

**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 on OpenLab!

Instructions: Select and read a news article about a law-related event or issue that you find on your own, or in the "Articles" tab in our course OpenLab page. Potential topics include significant court cases, or a law, or developments related to the upcoming election, and many more. To earn credit, you must write about an article no one else has written about (though you are encouraged to reply to other students' posts). You can earn up to two points on the next major exam (midterm or final) for each post. Post as often as you'd like, but you can only earn points for up to one post per week.

Requirements: Category is "Legal news!" To earn credit, posts must state the article's title, author, date, and source (such as *The New York Times*, etc.), and should 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 provide a thoughtful personal response to the article, such as how you think the court case will turn out and why, or whether you think the law is good and why, etc. If you just repeat what the article states, you will not earn credit. If you use statements directly from the article, you must quote them. Proofread your post—it must be free from careless errors to earn credit!

*Happy posting!* ☺