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6.04 Balance in the Court

**Use the information from the lesson to complete the chart below.**

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| ***The Third Branch*** | | | | |
| 1. Why is the Supreme Court such an important part of the United States government? |  | | | |
| 1. What factions of the American population does Justice Sotomayor represent? How does her previous experience impact her decision making? |  | | | |
| 1. How does precedent impact Supreme Court decisions? |  | | | |
| 1. What did Chief Justice John Roberts say when asked about precedent during the nomination process? |  | | | |
| 1. According to Scotusblog.com, what are some issues the court may choose to decide in the near future that have not been looked at in many years? |  | | | |
| **Discussion** | | | | |
| 1. Describe at least three influences on court decisions. |  | | | |
| 1. Explain the differences in strict and loose constructionist views. |  | | | |
| [***Biographies of Current Justices of the Supreme Court***](http://www.supremecourt.gov/about/biographies.aspx) | | | | |
| **Name of Current Justices on the Supreme Court** | | **Year appointed** | **Date of Birth** | **Appointed by which President?** |
| Chief Justice John Roberts, Jr | | 2005 | January 27,1955 | George W. Bush |
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