

Weekly Current Events:      Posted: 1.10.22

[Isgur, “It’s Time to Amend the Constitution,” \*Politico.Com\*, 1.8.22.](#)

1. Why was the Supreme Court Commission assembled?
2. What considerations or recommendations has the Commission made?
3. What’s the only potential change in the Supreme Court structure the Commission offered that does not require an amendment? What branch(es) can make that change?
4. What analogy did Thomas Jefferson make in his prediction of future changes in the Constitution?
5. Describe the amendment process in Article V.
6. How has partisanship made amending harder?
7. Which amendment took the longest to ratify?
8. What relevant point does she make regarding the Articles of Confederation?
9. What is/was the Equal Rights Amendment? What else did you learn about it?
10. Do you like or dislike the author’s proposed amendment to re-define the amendment process? Why or why not?

[Calvan, “Watershed Moment . . . Non-Citizens to Vote,” \*Associated Press\*, 1.9.22.](#)

1. What city has established a new rule to enable non-citizens to vote?
2. For what offices will these immigrant-voters be able to vote?
3. What burden will this put on the local board of elections?
4. What fraction of New York residents will this effect?
5. What criteria is necessary for these non-citizens to vote?
6. Do you like the new policy in NYC? Why or why not?
7. Could a state government enable or prevent such a city-wide policy?

[Biden, \*Remarks on January 6\* | \*White House Released Speech\* | \*YouTube Video\* \(24 min\)](#)

1. What group did President Biden recognize in the beginning of the speech?
2. From where, exactly did he give the speech? Why?
3. What point did he make about the Confederate flag?
4. How many police officers were injured?
5. What two constitutional officers does he mention were threatened that day?
6. Why does he emphasize the difference between the truth and a lie?
7. What government officials does he cite that countered Trump’s false claims after the election, and why does he point these officials out particularly?
8. What does he say about Election Day 2020 and January 6, 2021?
9. Why does he say new election laws are being implemented in several states?
10. What happened when Trump or his attorneys challenged election results in courts (“venues where we’re sworn to tell the truth”)?
11. Why should the rioters, trespassers, and insurrectionist not be considered patriots?