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4 Experts Available for Timely Analysis on SCOTUS Social Media Cases

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Tomorrow the U.S. Supreme Court will be hearing two cases—[O'Connor-Ratcliff v. Garnier](#) and [Lindke v. Freed](#)—both focused on whether individuals have the First Amendment right to criticize government officials on social media without being blocked from those officials' personal accounts (if those accounts share any government-related content).

For reporters covering these cases and their implications, the following university-based experts are available to provide commentary and analysis.

JAMES J. BARNEY

American Public University System



Barney's research focuses on various topics, including Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Space Law, Employment Law, and modern U.S. History. In his writings, Barney explores themes such as the intersection of law and society, the evolution of legal systems, political coalition building and governance, and the impact of legal history on contemporary issues.

WAYNE BUENTE

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Buente's research focuses on the interplay between society and information and communication technologies (ICTs), including issues relating to information systems, digital inequality, social media and health disparities.

SHANNON C. MCGREGOR

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McGregor's published work examines how three groups—political actors, the press, and the public—use social media in regards to politics, how that social media use impacts their behavior, and how the policies and actions of social media companies in turn impacts political communication on their sites.

STEVEN R. MORRISON

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Morrison's general areas of expertise are criminal and constitutional law. His constitutional law work centers on the First Amendment rights of free speech, association, and assembly. He has also done work involving religious liberty, the fundamental right to marry, and reproductive rights.