

**Blog Guide: Before Reading**

*Answer the following questions with your initial thoughts on the current fight over the Supreme Court.*

How much of an effect do you believe the Supreme Court has on your day-to-day life? Explain your answer.

Why might a voter care about President Donald Trump’s nomination of a new Supreme Court justice so close to a presidential election?

Several high-profile issues, especially abortion and health care, have suddenly taken a front seat in the news with President Trump’s nomination of Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court. Do you think voters might re-prioritize the issues they care about before voting in the November election? Explain your reasoning.

## Blog Guide: In-Class Discussion (Teacher Guide)

*Have students answer these questions as a whole group or in small groups.*

1. What are the main issues surrounding the nomination of Judge Amy Coney Barrett?
2. Which side do you agree with? Why?
3. What would you like to see Congress do regarding the nomination?
4. How might the actions of Democrats and Republicans sway an undecided voter in the November election?
5. How might these actions appeal to the parties' bases (if at all)?

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*Now that you have read the blog post, share your thoughts on the questions below.*

Does it matter that Senate Republicans would not act on confirming a new Supreme Court justice in 2016 (a presidential election year when the White House and the Senate were held by different parties), but are moving forward with a confirmation in 2020 (a presidential election year when the White House and the Senate are held by the same party)? Why or why not?

How do you think this issue will affect the November election? Explain your reasoning.