

Optional extra credit opportunity! Legal News Responses!

Earn extra points on your midterm and final exam grades by posting thoughtful responses to legal news articles! See the excellent sample posted on our OpenLab site! *It's easy and fun!!*

Instructions: Select and read a news article about a current event or issue that relates to law in some way. That includes almost everything! Potential topics are significant court cases, political and international events, proposed laws, and many, many more. You can find an article on your own, or choose one that I post in the "Articles" tab of our course OpenLab page. Read it carefully, then write a short response that meets the criteria below, then post it on OpenLab. That's it!! For each response you post, you may earn up to two extra points on the next major exam (midterm or final) in either course, up to one post per week.

Requirements: Please choose an article no one else has written about. Posts must state the article's title, author, source (such as *The New York Times*, etc.) and date. Please include a link to the article if possible. (Instructions for posting, including links, are in the "Class notes & materials" tab.) Posts should include at least two paragraphs: one in which you summarize the article in your own words, and one (or more) in which you respond thoughtfully to the article, with your own reaction. For example, how do you think a court case should turn out, and why? Do you think a particular law is good, and why or why not? What you think of a certain political development? Do you agree with the author's opinion, and why or why not? Don't just repeat what the article states!! You must tell us what you think about it, and why, to earn credit. If you use statements directly from the article, be sure to quote them properly. Proofread your post—it must be free from careless errors to earn credit! Category for the post is "Legal news!"

Happy posting! ☺