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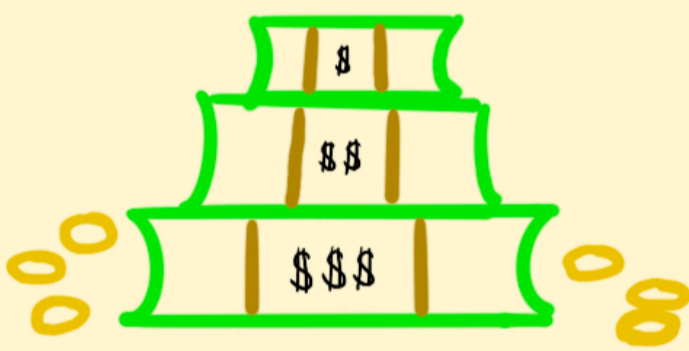
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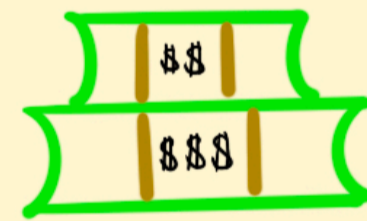
PROSECUTION V. DEFENSE EDITION

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In criminal cases, if a defendant can't afford an attorney, the government provides one for them called a "public defender"



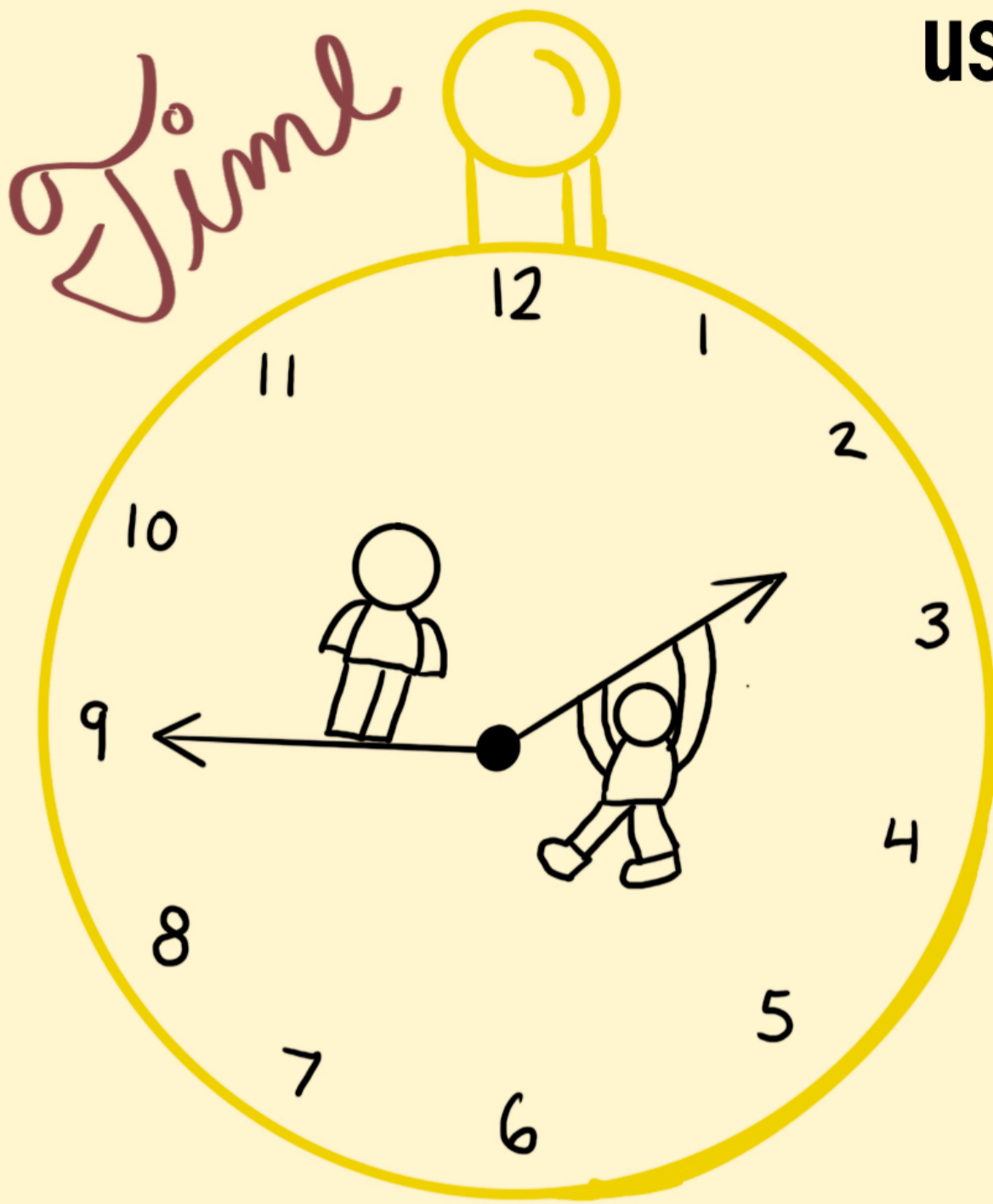
> \$6 billion annually
Prosecution²



~ \$2.2 billion annually
Public Defense²

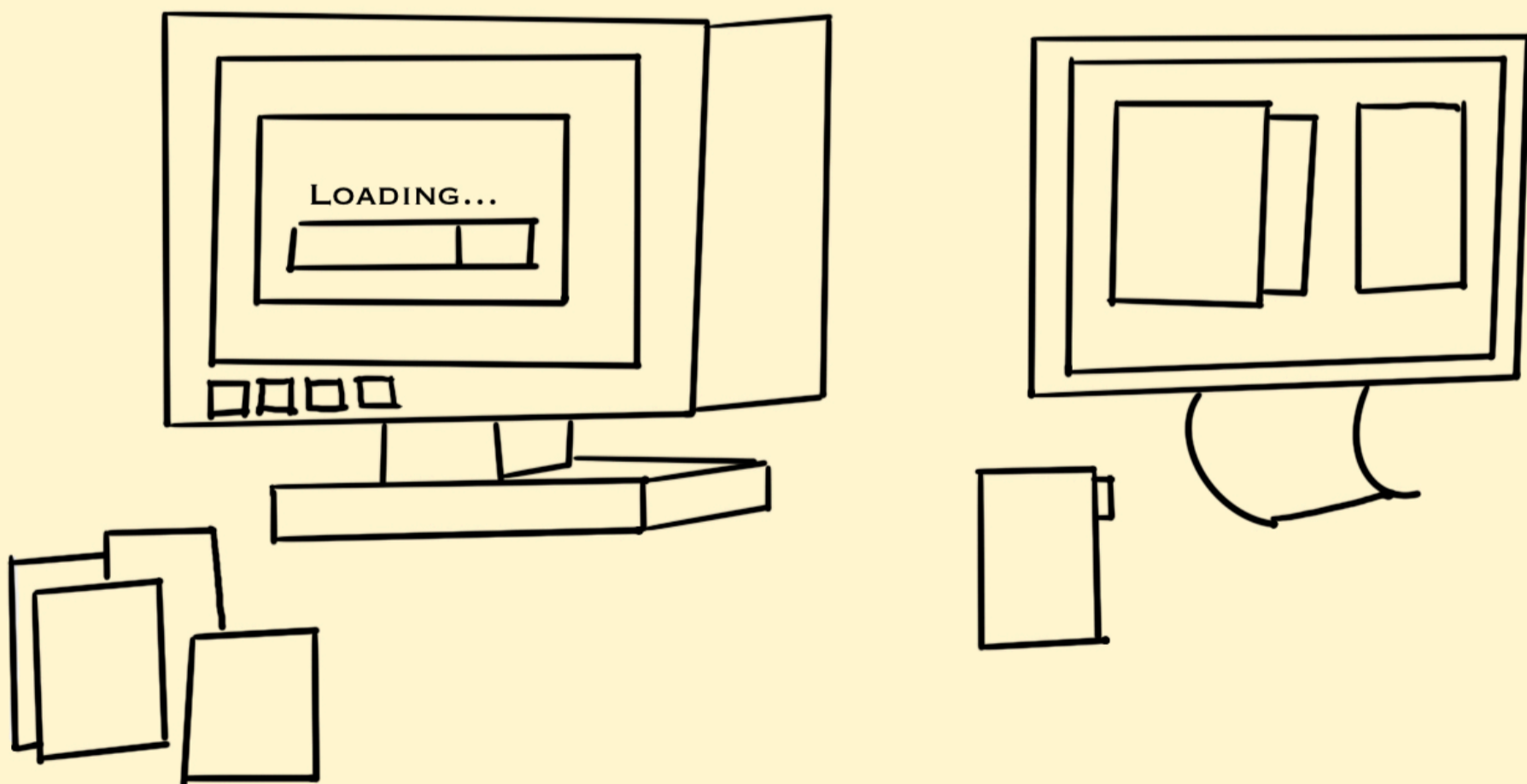
The government funds both the prosecution and public defense. You'd think they would provide equal funding to both sides. In reality, prosecutors receive much more money.

