

Optional extra credit opportunity! Legal News Summaries

Earn extra points on your midterm and final exam grades by posting responses to current, serious legal news articles on OpenLab!

Articles: Articles should be current, and they should come from serious news sources such as *The New York Times* (nytimes.com), CNN (cnn.com), or other credible outlets (not "fake news"). The topics must be law-related: possibilities topics include significant court cases, or new laws, or election campaigns, or free speech, or immigration, and many others. You may use articles I post on OpenLab (under the "Articles" tab) or you may use your own. Each article may be addressed by only one student—first come, first served! Each student may earn credit for one response per week (though you may post as many responses as you like, for fun). You may earn up to one additional point on the next major exam grade (midterm or final) for each post. Students are encouraged to reply to other students' posts! (though not for credit) We'll discuss some of the posts in class.

Requirements for posts: Posts must include the article's title, date, and source (such as *The New York Times*, etc.), with a link if possible. (Instructions for posting, including links, are on OpenLab under "Course Info.") Posts must include at least two paragraphs. The first paragraph should summarize the article, including the legal issue(s) it addresses, such as a new law, or why an event raises free speech questions. ****This part is critical!!** If you do not clearly identify the legal issues, *you will not receive credit*. The second paragraph(s) must respond to the article, such as whether you think the law is good, or why it is important particular speech be permitted or not. There are many possibilities! What is important is that your response is original, thoughtful, and reasoned. If you just repeat what the article states, *you will not receive credit*.

Happy posting!