

20 Most Cited US Supreme Court Decisions: Landmark Case Law that Shaped the Nation

The United States Supreme Court is the highest court in the land and its decisions have a profound impact on the lives of all Americans. The decisions of the Supreme Court interpret the Constitution and shape the legal landscape of the United States. Some Supreme Court decisions are more influential than others, and the 20 most cited Supreme Court decisions are among the most important cases in American history.

These 20 decisions have shaped the nation's understanding of the Constitution and have had a lasting impact on American law. They cover a wide range of topics, from civil rights to criminal procedure to constitutional law. Each of these decisions is a landmark case that has helped to define the American legal system.

1. **Marbury v. Madison (1803)**: This case established the principle of judicial review, which allows the Supreme Court to declare laws unconstitutional.
2. **McCulloch v. Maryland (1819)**: This case upheld the federal government's power to create a national bank, and established the principle of implied powers.
3. **Gibbons v. Ogden (1824)**: This case gave the federal government exclusive power over interstate commerce, and established the principle of national supremacy.
4. **Dred Scott v. Sandford (1857)**: This case ruled that African Americans were not citizens of the United States, and could not sue in

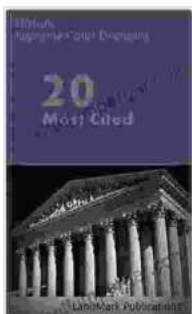
federal court.

5. **Plessy v. Ferguson (1896)**: This case upheld the doctrine of "separate but equal," which allowed for the segregation of public facilities.
6. **Brown v. Board of Education (1954)**: This case overturned Plessy v. Ferguson and ruled that school segregation was unconstitutional.
7. **Miranda v. Arizona (1966)**: This case established the Miranda rights, which require the police to inform suspects of their rights before questioning them.
8. **Roe v. Wade (1973)**: This case legalized abortion nationwide, and established a woman's right to choose.
9. **Citizens United v. FEC (2010)**: This case overturned campaign finance restrictions, and allowed corporations and unions to spend unlimited amounts of money on political campaigns.
10. **Shelby County v. Holder (2013)**: This case struck down Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act, which required certain states to get approval from the federal government before changing their voting laws.
11. **Obergefell v. Hodges (2015)**: This case legalized same-sex marriage nationwide.
12. **McDonald v. City of Chicago (2010)**: This case incorporated the Second Amendment's right to bear arms to the states.
13. **District of Columbia v. Heller (2008)**: This case held that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to keep and bear arms for traditionally lawful purposes.

14. **Gideon v. Wainwright (1963)**: This case held that the Sixth Amendment's right to counsel applies to criminal defendants in state court.
15. **United States v. Nixon (1974)**: This case held that the President of the United States is not above the law and must comply with court Free Downloads.
16. **New York Times Co. v. Sullivan (1964)**: This case held that the First Amendment protects the press from liability for defamation in cases involving public figures.
17. **Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier (1988)**: This case held that public schools have the right to censor student speech that is disruptive or violates the school's educational mission.
18. **Bethel School District v. Fraser (1986)**: This case held that public schools can regulate student speech that is lewd or offensive.
19. **Morse v. Frederick (2007)**: This case held that public schools can ban student speech that promotes illegal drug use.
20. **Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District (1969)**: This case held that public schools cannot ban student speech that is political or controversial.

The 20 most cited Supreme Court decisions are landmark cases that have shaped the nation's understanding of the Constitution and have had a lasting impact on American law. These decisions cover a wide range of topics, from civil rights to criminal procedure to constitutional law. Each of these decisions is a reminder of the power of the Supreme Court to

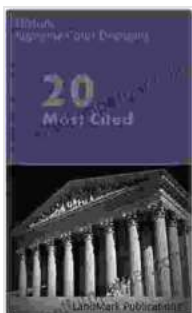
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