



THREE WAYS THE SUPREME COURT COULD REVERSE CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRESS:

- **Affirmative action and equal opportunity:** Just one more far-right vote on the Supreme Court would completely eliminate affirmative action and restrict other means of promoting equal opportunity.
- **Voting rights:** Just one more right-wing vote on the Court would make it impossible to challenge even blatantly partisan political gerrymandering. Current far-right justices Scalia and Thomas want to go even further and overturn 30 years of Supreme Court decisions that protect minority voting rights.
- **Job and other discrimination:** Just a few more far-right votes on the Court would make it much harder to prove or remedy bias based on race, age, gender, disability and other factors. For example, it could become impossible for state employees to address violations of the Family and Medical Leave Act.

PROTECT CIVIL RIGHTS

Our hard-won civil rights protections are at risk. You can help save civil rights by helping to save the Supreme Court.

The nine-member Supreme Court plays a crucial role in protecting our civil rights by interpreting our Constitution and laws. In our history, the Court has sometimes made bad decisions, such as upholding slavery, and sometimes upheld our nation's ideals, as it did when it ended legalized segregation and supported the civil rights movement's advances toward equality for all.

Today, the Supreme Court is narrowly divided on important civil rights questions, 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 – could reverse progress made toward equality and opportunity for all Americans.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

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 civil rights watered down by a Court that redefines the Constitution and laws to meet the goals of the far right, now is the time to take action.



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