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CONSTITUTIONAL LAW ESSAY PROMPT

Using the prompt below, write a 600 word essay delineating your opinions and providing a strong argument to back up your position.

In the upper right hand corner of the essay we need:

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The essay must be emailed to dongosney@comcast.net no later than 9:00 PM on Wednesday January 2nd, 2013.

The file name should read (using your name replacing the XXX's):

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Immediately above your essay, cut and paste the following:

On January 21, 2010, with its ruling in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, the Supreme Court ruled that corporations are persons, entitled by the U.S. Constitution to have a voice in elections.

In the 2012 Presidential Election, in the California elections of State propositions and even in local elections, we saw vast amounts of money collected and spent to influence the outcome of the elections.

All across the country there are efforts being made to add a Constitutional Amendment to say that “corporations are not people”.

Considering the influence corporations and Super PACs had in these elections, does this Supreme Court ruling rise to the occasion of a Constitutional Amendment? Did the Supreme Court overstep their authority in their ruling?



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