**We the People**

**“Article Review -**

***Thank Goodness for the Independence of America’s Judiciary*”**

**Mr. Fernandez**

Please respond to the following before you review the article:

1. Based upon the interview of the three Supreme Court justices, briefly define “judicial independence.”
2. Additionally, based upon the interview, briefly explain the significance of “judicial independence.”

Please respond to the following as you read the article:

1. Why would former Chief Justice Rehnquist perhaps be proud of the current federal court system?
2. Why do you think that many outsiders consider America’s legal system to be “the gold standard?” Give two supporting thoughts.
3. In what three specific ways does the U.S. Constitution “insulate” federal judges from political pressure?
4. In the interview you watched yesterday, Justice Stephen Breyer spoke of “telephone justice” in Russia… how does this article specifically support that idea?
5. Why do you think oppressive regimes tend to attack their judicial branches? Explain your thoughts.
6. Give two specific and recent examples from American law that support the ideal of an independent American judiciary.
7. What is Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure?
8. Do a little digging online and list any specific evidence, or theories, the Trump campaign has presented to the public as proof of voter fraud… give this your best shot… some evidence does exist actually… that does not mean anyone is guilty though - only a court can determine that!