



For Confirmation Hearings Video Questions

Should the Senate Conduct Confirmation Hearings for a Supreme Court Vacancy During a Lame Duck Presidency?

Answer the following questions as you watch the video, ["Senator Schumer \(D-NY\) on Confirmation Hearings."](#)

1. Identify two pieces of evidence Senator Schumer gives to support his argument that the American people want a hearing to proceed once a nominee is announced.
2. Why do you think Senator Schumer points out that the last four Supreme Court nominees have been confirmed with bipartisan support?

Answer the following questions as you watch the video, ["Senator Franken \(D-MN\) on Confirmation Hearings."](#)

1. Explain Senator Franken's (D-MN) position on holding confirmation hearings for President Obama's Supreme Court nominee.

Answer the following questions as you watch the video, ["Senator Feinstein \(D-CA\) on Confirmation Hearings."](#)

1. How long Does Senator Feinstein say it has been since a Supreme Court vacancy has gone unfilled for over a year?
2. What was the outcome of President Buchanan's nominee in 1861?

3. What were the circumstances that delayed the confirmation of a Supreme Court Justice Samuel Miller?

4. What point is Senator Feinstein trying to make concerning the actions of the Senate Judiciary Committee to deny a judicial nominee a hearing?