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Middle School Debate Spring 2021 – Resolution & Source Materials

The resolution for this year's middle school tournament is:

RESOLVED: Federal judges should be appointed for a term of only 18 years.

This is an open-universe problem. You may support your argument with any sources you wish. You are not limited to the sources we provide, nor do you need to use them. But pay attention to who your sources are. Some are more reliable than others. And the reliability of someone's source is a fair issue to raise in a debate round.

Suggested Sources:

Opinion

- Pro/Con (intro): <https://www.law.columbia.edu/news/archive/pros-and-cons-potential-term-limits-supreme-court-justices>
- Pro/Con (intro): <https://news.northeastern.edu/2018/09/21/why-do-supreme-court-justices-have-lifetime-appointments/>
- Pro (deep):
<https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/courts/reports/2020/08/03/488518/need-supreme-court-term-limits/>
- Con (deep):
<https://www.rstreet.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/161.pdf>

Polling

- <https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/why-the-supreme-courts-reputation-is-at-stake/>

Proposed Bills

- <https://beyer.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=4925>