Class #1 (Tuesday, August 26): What is Comparative Constitutional Law and Why Study It?


*Roper v. Simmons*, 543 U.S. 551 (2005) (pay particular attention to Part IV of the majority opinion; Part II.D. of Justice O’Connor’s dissent; and Part III of Justice Scalia’s dissent)

*Printz v. United States*, 521 U.S. 898 (1997) (pay particular attention to footnote 11 of the majority opinion; and Justice Breyer’s dissent)

American Justice for American Citizens Act, H.R. 1658, 109th Cong. §3 (2005) (legislation introduced, but not passed, in the U.S. House of Representatives) (text attached to syllabus)

*Order in the proceedings on the constitutional complaint of the Turkish citizen G.*, German Constitutional Court, 2 BvR 1481/04 (October 14, 2004) (available at http://www.bundesverfassungsgericht.de/en/decisions/rs20041014_2bvr148104en.html)

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