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If I were the jury, I would have saw Socrates as innocent. I do agree that Socrates comes off as rude and arrogant by considering himself to being the smartest man and telling others not to interrupt him. However, a good jury is supposed to rely on hard facts and evidence. Letting in emotions turns the judicial process into a game of mental manipulation. Behind that bad personality is someone who goes around and tries to teach others science and a different way of argument. In addition, Socrates did not actually explicitly say that he was teaching atheism. I have read in other sources that Socrates was actually a deep believer of the gods, it was just that some of the things Socrates discovered contradicted traditional myths.