Demystifying the Controversy over Citizens United

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| **STEP 1: Is this issue primarily about values, concepts, or information?*** *Values issues relate to : What should be? What is best?*
* *Conceptual issues relate to: What does this mean? How should this be defined?*
* *Informational issues relate to: What is the truth? What is the case?*

So, what type of issue is the controversy over Citizens United?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_How do you know? Find at least one quote in your documents to defend your choice. Write the quote below.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_In your own words, what is at the heart of this controversy?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **STEP 2: What are the arguments for each side? What claims are being made? Are the claims reasonable?*** In the space below, determine what the two main sides are in the controversy over Citizens United. Use the documents and your own knowledge to figure out what types of arguments are made. Circle arguments that do not seem reasonable or reliable?
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| **STEP 3: Who are the main players behind each argument? What assumptions are made by each side?**  | **STEP 4: What types of strategies are used to manipulate the argument? (See page 214 in Discussion Reader.) Is there proof of this in the reading?** |
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| **STEP 5: Write a student friendly discussion question on the controversy over Citizens United. *Will your question help students to understand all of your work from the previous four steps?*** |