**Timeline Project – Task #2 Political Events List**

**2004**

1) Same-sex Marriage gets on the agenda (Massachusetts, San Francisco, Nov. ballot initiatives)

2) The rise of 527 organizations (e.g., Swift Boat Veterans for Truth)

3) Presidential & Congressional Elections

**2005**

1) *Gonzales v. Raich* (2005)

2) Hurricane Katrina

3) John Roberts replaces William Rehnquist as Chief Justice of the United States

**2006**

1) *Gonzales v. Oregon* (2006)

2) Sam Alito joins the Supreme Court in Sandra Day O’Connor’s seat

3) Midterm Congressional Elections

**2007**

1) Iraq War troop surge

2) *Gonzales v. Carhart* (2007)

3) Run up to 2008 primary elections

**2008**

1) *DC v. Heller* (2008)

2) TARP (Troubled Asset Relief Program) passed by Congress

3) Presidential & Congressional Elections

**2009**

1) Stimulus Package (American Recovery & Reinvestment Act) passed by Congress

2) Sonia Sotomayor replaces David Souter on the Supreme Court

3) Afghanistan War troop surge

**2010**

1) Obamacare (Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act) passed by Congress

2) Midterm Congressional Elections

3) Repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy for military troops

**2011**

1) Osama bin Laden killed by U.S. troops in Pakistan

2) Run up to 2012 GOP primaries

3) Debt-Ceiling crisis

**2012**

1) *NFIB v. Sebelius* (2012)

2) DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) executive action

3) Presidential & Congressional Elections

**2013**

1) *U.S. v. Windsor* (2013)

2) Government shutdown

3) Harry Reid invokes “nuclear option” for presidential appointments

**2014**

1) Michael Brown shooting in Ferguson, Missouri and start of the Black Lives Matter movement

2) Midterm Congressional Elections

3) DAPA (Deferred Action for Parental Accountability) executive action

**2015**

1) *Obergefell v. Hodges* (2015)

2) Iran Nuclear Deal (JCPOA)

3) Run up to 2016 primary elections

**2016**

1) Death of Antonin Scalia and Senate GOP blocking Obama’s nomination of Merrick Garland

2) *Whole Woman’s Health v. Hellerstedt* (2016)

3) Presidential & Congressional Elections

**2017**

1) Neil Gorsuch replaces Antonin Scalia on the Supreme Court

2) Robert Mueller named Special Counsel and begins investigation into Russian interference in

2016 election

3) Trump Tax Cut Bill (Tax Cuts and Jobs Act) passes

**2018**

1) Trump administration implements Zero Tolerance Policy at Southern Border

2) Brett Kavanaugh replaces Anthony Kennedy on the Supreme Court

3) Midterm Congressional Elections

**2019**

1) Longest government shutdown in history

2) House of Reps conducts Impeachment Inquiry

3) Run up to 2020 primary elections