**Legal Research Assignment #2**

A critical part of how the Supreme Court decides cases is based on who is on the Court at any given time. President Trump nominated, and Senate confirmed Neil Gorsuch to fill the long vacant seat of late Justice Antonin Scalia. Based on news reports and other commentary, Gorsuch is likely to follow in Scalia’s footsteps on many issues.

In an approximately one page essay (double spaced), explain how you would have voted on his nomination had you been in the U.S. Senate, and then justify and explain the reasons for your vote. For purposes of this assignment, you can: make up what state and party you wish to belong, and when you are up for reelection. Please include those in the title which may look like:

**Sen. Shawn Donahue (D-Indiana), term ends 2018**

There is no right answer to this question. The main point is that you are able to take a position and back up your argument. If you wish you can focus more on his record as an attorney and Judge on the 10th Circuit, the Republican refusal to hold a hearing for Merrick Garland, political concerns you as a Senator may face at home, his ideology, his positions (or lack thereof) on key issues), or other things. You may even focus on a particular issue or policy that you find important to you.

This assignment is 5% of your grade and about a page, double spaced. If you followed much of the Gorsuch confirmation, it should be pretty quick to write up.

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