

Drawbacks of plea bargains

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1. Risk of Coercion

Defendants may feel pressured to accept plea bargains

2. Innocent Pleading Guilty

There's a risk that innocent people may plead guilty to crimes they did not commit

3. Reduced Legal Protections

Plea bargains can circumvent the full legal process

4. Overburdened Public Defenders

Public defenders often have high caseloads, which can lead to less time spent on each case and potentially rushed plea deals.

5. Public Perception

There may be a negative public perception of plea bargains, seeing them as a way for defendants to 'get off easy'.