Handout C: “Another Dam Breaks”

**Background:** In the 2010 case, Citizens United v. F.E.C., the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in a 5-4 decision that the First Amendment protects citizens, or associations of citizens, from being punished for engaging in political speech.

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**Critical Thinking Questions**

1. What does the cartoonist predict will be the effect of the *Citizens United* ruling?
2. What assumptions does the cartoonist seem to make about voters? Are they valid assumptions? Explain.
3. Compare and contrast this cartoon to Handout B: “The Bosses of the Senate,” with respect to the issue(s) they highlight. How do you think James Madison would react to these two cartoons?