

**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!

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, and particular laws, and political events, and many, many more. To earn credit, you must choose an article no one else has written about, and you must meet all the requirements described below. For each post, you can earn up to two extra points on the next major exam (midterm or final), for one post per week.

Requirements: Category for the post is "Legal news!" To earn credit, posts must state the article's title, author, date, and source (such as *The New York Times*, etc.). 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, such as how you think the court case will turn out, and why; or whether you think a law is good, and why; what you think of a political development; etc. If you just repeat what the article states, without telling us what you think about it, you will not earn credit! If you use statements directly from the article, quote them. Proofread your post—it must be free from careless errors to earn credit!

*Happy posting! ☺*