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**Homework Assignment: “The Court and Democracy”**

1. What does Rosen mean when he says “justices are appointed for life precisely so they can consider these issues in constitutional rather than political terms”?
2. Why has the Supreme Court sometimes been criticized as an “anti-democratic institution”?
3. Why is retired Justice Sandra Day O’Connor (the first-ever female S.C. justice) concerned about the future of judicial independence?
4. In the Federalist Papers, how did Alexander Hamilton explain his idea that the Supreme Court would be the “least dangerous branch” of the 3?
5. How did John Marshall strengthen the power of the Supreme Court in the *Marbury v. Madison* case?
6. What are three methods the American people can use to “curb judicial decisions with which they disagree”?
7. Does Rosen think the Supreme Court is anti-democratic? Why or why not?