

Rule of Law – Valued or Violated

Directions: Read each scenario then check the box to indicate if it an example of the rule of law being valued (followed) or violated (goes against).

1. A rich man is discovered to be a drug dealer. The wealthy citizen simply buys off the police, and charges against him are never filed.

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2. A college student is caught drinking and driving. She is arrested for DUI, read her rights, and is allowed to speak with her lawyer.

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3. After criticizing the President, a journalist is taken in for questioning by the police. No charges are filed, but he is jailed for months without explanation.

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4. An FBI agent has been arrested for treason and is awaiting trial by a jury of his peers.

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5. A federal judge accepts a bribe from a wealthy defendant in exchange for preferential treatment.

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