

MEMBERS SOUND OFF ON SUPREME COURT DECISION

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In a recent study of the public's opinion of Supreme Court cases, professors Nathaniel Persily of Columbia and Stephen Ansolabehere of Harvard found that the public strongly supported almost every decision made, either conservative or liberal, by the court since John G. Roberts Jr. was appointed Chief Justice in September of 2005.

A notable exception to the public's support is the recent decision by the Supreme Court to allow unlimited political campaign spending by corporations, unions, wealthy donors, and other non-political entities. Of the 1600 or so people surveyed for the study, the majority overwhelmingly disagreed 58% to 40% with the Roberts' Court's ruling in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, No. 08-205.

Turn the page to see what your peers had to say about *Citizens United* and its effects upon the recent mid-term elections, where some \$435 million dollars were spent by non-political entities, with roughly \$175 million of these dollars having been donated to these entities anonymously.

CITIZEN'S

Shelly Ginsberg - Hostess, Main St. Stores

“It’s not good for democracy. It tips the scales towards the people with money, like the oil companies, Microsoft, and other big businesses.”



Mike Francis - Host, Tomorrowland Stores

“It was annoying being bombarded by so many phone calls and T.V. advertisements. It has made it a lot more difficult to tell who is lying and who is telling the truth.”



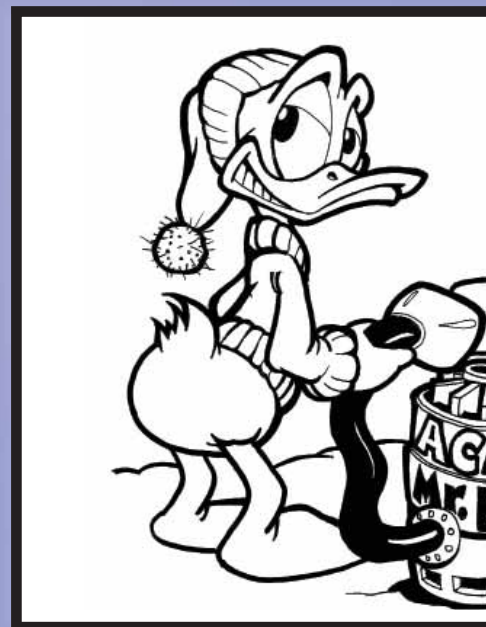
Carole Beckwith - Hostess, Paradise Pier Stores

“They ought to put the money to better use. It seemed like every T.V. commercial or ad on the radio was about politics this past election. Maybe, more people would vote if they weren’t so in your face about it.”



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Stephen Baxter - Stock, Tomorrowland Stores

“It is not in any way surprising. In America, it always comes down to money. This is a capitalist country and influence and money go hand-in-hand.”



Bonnie Finley - Hostess, Paradise Pier Stores

“I think it’s wrong. Organizations shouldn’t be able to spend that kind of money or even candidates their own money. What if a candidate is qualified and wants to run, but doesn’t have the money ...”

Dennis Kinney - Host, Main St. Stores

“I am not opposed to any amount of money being spent on political advertisements. It might help certain causes or candidates I believe in. The voters can decide on what’s presented and the watch dog groups can monitor the advertisements.”



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Santa's Favorite Elf would like to remind everyone that the holidays are about giving. So, the next time you are about to run to management to complain about one of your fellow union brothers or sisters, try instead to give them a break. Everyone makes mistakes, and assumptions are acted upon all the time. Grant your co-workers the simple consideration of speaking with them first. That way, the holiday spirit can extend throughout the entire year. Remember, too, Santa's favorite elf always has an attentive ear available.

Lastly, if any of you well-deserving boys or girls were lucky enough to receive a new cell phone from Santa, by all means do not use it at work. Disney will not be so giving if you are caught using your phone.

Sincerely,
Santa's Favorite Elf

