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Laurel Wamsley, Pam Fessler, & Richard Gonzalez. [“Federal Judges In 3 States Block Trump’s ‘Public Charge’ Rule for Green Cards.”](https://www.npr.org/2019/10/11/769376154/n-y-judge-blocks-trump-administrations-public-charge-rule) *NPR*, October 11, 2019.

1. How did the Trump administration attempt to change green card rules?
2. What rationale did the courts provide in blocking this policy?
3. In your opinion, did the courts act correctly? Why or why not?
4. What constitutional principles do you see in this story? What can we learn about American government from the interactions of multiple branches?

Nathaniel Rakich. [“What Happened When 2.2 Million People Were Automatically Registered to Vote?”](https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/what-happened-when-2-2-million-people-were-automatically-registered-to-vote/) *FiveThirtyEight*, October 10, 2019,

1. What is automatic voter registration? Where has it been implemented? Why?
2. How has automatic voter registration changed political participation, if at all?
3. Aside from automatic voter registration, how can we encourage more citizens to vote?
4. In your opinion and based on your reading of this article, is automatic voter registration a good idea? Why or why not?

Brian Fung. [“Elizabeth Warren targets Facebook's ad policy -- with a Facebook ad.”](https://www.cnn.com/2019/10/11/politics/elizabeth-warren-facebook-ad/index.html) *CNN*, October 12, 2019.

1. Describe the relationship between Senator Elizabeth Warren and Facebook in recent months.
2. What is Elizabeth Warren trying to prove by running her most recent ad on Facebook?
3. Why might Facebook be reluctant to regulate campaign ad even if they are dishonest?
4. What are the positives and negatives of Facebook limiting campaign ads? What do you think Facebook should do? Why?