

Supporters of the philosophies of judicial activism and social restraint disagree regarding the role of the federal judiciary.

Those in favor of judicial restraint argue that the Supreme Court should avoid ruling on constitutional issues whenever possible. When action is necessary, it should decide cases in as narrow a manner as possible

Judicial activists believe federal courts should use the power of judicial review to solve important societal issues. Since justices are not elected, they can make controversial decisions without fear of losing office.

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The student will demonstrate knowledge of the operation of the federal judiciary by d) comparing the philosophies of judicial activism and judicial restraint.