04-1697 SORRELL, ET AL. V. RANDALL, ET AL.

DECISION BELOW: 382 F.3d 91 (2nd Cir. 2004)

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 00-9159, 00-9180, 00-9231, 00-9139, 00-9240

QUESTION PRESENTED

Whether Vermont's mandatory limits on campaign expenditures by candidates for public office are constitutional under the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

Cert. Granted 9/27/05.

Consolidated with 04-1528 and 04-1530 with one hour allotted for oral argument.

04-1528 RANDALL, ET AL. V. SORRELL, ET AL.

DECISION BELOW: 382 F.3d 91 (2nd Cir. 2004)

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 00-9159, 00-9180, 00-9231, 00-9139, 00-9240

OUESTIONS PRESENTED

- 1. Whether Vermont's mandatory limits on candidate expenditures violate the First Amendment and this Court's decision in *Buckley* v. *Valeo*, 424 U.S. 1 (1976).
- 2. Whether Vermont's treatment of independent expenditures by political parties and committees as presumptively coordinated if they benefit fewer than six candidates, and thereby subject to strict contribution and expenditure limits, is consistent with the First Amendment and this Court's decision in *Colorado Republican Federal Campaign Comm.* v. Federal Election Comm 'n, 518 U.S. 604 (1996).
- 3. Whether Vermont's contribution limits, which are the lowest in the country, which allow only a single maximum contribution in an entire two-year general election cycle, and which prohibit even state political parties from contributing more than \$400 to their gubernatorial candidate, fall below an acceptable constitutional threshold and should be struck down.

Cert Granted 9/27/05.

Consolidated with 04-1530 and 04-1697 with one hour allotted for oral argument.

04-1530 VT REPUBLICAN STATE COMM., ET AL. V. SORRELL, ET AL.

DECISION BELOW: 382 F.3d 91 (2nd Cir. 2004)

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 00-9159, 00-9180, 00-9231, 00-9139, 00-9240

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- 1. Whether Vermont's mandatory candidate expenditure limits violate the freedom of political speech guaranteed by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.
- 2. Whether Vermont's \$200-\$400 limits per election cycle on campaign contributions to state candidates violate the freedoms of political speech and association guaranteed by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution because they are unconstitutionally low.
- 3. Whether Vermont's presumption of coordination, which provides that an expenditure made by a political party or political committee that primarily benefits six or fewer candidates is presumed to be a related expenditure subject to contribution limits, violates the freedoms of political speech and association guaranteed by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

Cert. Granted 9/27/05

Consolidated with 04-1528 and 04-1697 with one hour allotted for oral argument.