

AP US Government

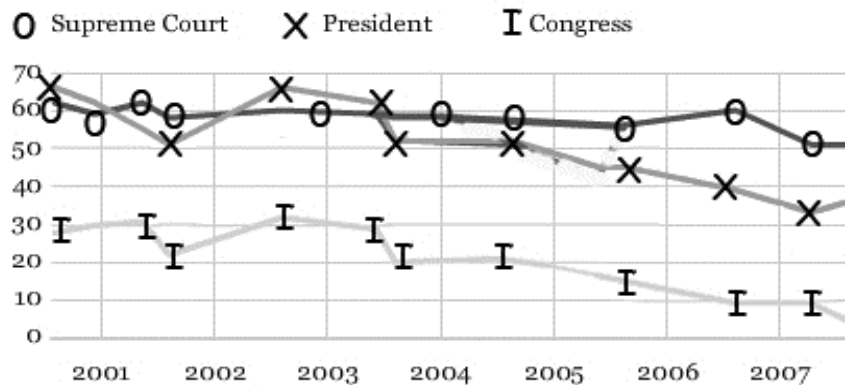
Unit 5 Review Questions



1. According to the Constitution, how are lower courts established?
2. What is appellate jurisdiction, and why is it important?
3. What is the chief weapon of the judicial branch in the government's system of checks and balances?
4. Describe how a Strict-constructionist judge views the Constitution:
5. What is the best method interest group such as the ACLU, the NRA, or the NAACP can influence the Supreme Court by
6. What are two common ways for a plaintiff to lower the costs of an appeal?
7. A Supreme Court Justice votes with the majority in a case, but her reasoning differs from the other justices. She may choose to write:
8. Describe the 6 steps in appointing a federal judge
9. What is needed for standing in presenting a case before the Supreme Court?
10. What are the 3 types of cases the Supreme Court usually agrees to hear?
11. What are some important litmus test questions for Supreme Court nominees?
12. What are two differences between a common law system and a code law system?

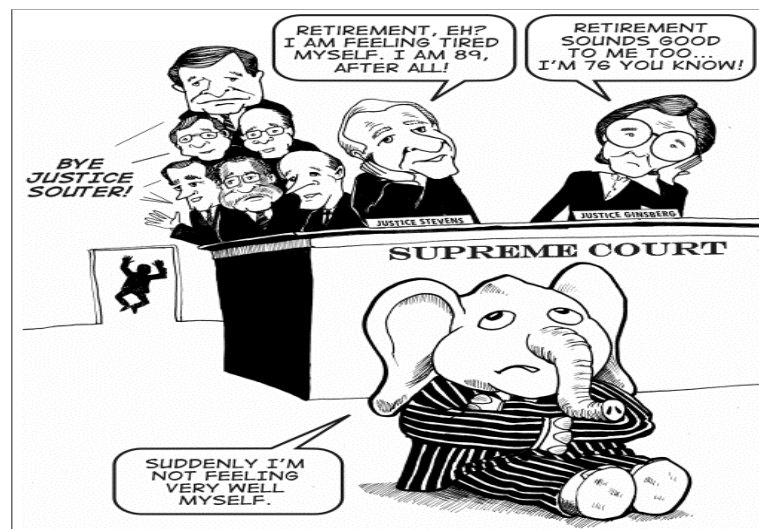
Public Approval of the Three Branches of Government

(percentage saying "approve")



13. According to the chart above, how does public confidence in the Supreme Court compare to the President and Congress?
14. According to the chart above, what might protect the Supreme Court from attacks by the President and Congress?
15. What is the dual-court system of the United States?

16. A Florida resident is arrested in Miami for counterfeiting. Which court has original jurisdiction?
17. A drug addict attacks and kills a homeless man in Miami. Which court has original jurisdiction?
18. A cruise ship catches fire and sinks off the coast of Florida. Which court has original jurisdiction?
19. When does the Supreme Court have original jurisdiction?
20. According to the Constitution, what is the term of a Federal Judge? Why?
21. What is a diversity case?
22. Why is Senatorial courtesy important for the President's nominations for the courts?



23. What is the main point of the 2010 editorial cartoon above?
24. A Supreme Court justice votes against the majority decision and expresses his disagreement in a:
25. What are two types of cases the Supreme Court will never agree to hear?
26. What is the difference between an adversarial and an inquisitorial legal system?
27. Describe the four step process of having a case heard by the Supreme Court:
28. According to the Supreme Court, what is Dual federalism?
29. What are 3 ways Congress and the President can check the Judiciary?
30. What case gave the Supreme Court the power of judicial review?