorney of Kent County in Michigan

SENT FROM: Value Relating

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

This is an attempt to illuminate hidden costs of a power imbalance. You are under no legal obligation to remit this invoice, and we are under no moral obligation to grant legitimacy if you refuse to engage us to address these structurally exacted costs.

Structural exaction invoice

transactional until engagement

This is primarily a communication tool, to document and engage power-impacted needs. What gets measured gets done. This is to show the transactional costs of the wrongful conviction.

Illuminated cost	Coerced cost to remit	Remittance options
\$ 5,500.00	Prior investments in Steph's innocence	waived after mutually engaging needs
\$ 3,250.00	Current investment in Steph's innocence	waived after mutually engaging needs
\$ 780,000.00	Compensation standard for exonerees	held per outcome of engaged needs
\$ 216,156.00	Lost income from wrongful conviction	held per outcome of engaged needs
\$ 996,156.00	SUBTOTAL	
\$ (249,039.00)	25% DISCOUNT: for engaging impacted needs without bringing up extortion	
\$ 747,117.00	TOTAL	

How much is actual justice worth to you?

Extortion?

AI open to mutual awareness without bringing up extortion

- yes
- yes
- yes
- yes

- There is already a power relation between AI & RI.
- The receiving AI holds some power of the sending RI.
- There is already some coercion from the AI.
- The RI seeks to address all needs mutually.

Refusing / no reply

We significantly downgrade their legitimacy in the next step

This 'exaction invoice' is one of many need-response tools at our disposal

Explore other 'defunctions' and 'refunctions' of need-response. This is our secret sauce.

DEFUNCTION:

Structural exaction

Structural exaction is one of many costs

is when a power relation legally coerces the powerless side to involuntarily transfer something of value to the powerful side, without accountably allowing for impacted needs to resolve, whether either side in a power relation is aware of this coercion or not.

REFUNCTION:

Competitive legitimacy

Competitive legitimacy is one remedy

links the right of institutions to impact you or even interact with you on the basis of how well they help or allow you to resolve needs. It holds all leaders and their institutions up to a 'peakfunctional' standard.



U. Legitimacy Feedback Report

Legitimacy Qualification

LEGITIMACY AVOWAL

We assert our right and responsibility to fully resolve our affected needs, with or without authority support.

You don't know what you don't know. The power imbalance from being a authority figure limits the forthrightness of others to inform you and illuminate your blind spots. This tends to correlate with systemic errors. You may not effectively recognize, admit or correct errors or conflicts of interest. Measurably earning your legitimacy can help.

This avows to resolve impacted needs along nine dimensions of legitimacy

1 Scientific	Authorities resist empirical measures for ensuring impacted needs fully resolve	non-scientific <i>improve it</i>
2 Democratic	Authorities resist subjects asserting their right to resolve needs	non-democratic <i>improve it</i>
3 Constitutional	Authorities recognize structural categories like guilt-and-innocence overlook nuance in our lives	pro-constitutional <i>celebrate it</i>
4 Inspirational	Authorities open to higher moral & philosophical standards applied equally to them as to others	pro-inspirational <i>celebrate it</i>
5 Wisdom	Authorities dismiss the wisdom of impeaching their needs	non-wisdom <i>improve it</i>
6 Love	Authorities prioritize serving the needs of others over their own	pro-love <i>celebrate it</i>
7 Accountable	Authority figure eagerly accountable for their use of power over us	pro-accountable <i>celebrate it</i>
8 Supportive	Authority figure is supportive of the expressed needs of those impacted	pro-supportive <i>celebrate it</i>
9 Responsive	Authority figure is responsive to reports that their power has unintended impacts	pro-responsive <i>celebrate it</i>

TO SEND TO:

Based on our assessment, we recognize you as a **legitimate authority:**

You demonstrate a conciliatory responsiveness to all needs you impact in this power relation. Your leadership is exemplary. We invite you to follow our campaign to mutually resolve needs you are found to impact. We are starting a new way to improve lives with you, or without you.



V. Campaign progress report

YOUR ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN DASHBOARD

Start of service 4/30/2021	Your current phase BASE phase	Your next milestone send message to friendly media
Campaign launch date 7/13/2021	Your verification progress Need help identifying support in case docu	Their responsiveness to your messages 2 replies, 0 actions taken
Your investment to date \$3,250.00	Your current followers 48 total, 3 dropped, 8 new since last wk	Your current campaign sponsors 3 total, 0 dropped, 1 new since last
Your account balance \$1,725.00	Your current investing supportors 32 total, 7 dropped, 3 new since last wk	Your current campaign patrons none yet
No. of team members 48	Campaign status Launched	Current weekly revenue \$625
Number of sessions 13	Feedback critique to Value Relating "fix website readability"	Claimant's latest satisfaction level moderately satisfied
Week # 9th week	Main GOAL Judicial exoneration	Stretch GOAL State compensation

Verification progress:

13%

Need help to access trial transcripts from the court

Likely innocence:

87%

VIEW

This is only a demo. Your campaign dashboard will be in another spreadsheet until this can be built into the website.

DISCLAIMER

This tool will continually change and become better with your helpful feedback. It is up to you to check for the latest update. Effective use of this tool and the offered services are designed to improve the chances for exoneration, but cannot promise you are your loved one will ever be officially exonerated. You use this tool on your own at your own risk.