

## **Civics for Adults Update July 9, 2024.**

### **Workshops**

#### **Misinformation and Propaganda - Telling Truth from Fiction.**

Sat. **August 17**, 2024. Time 10:00 **PST**; 1:00 **EST**. New Britain Public Library [CT]. Virtual.

Thurs. **October 10**, 2024. Time TBA. Tigard Public Library [OR]. Hybrid.

#### **Citizen Activism 101—Making Change Happen**

Sat. **September 28**, 2024. Hillsboro Public Library. In-person. [May be switched to Elections / Campaign Finance]

What?! No workshops on **Elections/Campaign Finance** scheduled [or, **The Constitution: Fulfilling Democracy's Promise?**]? Let's change this!

[For more workshop info: <https://www.civictinker.info/schedule> ]

### **Selected Civics for Adults Facebook posts:**

I've written a useful one-pager: **Tips for Making Voting Decisions**. Although it's geared to Portland's new City Council races in November, it is useful for any election. Feel free to share. Find it here:

<https://www.civictinker.info/resources>

### **The Supreme Court Immunity Case:**

The opinion: **Trump v United States** [https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/23pdf/23-939\\_e2pg.pdf](https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/23pdf/23-939_e2pg.pdf)

There is no assessment out there more important than your own – give it a read. I recommend reading some of it, then taking a break and let it soak in before reading more.

**Hold Up, Trump Is Still in Serious Legal Trouble.** Barbara L McQuade. Bloomberg. July 3, 2024. Outlines the impact on all aspects of the 2020 interference case as well as implications to the New York, Florida and Georgia cases.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2024-07-03/trump-immunity-ruling-leaves-most-jan-6-charges-intact?srd=opinion-politics-and-policy&sref=8SU5LPWa>

### **The Court Went Too Far on Presidential Immunity**

Walter Olson. CATO Institute [Libertarian think tank]. JULY 3, 2024.

[https://www.cato.org/blog/court-went-too-far-presidential-immunity?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMATAAR1yRx6XLhwzXP-a7pGH0leaCEG\\_h0YXRMDXN2ZazYpBs9XRUEnpIbd6tyE\\_aem\\_Xc6UkugAbfS99qJvygJf7w](https://www.cato.org/blog/court-went-too-far-presidential-immunity?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMATAAR1yRx6XLhwzXP-a7pGH0leaCEG_h0YXRMDXN2ZazYpBs9XRUEnpIbd6tyE_aem_Xc6UkugAbfS99qJvygJf7w)

### **Supreme Court's Radical Immunity Ruling Shields Lawbreaking Presidents and Undermines Democracy**

Thomas Wolf. Brennan Center for Justice. July 2, 2024.

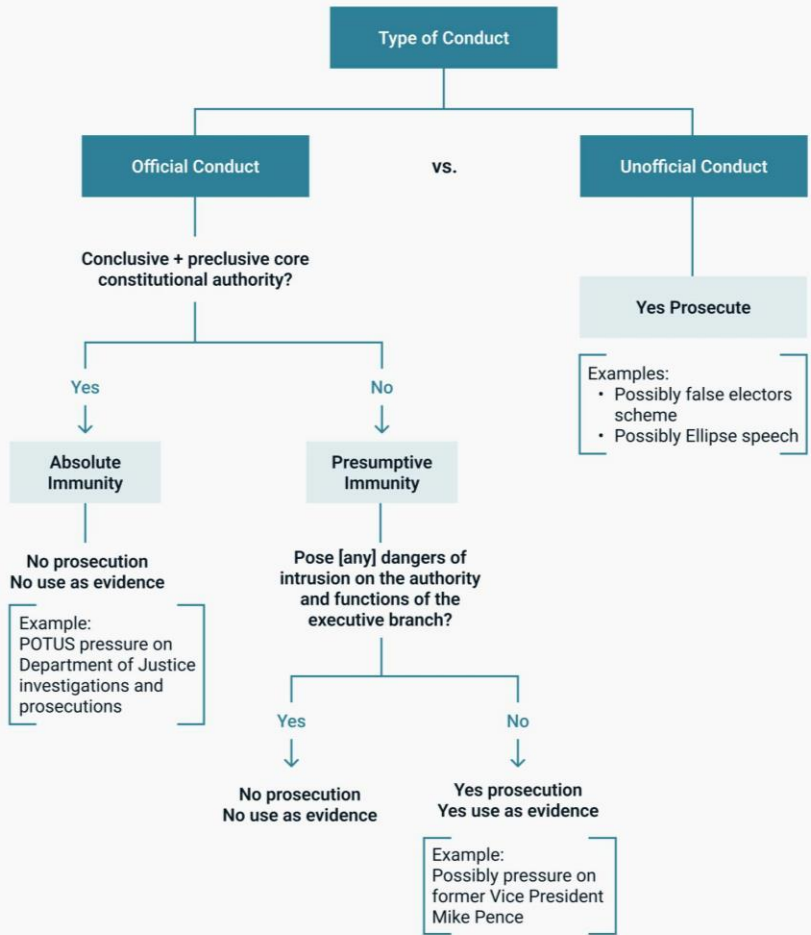
<https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/supreme-courts-radical-immunity-ruling-shields-lawbreaking-presidents-and>

Interview with **Heather Cox Richardson**, American historian, author, and educator. She is a professor of history at Boston College.

On PBS Newshour. 7/2/2024. <https://www.pbs.org/video/immunity-fallout-1719959619/>

Here is a **chart delineating the different immunity “buckets”** into which the Supreme Court defined a President's actions:

**PATHWAYS FOR PROSECUTION AFTER THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION IN *TRUMP V. UNITED STATES***



People often say, with pride,  
I'm not interested in politics.  
They might as well say, I'm not  
interested in my standard of living,  
my health, my job, my rights,  
my freedoms, my future or any future.  
If we mean to keep any control  
over our world and lives,  
we must be interested in politics.

**Martha Gellhorn**  
American novelist, writer and journalist  
(1908 — 1998)

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