



**THREE WAYS A SUPREME COURT APPOINTEE
COULD RESTRICT YOUR FREEDOMS:**

- Two more votes with Scalia and Thomas would have reversed the Court's 2004 decision that detainees at Guantanamo can present claims challenging their indefinite detention in federal court. Justice Thomas would even have upheld indefinite detention of U.S. citizens on American soil without any rights.
- Just two more justices like Thomas and Scalia would allow government to significantly limit free speech by charging controversial speakers large permit and police protection fees.
- One more vote with Scalia and Thomas would have reversed a decision that has allowed federally-funded legal aid attorneys to continue helping clients challenge welfare laws that the clients feel are unfair.

SAVE CIVIL LIBERTIES

**Our most basic civil liberties are at risk.
You can help save our civil liberties by helping
to save the Supreme Court.**

The nine-member Supreme Court plays a crucial role in protecting free speech and other liberties that are protected by the Constitution and federal law. Today, the Supreme Court is narrowly divided on crucial issues in this area, so the people appointed to fill the multiple vacancies expected on the Court over the next few years will have a huge effect on our constitutional liberties. Just one or two more rigidly ideological justices like Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas – the justices who President Bush has called his models for Supreme Court appointments – would have dramatic consequences.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Justice Scalia has stated that most of the rights we enjoy “go way beyond what the Constitution requires,” and has chillingly suggested that in wartime, it can be expected that rights will be “ratcheted right down to the constitutional minimum.” Despite the compromise over the filibuster, there remains an effort by allies of the White House to change Senate rules and make it harder to prevent anyone nominated by the president from getting on the Supreme Court for life.

If you don't want to see your liberties “ratcheted down” or your constitutional protections wiped away by a Court that redefines the Constitution to meet the goals of the far right, now is the time to take action.



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