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**AP Government – Key Supreme Court Cases**

*The following list contains key cases that have appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court. While you will be required to know a number of the cases by name, the important task is to understand the cases and their ramifications. The cases with an \* will appear on your Unit V Test. Those and the other cases may appear on an upcoming test or the AP Exam in May. (Also, you may use any notes taken on this page on your reading quizzes.)*

#### Institutions

Marbury v. Madison (1803)

Dred Scott v. Sanford (1857)

Clinton v. Jones (1997)

Clinton v. United States (1998)

U.S. v. Nixon (1973)

Immigration and Naturalization Service v. Chadha (1983)

#### Federalism

McCulloch v. Maryland (1819)

Gibbons v. Ogden (1824)

\*United States v. Lopez (1995)

#### Elections

Buckley v. Valeo (1976)

Bush v. Gore (2000)

\*Baker v. Carr (1962)/Wesberry v. Sanders (1964)

Shaw v. Reno (1993)

US Term Limits, Inc. v. Thornton (1995)

McConnell v. Federal Election Commission (2003)

Citizens United v. FEC (2010)

#### Freedom of Speech (Political and Symbolic)

\*Schenck v. United States (1919)

Abrams v. United States (1919)

\*Brandenburg v. Ohio (1969)

\*Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District (1969)

\*Texas v. Johnson (1989)

\*Bethel School District No. 403 v. Fraser (1986)

*Briefly summarize recent cases and/or the direction the court is going in terms of the first amendment’s freedom of speech.*

**Freedom of the Press**

Gitlow v. New York (1925) – First incorporation case by selectively incorporating the Freedom of the Press via the Fourteenth Amendments

\*Near v. Minnesota (1931)

New York Times Co. v. U.S. (1971)

\*Miller v. California (1973)

\*Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier (1988)

*Briefly summarize recent cases and/or the direction the court is going in terms of the first amendment’s freedom of the press.*

#### Freedom of Assembly and Petition

NAACP v. Alabama (1958)

Boy Scouts of America v. Dale (2000)

#### Freedom of Religion – Establishment Clause

\*Everson v. Board of Education (1942)

\*Engel v. Vitale (1962)

\*Lemon v. Kurtzman (1971)

Wallace v. Jaffree (1985)

\*Lee v. Weisman (1992)

\*Santa Fe School Independent School District v. Doe (2000)

\*Zelman v. Simmons-Harris (2002)

McCreary County, KY v. ACLU of Kentucky and Van Orden v. Perry (2005)

*Briefly summarize recent cases and/or the direction the court is going in terms of the first amendment’s freedom of religion – establishment clause.*

**Freedom of Religion – Free Exercise Clause**

\*U.S. v. Reynolds (1879)

\*Employment Division of Oregon v. Smith (1990)

\*Church of Lukumi Babalu Aye, Inc. v. City of Hialeah (1993)

City of Boerne v. Flores (1997)

West Virginia v. Barnette (1943)

Wisconsin v. Yoder (1992)

Good News Club v. Milford (2001)

*Briefly summarize recent cases and/or the direction the court is going in terms of the first amendment’s freedom of religion – free exercise clause.*

#### Due Process and the Rights of the Accused

Weeks v. United States (1914)

\*Mapp v. Ohio (1961)

\*Gideon v. Wainwright (1963)

\*Miranda v. Arizona (1966)

Sheppard v. Maxwell (1966)

Nix v. Williams (1984)

\*United States v. Leon (1984)

\*New Jersey v. T.L.O (1985)

*Briefly summarize recent cases and/or the direction the court is going in terms of due process and the rights of the accused.*

#### Equal Protection of the Law – Minorities

Plessy v. Ferguson (1896)

Korematsu v. United States (1944)

\*Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka I and II (1954)

\*Regents of the University of California v. Bakke (1978)

Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education (1971)

Adarand Constructors v. Pena (1995)

\*Grutter v. Bollinger (2003) and Gratz v. Bollinger (2003)

*Briefly summarize recent cases and/or the direction the court is going in terms of equal protection of the law for minority groups.*

#### Equal Protection of the Law – Gender and Sexual Orientation

\*Griswold v. Connecticut (1965)

\*Roe v. Wade (1973)

Webster v. Reproductive Health Services (1989)

\*Planned Parenthood v. Casey (1992)

United States v. Virginia (1996)

Gonzales v. Carhart (2007)

Lawrence v. Texas (2003)

*Briefly summarize recent cases and/or the direction the court is going in terms of equal protection of the laws for gender and sexual orientation.*