### **Thursday, November 10, 2022** (class 20 of 30!!)

#### **Today**:

- Election recap!
- Court observation assignment!
- Sources of Law continued: the U.S. Constitution! Get a prize!

Now: Read handout, "Court observation!"

### For next class (Tu. Nov. 15):

- QUIZ #3! Change in plans! Everything since midterm exam.
- Read textbook ch. 7, pp. 175-201 (legal research)!

Th. Nov. 17: Court observation trip!! Optional.\* Details to be provided.

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## Primary vs. secondary sources of law!

Primary source = "The Law"
Secondary source = "About the Law"

# **Primary sources** = "The Law" → 4 main types:

- Constitutions (constitutional law)
- Statutes (statutory law)
- Administrative law
- Common law (or case law)

### **Constitution** = document that establishes:

- (a) legal structure of government
  - > such as a President, Congress, court system, etc. and
- (b) fundamental principles of how government operates, and citizens' conduct
  - > including their *rights*
- \*\*Highest law of that state or nation!
- \*\*Includes amendments → such as the Bill of Rights!