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1- The ethical judgments of the Supreme Court justices became an important issue recently.

The court cannot _____ its legitimacy as guardian of the rule of law _____ justices behave like politicians.

Yet, in several instances, justices acted in ways that _____ the court's reputation for being independent and impartial.

2- Justice Antonin Scalia, for example, appeared at political events.

That kind of activity makes it less likely that the court's decisions will be _____ as impartial judgments.

Part of the problem is that the justices are not _____ by an ethics code.

At the very least, the court should make itself _____ to the code of conduct that _____ to the rest of the federal judiciary.

3- This and other cases _____ the question of whether there is still a _____ between the court and politics.

4- The framers of the Constitution envisioned law _____ having authority apart from politics.

They gave justices permanent positions _____ they would be free to _____ those in power and have no need to _____ political support.

Our legal system was designed to set law apart from politics precisely because they are so closely _____.

5- Constitutional law is political because it results from choices rooted in fundamental social _____ like liberty and property.

When the court deals with social policy decisions, the law it _____ is inescapably political - which is why decisions split along ideological lines are so easily _____ as unjust.

6- The justices must _____ doubts about the court's legitimacy by making themselves _____ to the code of conduct.

That would make their rulings more likely to be seen as separate from politics and, _____, convincing as law.