

## How Many Checkbooks Do We Have Here?

**Do any of you watch Let's Make a Deal?** For those that don't know, this is a daytime game show that CBS rebooted in 2009 after years of being off the air. The original Let's Make a Deal was hosted by Monte Hall and ran from 1963 to 1977. The show then and now features audience members dressed in crazy outfits trying to win prizes by picking the right door. The host is always attempting to offer them money instead of what is behind the door. Sometimes taking the cash is the best option as what is behind the door is worthless. At other times taking the cash means missing out on a more valuable prize behind the door.

At the end of the show, Monte Hall, who recently died, used to give money to people who had strange things in their purses or billfolds. For instance, he might say, "I will give \$100 to anyone who has a light bill with them." Audience members would scramble to find whatever Hall had asked for in an attempt to win the money.

I am not going to give any money away but in the spirit of Let's Make a Deal, let's see how many people have a checkbook with them. Do we have any checkbooks here? Some of you Millennials might not know what a checkbook is! Out of all of us here, isn't it amazing how few carry a checkbook? Thirty years ago, if I would have asked that question I can imagine that many more would have been able to show me their checkbooks.

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