

POLI 463 in-class worksheet

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1. Search for your U.S. Supreme Court **decision** in both [Hein and Nexis](#)



Hein: Browse Databases by Category > Case Law > Supreme Court Library

Nexis: Legal (top menu) > Content Type: Cases

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Nexis permalink	

- a. In Nexis, near the very top of the decision, how many items are listed in **Prior History**?
2. [Shepardize](#) your decision in *Nexis*. See [NexisUni Help](#) for additional information.

Appellate History	Identify related cases prior to your decision. In which courts were they heard? 1. 2.	
Citing Decisions	In the <i>Analysis</i> filter, how many decisions give positive treatment to your case?	
	In the <i>Discussion</i> filter, how many decisions analyze or discuss your case?	
	In the <i>Court</i> filter, which Federal court has the most citing opinions?	
	In the <i>Headnotes</i> filter, what are the top three headnotes? 1. 2. 3.	
<i>Change to Grid View (upper right)</i>	Do you notice anything interesting in the <i>Analysis by Date</i> grid? Patterns or trends, an increase or decrease in citations, etc.?	

Other Citing Sources	In the <i>Context</i> filter, how many results are law review articles?	
Table of Authorities <i>Sort by Analysis</i>	How many cases receive positive analysis from your case ( <u>Following</u>) but have a warning () signal ?	

3. Search for a **law review article** about your case in *Hein* and *Nexis*. Try to use at least one filter (for example, in *Hein*: PathFinder Subject > Equal Protection)
Hein: Browse Databases by Name > Law Journal Library
NexisUni: Search bar drop-down: Legal > Law Reviews and Journals

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4. Search for mainstream [news](#) coverage of your case in *Nexis* or the library catalog. For contemporary coverage of older cases (1756-1963), try searching in the [Chronicling America](#) collection.

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5. Search for a **book** about your case in the [library catalog](#). If you don't get many results, try activating *Search in Full Text* (upper left). If you find a book elsewhere, consider getting it for free through [interlibrary loan](#).

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