

Handout J: Evaluation of *Citizens United v. F.E.C.* (2010)

Use this handout to gather your thoughts in order to evaluate the Supreme Court's opinions in *Citizens United v. F.E.C.* (2010). Then, on your own paper, respond to the questions at the bottom of the page.

Your summary of the history of campaign Finance Reform Initiatives (**Handouts E and F**). What was the main purpose of these initiatives—at what problem(s) were they aimed?

Your summary of **Handout G**, the majority opinion in *Citizens United v. F.E.C.* (2010) Document

Your summary of **Handout H**, the dissenting opinion in *Citizens United v. F.E.C.* (2010)

Your summary of **Handout I**, the concurring opinion in *Citizens United v. F.E.C.* (2010)

With which of the Supreme Court's opinions in *Citizens United v. F.E.C.* (2010), if any, do you most agree? **Does the First Amendment protect associations of citizens and corporations from being punished for engaging in political speech?** Be sure to frame your response by referring to constitutional principles such as representative government, consent of the governed, separation of powers, federalism, individual rights, and limited government.