

Civics: A Christian Worldview.
Justice or Legalism? – Part 2 (15 minutes)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS/KEY

Prep

- Print this page and a copy of Page 2 for each student.

Instructions

1. This is a follow-up practice activity in helping students distinguish between justice and legalism.
2. Hand out Page 2 to students. (This is to be done individually, not in pairs/groups this time!)
3. Give students 8-10 minutes to complete the scenarios.
4. When time's up, discuss as a class. (Take turns calling on different students!)

Answer Key to Scenarios

1. JUSTICE
2. JUSTICE
3. LEGALISM
4. JUSTICE
5. LEGALISM
6. LEGALISM

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Individually, read each scenario and write JUSTICE or LEGALISM. Be prepared to explain your reasoning!

1. A police officer pulls over a driver for expired registration, but only issues a warning after learning the driver was unable to renew it while deployed overseas in the military. _____
2. In 1920, under Prohibition laws, a jury refuses to convict a man for privately possessing alcohol in his home.

3. A judge refuses to allow clearly crucial video evidence because the defense lawyer submitted it one day past a filing deadline. _____
4. A judge reduces a sentence after learning that a defendant was pressured and threatened into committing the crime.

5. A city fines a small business owner \$10,000 for having a sign that is 2 inches larger than allowed under city code, even though no one was harmed. _____
6. A school enforces a rule requiring automatic failure for any student whose phone makes noise during a test, even when the phone alarm was set by a parent for medical medication timing. _____