This money is converted into useful lawyer tools



- 37% of State Inmates and 54% of Federal inmates spoke with their public defenders within the first week of arrest³
- 60% of State inmates and 75% of federal inmates spoke with their private attorneys within a week of arrest³
- About 5% of inmates with public defenders did not discuss their case with their attorney at all
- Only 1-2% of inmates with hired attorneys did not discuss their case with them at all³
- Around 26% of state inmates and 46% of federal inmates with public defenders discussed their case with their attorneys at least four times³
- 58% of State and 65% of Federal inmates with private attorneys met with their attorneys four or more times about their case³

RESOURCES

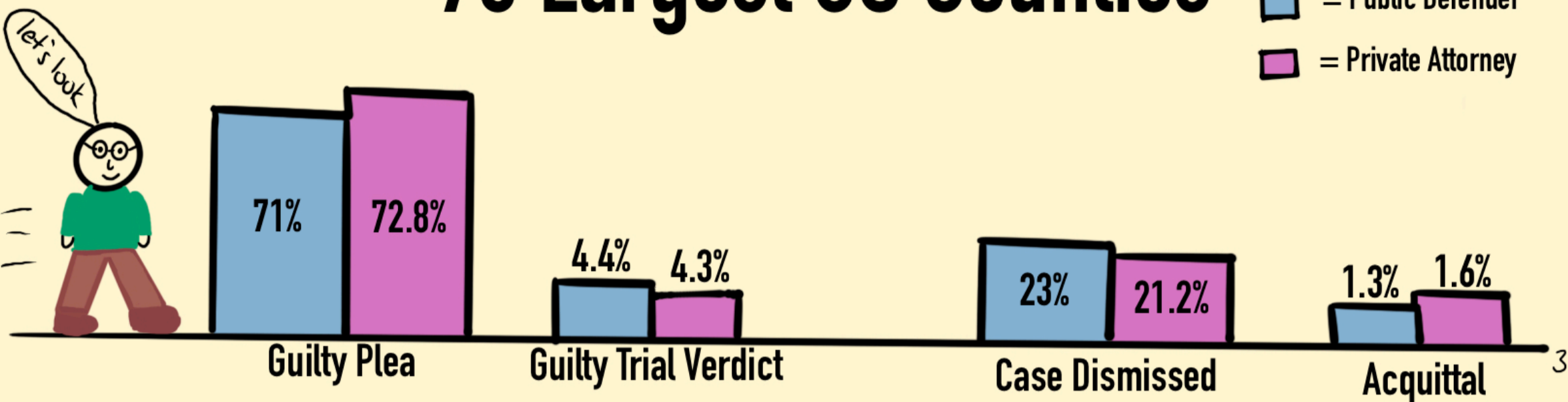


And without equal tools, there can't be equal representation

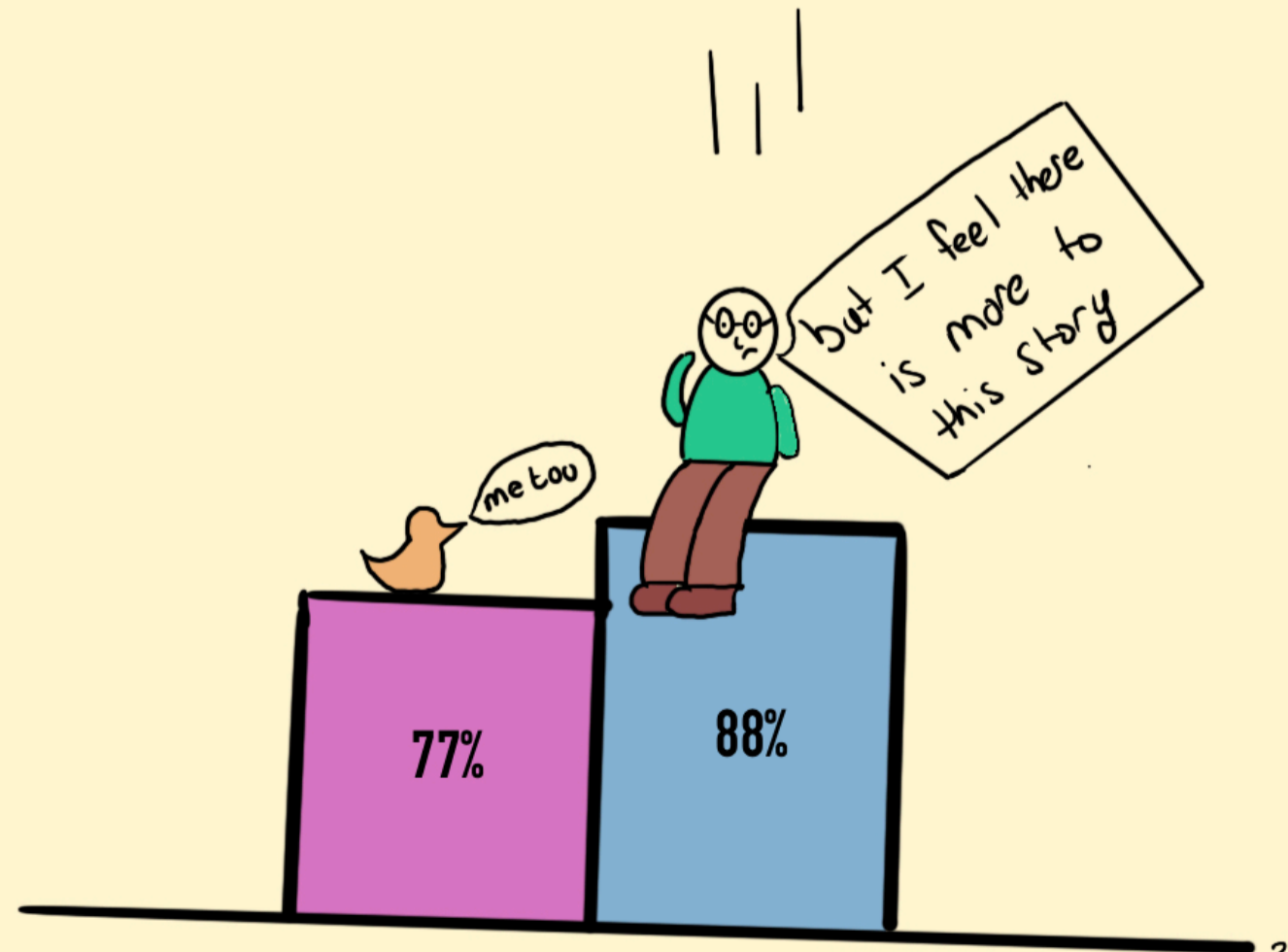
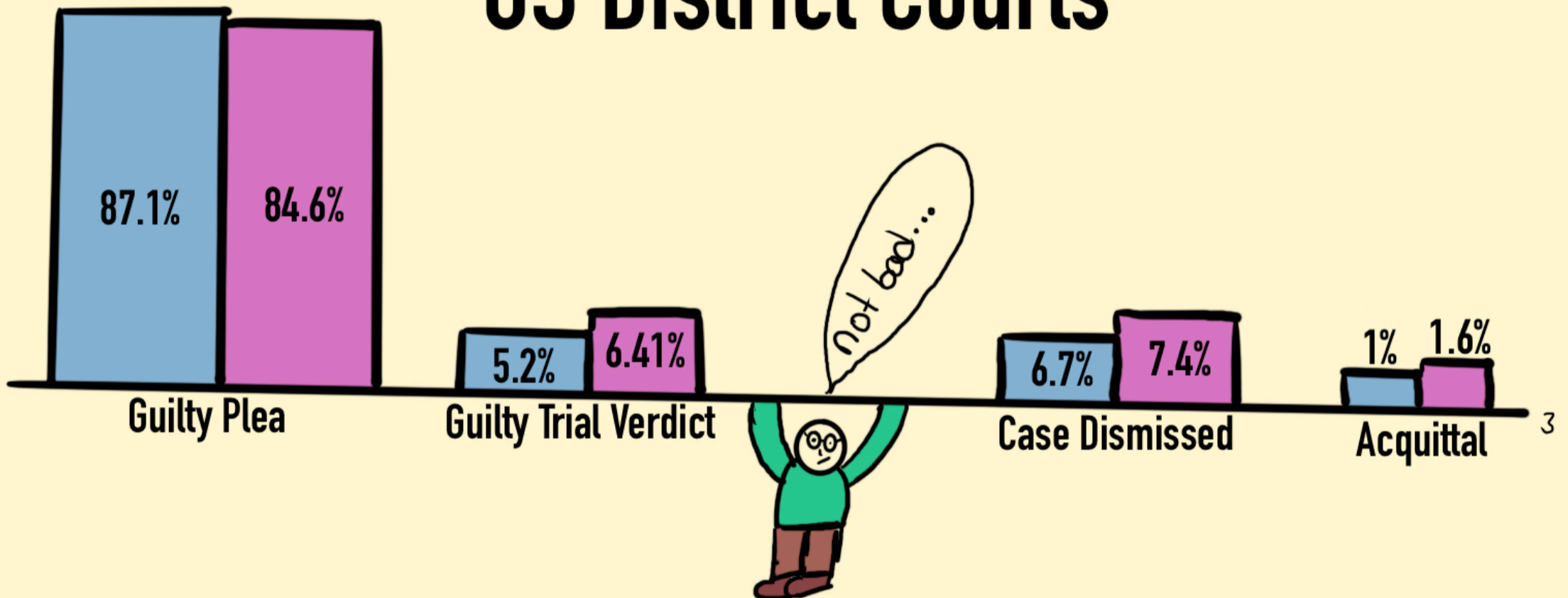
So, conviction rates should be different, right?

