

A Passion for Justice Guided by Reason



As the summer of 2025 approached, the threat of a constitutional crisis loomed. Federal judges' adherence to their oath to uphold the Constitution and the laws of the United States showed clearly. But, perhaps, the most moving evidence of our democracy's strength was the public's allegiance to the rule of law and commitment to justice.

Learning Objectives:

- 1. Analyze the role of the judiciary in upholding constitutional principles during times of political or constitutional crisis.**
 - Learners will explore how judges interpret and apply the law while adhering to their oath, especially under pressure.
- 2. Evaluate the significance of public trust and civic engagement in preserving democratic institutions.**
 - Learners will examine how public allegiance to the rule of law contributes to the resilience of democracy.
- 3. Reflect on the balance between emotion (passion for justice) and logic (reason) in decision-making.**
 - Learners will consider how reasoned judgment and ethical commitment intersect in the pursuit of justice.

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