

Creating Annotations for Project 1

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Bosniak, L. (2010). Persons and citizens in constitutional thought. *International Journal of Constitutional Law*, 8(1), 9–29.

[Persons and citizens in constitutional thought](#)

This article talks about how the law decides who counts as a citizen and who doesn't. Bosniak explains that in America being a citizen isn't only about paperwork it's also about how the government and society see you. She explains the difference between personhood and citizenship saying the Constitution gives rights to all persons but in practice some groups get treated differently. The article connects to my topic because it helps explain how identity and rights are shaped by public law and how people who see themselves as private or outside the system still get affected by public definitions of who belongs. It also helps me understand how the idea of being a national or citizen can clash with personal freedom or self governance.

Bernath, M. T., & Heerman, M. S. (2020). Cracks in the foundation: The Fourteenth Amendment and its limits. *Journal of the Civil War Era*, 10(3), 320–340.

[Cracks in the Foundation: The Fourteenth Amendment and Its Limits](#)

This article focuses on the Fourteenth Amendment and how it was supposed to guarantee equality and citizenship but still left space for discrimination and unequal treatment. The authors

explain that even after the Civil War the amendment didn't fix everything it mostly reinforced the power of the federal system and left people of color struggling for true equality. It fits my topic because it shows how public law can both protect and restrict private identity. It also connects to systemic racism and how the government decides who gets full rights. I could use this in my project to talk about the history behind today's citizenship issues and how public vs private power developed in law.

Vazquez, C. M. (1992). Treaty based rights and remedies of individuals. *Columbia Law Review*, 92(5), 1082–1141.

[Treaty-Based Rights and Remedies of Individuals](#)

This source looks at how international treaties give rights to individuals that sometimes go beyond what domestic law allows. Vazquez argues that people can claim certain rights directly under treaties not just through their government. It supports my topic because it deals with sovereignty and the relationship between public power and private standing. It also helps me think about how people can protect their rights without always relying on national systems. I could use this to show how law can work privately through treaties or contracts instead of only through government channels.

Klein, R. (2023). Sovereignty. *St Andrews Encyclopedia of Theology*.

[Sovereignty Rebekka Klein](#)

This article breaks down what sovereignty really means from a faith based view, not just politics. Klein explains how the idea of God's authority connects to how people see power and government. She talks about how over time people started taking what used to be seen as divine

control and applying it to human systems and nations. More powerfully, she shows that sovereignty isn't just about who's in charge but about the relationship between freedom, order, and belief. It connects a lot to my topic because it shows how public law and private faith are linked, and how the idea of power started from a spiritual place before it became political. I could use this source to show how national identity and religion are still tied together even if people don't realize it.