

CSI Effect

Please read the USA Today article at http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2004-08-05-csi-effect_x.htm followed by a study from the National Institute of Justice at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/journals/259/csi-effect.htm>. These articles and questions below will be discussed in class on Wednesday, March 30th.

- 1) Briefly describe some impacts CSI has had on forensic science.
- 2) What is the CSI effect? Briefly describe some jurors' expectations because of the CSI effect.
- 3) What steps were involved in formally studying the CSI effect?
- 4) How would you answer the questions posed of potential jurors?
- 5) What were the results of the study?
- 6) What conclusions were drawn about the frequency of watching crime programs?
- 7) Do jurors demand to see scientific evidence before they find a defendant guilty?
- 8) What conclusions to the author's of the study make regarding the CSI effect?