75 Largest US Counties

■ = Public Defender
■ = Private Attorney

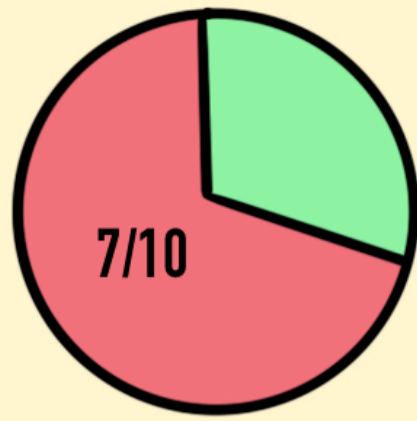


US District Courts



Percentages of guilty defendants who got jail sentences

Jail Time



With Public Defenders³

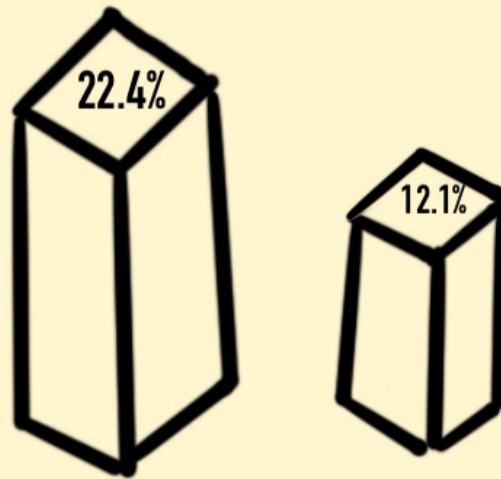
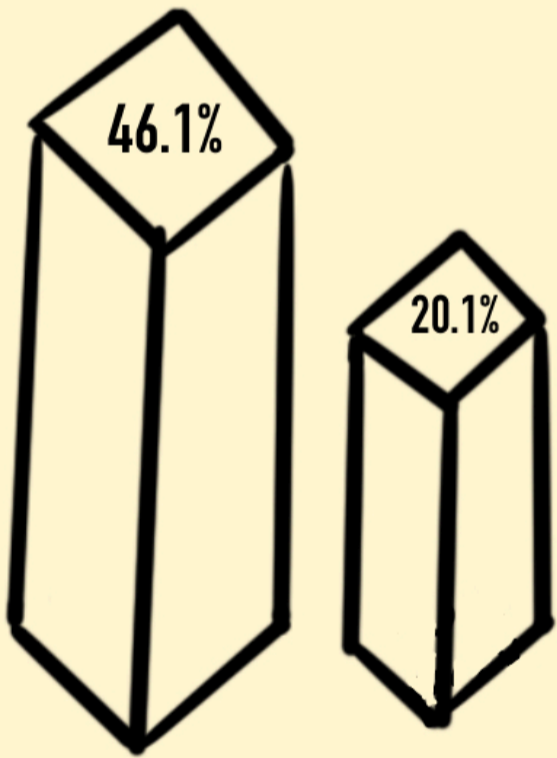


With Private Attorneys³

Defendants with public defenders are more likely to get jail time³

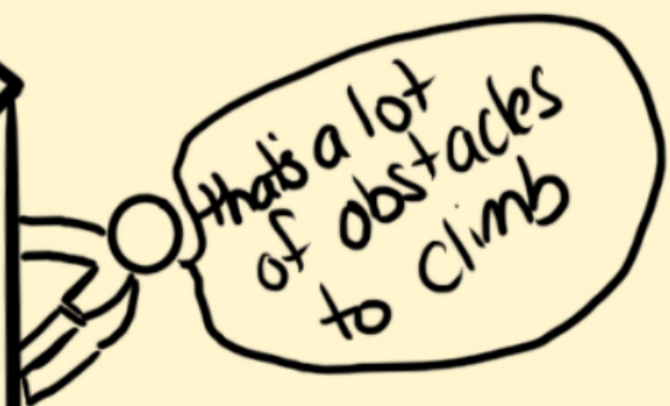
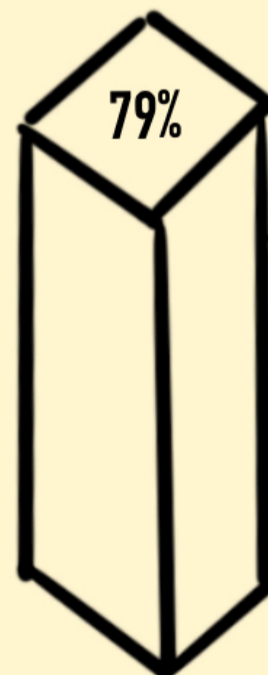
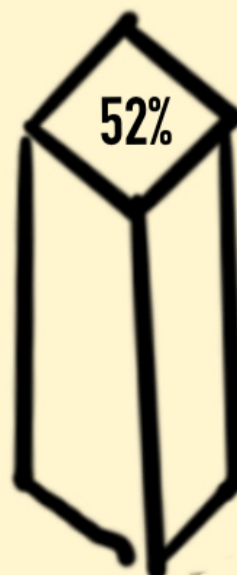
Defendant Detained³

Received Probation Only³



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Obtained Pretrial Release³



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