

### To prepare for this Discussion:

- Review Interactive Unit 4, Module 8.
- Review the article on term limits for judges in the Learning Resources.
- Consider how Supreme Court justices are chosen, including the specific role of the president and Congress.
- Reflect on why Supreme Court justices have lifetime appointments.
- Consider how lifetime appointments aid or deter the decisions of Supreme Court justices and why.
- What are the risks of not providing lifetime appointments?
- How does the makeup of the Supreme Court affect its group decision making?
- Include at least one reference and citation from the course readings and one reference and citation from an article found in the Walden Library to support your rationale. With these thoughts in mind:

### By Day 3

Post a 2- to 3-paragraph analysis of two strengths and two weaknesses of lifetime appointments for Supreme Court justices. Be sure to include a rationale for why the Supreme Court should or should not have lifetime appointments.

### Answer

One advantage to having a lifetime appointment is that you have job security. If you are appointed for life, then you never have to worry about finding a job or paying bills. If you live within your means, then you are set to do whatever you want financially. Another advantage to having a lifetime appointment is that you will have July, August, and September off from work for the rest of your life, and who doesn't like 3 months straight of paid time-off from work.

One weakness to having a lifetime appointment is that you would have to work with someone that you absolutely hate for the rest of your life and end up dreading going to work. Another weakness to having a lifetime appointment is that if you are impeached by Congress for misconduct (Laureate Education, 2018), you would have an extremely hard time finding a job afterwards because that is probably one of the worst terminations from employment that a person could ever get.

I think that appointments for Supreme Court justices should have term limits, just like the presidents and other high-ranking government offices. Since the average time that a Justice serves is 16 years (Laureate Education, 2018), I say we should put a limit on their term for 25 years. They can always leave earlier than that if they chose, but the max time that they can hold office is 25 years. I feel like this would be a perfect time period, because with each new generation, things are going to change. Especially since presidents select people who share their same views and positions on issues (Laureate Education, 2018), we do not want Justices who are aligned with a president that steers our country in a bad direction.

### References:

Laureate Education. (2018). POLI 1001S: American Government [Lecture Notes]. Retrieved from