

Why Are There So Many Self-Represented Persons These Days?

Economics

- Arizona (Maricopa County) (1997) – 45% make \$25,000 or less annually
- California (2005) – 90% of child support litigants make less than \$30,000 annually
San Diego (2005) – 61% make less than \$24,000 annually
- Florida (1999) – 69% make less than \$20,000 annually and only 8% make more than 300% of federal poverty guidelines

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- Idaho (2000) – 43% make \$15,000 or less annually
- Minnesota (Hennepin County) (2002) – 76% below 187% of federal poverty guidelines
- Utah (2006) – 47% at time of trial and 41% at time of making inquiry at public counter make less than \$24,000 annually. 60% make less than \$36,000 annually. 15% make more than \$96,000 annually.

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- Washington State (2001) – virtually no difference in the average median income of represented (\$35,500) and unrepresented (\$34,800) litigants based on zip codes.

Disintermediation

- Fixing homes
- Selling own home
- Trading stocks without broker's advice
- Self medicating
- Home schooling
- Representing themselves in court
