The Importance of Judicial Independence
by Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor (Retired)

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As you read Justice O'Connor's article about the judicial independence, answer the following questions in the space provided.

1. In her opening paragraph, Justice O'Connor points out the ignorance of the American people on how the US government works. What statistic does she give to support her argument?

2. According to Justice O'Connor, how is the Judicial Branch supposed to apply the law?

3. What are Justice O'Connor's thoughts on electing judges?

4. Justice O'Connor quotes Alexander Hamilton in this article. Summarize the quote from Hamilton that O'Connor references. What point is trying to be made?

5. What does Justice O'Connor mean by the phrase a "Merit System"?

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