

Judicial Independence

APGO/PO ESSAY WRITING ASSIGNMENT

Directions: Write a clear, correct, and concise essay on the following prompt. The essay must be handwritten in blue or black ink pen.

The judicial branch is designed to be more independent of public opinion than are the legislature or the executive. Yet, the United States Supreme Court rarely deviates too far for too long from prevalent public opinion.

- (a) Describe two ways in which the United States Supreme Court is insulated from public opinion.
- (b) Explain how two factors work to keep the United States Supreme Court from deviating too far from public opinion.