

**The Government spends money. Where does the money come from?**

From its citizens, through taxes.

**If you were forming a government, would you tax people? If so, what would you do with the money you get?**

I would have to tax people a little, to be able to run the government, but the rest of the money, I would spend on projects that would improve my citizen's lives (helping the homeless, building bridges, stopping developers from getting their greedy hands on too many of my cities and turning them into enormous malls).

**What services do you believe government should provide, and what services should be provided by private companies?**

The government should provide services that improve the lives of all its citizens, while private companies should provide the products people want to buy.

**Do you believe in a strict interpretation of the constitution or a liberal one? Explain your answer.**

That is something I will be learning more about, but I really don't have enough information right now to answer that.

**Define the word "charity". What provision in the US Constitution permits congress to spend other people's money for charity?**

Charity is giving away money or other goods to help other people who are in need.

Article 1, Section 8.1 states: The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States; but all duties, imposts and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

All this really says is that they have to power to collect taxes, and give away that money to people in need. However, it does say it has to be for everyone, so that is what the man in the story was debating about.

**Davy Crockett states: "We must not permit our respect for the dead or our sympathy for a part of the living lead us into an act of injustice to the balance of the living.... We have a right, as individuals, to give away as much of our own money as we please in charity, but as members of Congress, we have no right so to appropriate a dollar of the public money." Do you agree or disagree that public funds should not be used for acts of charity? How do you think Davy Crockett would respond to the current use of public funds for disaster relief?**

I agree now, after reading the article, that public funds should not be used for acts of charity. At first, I really thought they should be, but now, after learning about a part of the constitution I didn't know about, I think otherwise. I think Davy Crockett would be appalled at the way public funds are being used for disaster relief, which is in violation of the constitution, instead of private funds being used.

**Question 4 (See scanned sheet)**

According to the article in question, the fire insurance companies and the capitalists who were willing to erect new buildings payed to rebuild San Fransisco after the 1906 earthquake.

**What does the term Sockdolager mean?**

A heavy or knock-down blow. In this case, probably a decisive reply.

**Question 6 (see scanned sheet)**

If a man is honest at heart but misinterprets the constitution, he will truly believe that what he is doing is right. Does this make him more or less dangerous than a corrupt politician deliberately misinterpreting the constitution? I believe it makes him more dangerous, because he won't consider all the options as a corrupt man would, believing that he is right.

**Question 7 (see scanned sheet)**

Horatio Bunce probably thinks this is the most dangerous power because it gives a corrupt man the power to hurt the poor and let off the rich. Also, the amount taken may seriously cripple the funds of a poor person but be merely a dent in a rich man's money. I agree with Mr Bunce.

**Question 8 (see scanned sheet)**

When congress begins to stretch its powers upon the limit placed on it by the constitution to do good, it also opens a gap for the same to be done for selfish reasons. There would be no limit upon the amount the government could break the rules, and that wouldn't be a good situation for anyone.

**Question 9 (see scanned sheet)**

I can find very little information on the apparently well-known Horatio Bunce. In fact the only place he is mentioned is in the story Not Yours to Give. Some people theorize he may not have even existed, and Davy Crocket may have invented him to teach a lesson.

**Question 10 (see scanned sheet)**