

What should be the role of the judicial branch?

A. There has been much debate over the role of the courts and responsibilities of judges. Read the pairs of statements below. Check one statement in each pair that you agree with the most.

A court's decision should be final.

An allowance must be made for some court decisions to be appealed to a higher court.

Judges should interpret laws according to the needs of society at the time.

Judges should interpret laws only according to the Framers' intentions in writing the Constitution.

Judges should be elected by popular vote and serve a limited term.

Judges should be appointed and serve for life.

Judges should focus on individual rights.

Judges should focus on the common good of society.

Judges should be absolutely neutral.

Judges should be allowed to incorporate their judicial and political philosophy into their decisions.