

under particularly heavy fire.

It was all very disconcerting. Not because I tend to avoid confrontation—far from it, as those who know me will attest—but due to the fact that the highly ideological tone of this social event was messing up my plans. The plan, you see, was to keep a low profile until the last possible moment. It was, after all, a mistake that I was here to begin with, and if I

came out of the closet, so to speak, and betrayed my paleolibertarian orientation too soon, the essential element of surprise would be lost.

Perhaps I should explain. It all started with a call from Lisa Nelson, of the *National Review* Institute, who explained that the Institute was putting on a West Coast conference in San Diego. Would I be interested in speaking on a panel? My book, *Reclaim-*

*ing the American Right*, had just been published, and since there had already been a small flurry of requests for interviews, and a speaking invitation or two, I naturally assumed they wanted me on account of my book.

My bubble was soon burst, as Lisa went on to explain not only the subject of my panel, but the process that had led her to me. The subject was "The New Politics of Sex," to

## Those Jury Verdicts

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The worth of the jury system rests on the soundness of the judgment of a cross-section of one's peers. But that soundness, in turn, rests on the values and principles held by that cross-section. Recent dramatic jury verdicts call the soundness of the average American's principles into question. The table below lists, for each case, the names of the defendant, the crime either alleged or committed, the Political Correctness of the defendant, and the nature of the verdict.

Jury Verdicts and Political Correctness

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Defendant's Political Crime</u>	<u>Correctness</u>	<u>Verdict</u>
Menendez Brothers	Murdered parents in cold blood	<i>Correct:</i> abuses by parents	<b>Not Convicted</b>
Lorena Bobbitt	Genital mutilation	<i>Correct:</i> abused by husband	<b>Innocent,</b> "Temporary insanity"
Williams	Deliberately bashed Reginald Denny on head	<i>Correct:</i> Black man expressing his indignation against white "racism"	<b>Innocent</b> of attempted murder
Stacy Koon et al	Attempting to subdue a belligerent black criminal	<i>Incorrect:</i> white "racists"	<b>Convicted,</b> in second trial; in jail
Griffin	Murdered an abortionist doctor	<i>Incorrect:</i> anti-abortionist, even though he claimed victimhood as influenced by Rev. John Burr	<b>Convicted,</b> in jail
Byron De La Beckwith	Allegedly murdered civil rights black, Medgar Evers	<i>Incorrect:</i> White racist	<b>Convicted,</b> in third trial, for 30-year old crime. Even though several witnesses placed him 60 miles away at the time. Witnesses dismissed as "white racists"
4 Arabs	Allegedly bombed World Trade Center, New York City	<i>Incorrect:</i> A-rabs	<b>Convicted,</b> in jail, even though key witness identified two jurors instead of two A-rabs.