



Why Did the Supreme Court Rule Against Tennessee in Baker v. Carr? - Quiz

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Q1. What was the main issue addressed by the Fourteenth Amendment?

- A. Equal protection under the law and citizenship rights
- B. Freedom of speech
- C. Right to bear arms
- D. Prohibition of alcohol

Q2. In Baker v. Carr (1962), what did the Supreme Court rule regarding Tennessee's legislative districts?

- A. They were unconstitutional due to unequal representation
- B. They were fair and balanced
- C. They needed no updates
- D. They violated the First Amendment

Q3. What was the basis of Charles W. Baker's lawsuit against Tennessee?

- A. Underrepresentation of urban districts
- B. Excessive taxation
- C. Violation of religious freedoms
- D. Discrimination based on race

Q4. What doctrine did the district court use to dismiss Baker's suit initially?

- A. Political question doctrine
- B. Judicial review doctrine
- C. Equal protection doctrine
- D. Separation of powers doctrine

Q5. Who wrote the majority opinion for the Supreme Court in Baker v. Carr?

- A. Justice William J. Brennan
- B. Justice Felix Frankfurter
- C. Chief Justice Earl Warren
- D. Justice John Marshall Harlan II

Q6. What was one of Justice Frankfurter's main concerns about the Supreme Court's ruling?

- A. Judicial overreach into political matters
- B. Lack of public support for the decision
- C. Insufficient evidence of unequal representation
- D. Violation of state sovereignty

Q7. Which previous Supreme Court case was heavily referenced in Baker v. Carr?

- A. Colegrove v. Green
- B. Brown v. Board of Education
- C. Marbury v. Madison
- D. Roe v. Wade

Q8. What was the final vote count in the Supreme Court's decision on Baker v. Carr?

- A. 6 to 2
- B. 5 to 4
- C. 7 to 1
- D. Unanimous

Q9. What demographic shift did the 1920 census reveal in Tennessee?

- A. More people living in cities than rural areas
- B. A decline in overall population
- C. Equal distribution between urban and rural areas
- D. Majority of the population moving out of state

Q10. Which Justice retired due to health complications related to the tensions of Baker v. Carr?

- A. Justice Charles Whittaker
- B. Justice Felix Frankfurter
- C. Justice Potter Stewart
- D. Justice John Marshall Harlan II

Answer Key

1. Q1: A
2. Q2: A
3. Q3: A
4. Q4: A
5. Q5: A
6. Q6: A
7. Q7: A
8. Q8: A
9. Q9: A
10. Q10: A