



# Your Turn – Law of the Land

The United States Supreme Court has the final say in court decisions. Review the following questions and decide where your opinion rests on the spectrum. Supreme Court Justices have to rule for either the plaintiff or the defendant, so your response will have to side with one as well. Good luck!

Should school districts be able to force students to salute the flag of the United States of America?

*(West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette)*

<b>Yes</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	<b>No</b>
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Should school officials have the right to search students?

*(New Jersey v. T.L.O.)*

<b>Yes</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	<b>No</b>
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Can and should civilians be tried in military courts during times of war?

*(Ex Parte Milligan)*

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Should prayer be allowed in public schools in a noncompulsory manner?

*(Engel v. Vitale)*

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Should schools districts allow racial segregation if conditions are deemed "equal?"

(*Brown v. Board of Education*)

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Should it be allowable for public Universities to consider race when admitting applicants?

(*Regents of the University of California v. Bakke*)

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Should evidence obtained illegally be admissible in court?

(*Weeks v. United States & Mapp v. Ohio*)

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Should it be allowable for the Federal Government to prohibit hotel owners from prohibiting certain type of people from staying in their hotels?

(*Heart of Atlanta Motel v. United States*)

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Is the death penalty cruel and unusual punishment?

(*Gregg v. Georgia*)

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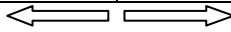
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Should police departments be required to let those arrested what their rights are?

(*Miranda v. Arizona*)

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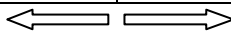
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Should students be able to be searched by school personnel if they have reasonable suspicion that a student has something that might disrupt the educational environment?

(*New Jersey v. TLO*)

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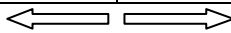
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Should married couples have a special "privacy" consideration when facing scrutiny from the government?

(*Griswold v. Connecticut*)

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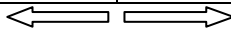
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Should schools be allowed to have a moment of silence specifically for prayer or meditation?

(*Wallace v. Jaffree*)

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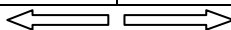
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Should religion be allowed to mix in the affairs of the federal government?

(*Lemon v. Kurtzman*)

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