



**THREE WAYS A SUPREME COURT APPOINTEE
COULD RESTRICT PRIVACY RIGHTS:**

- **Reproductive and Intimate Privacy:**
A Scalia-Thomas majority would overturn *Roe v. Wade* and eliminate a woman's constitutional right to reproductive freedom. It would also reverse *Lawrence v. Texas* and allow criminal prosecution of consensual adult sexual conduct that takes place in the privacy of one's home.
- **Privacy of Health Care Records and Treatment:** A few more Scalia-Thomas justices would allow hospitals to test pregnant women without their knowledge or consent for suspected drug use and give the results to police. They would also prevent states from passing specific laws to protect people approaching health care facilities from harassment.
- **Privacy Protections against Law Enforcement Abuse:** Just a few more justices like Scalia and Thomas and police would be authorized to set up highway roadblocks and randomly stop motorists, without suspicion, to look for drugs. Privacy rights are also at stake in light of some government actions after 9/11. Chillingly, Justice Scalia has stated that most of our rights currently "go way beyond what the Constitution requires," and that in wartime, it can be expected that such protections "will be ratcheted right down to the constitutional minimum."

SAVE PRIVACY RIGHTS

Americans' privacy rights are severely threatened. You can help preserve privacy by helping to save the Supreme Court.

The nine-member Supreme Court interprets the Constitution and laws – a powerful role that has a huge impact on Americans' privacy rights. Right now, the Court is closely divided on key questions, so the people appointed to fill vacancies expected on the Court over the next few years will have a huge effect on Americans' rights for decades to come.

Just one or two new right-wing justices like Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas – the justices who President Bush has called his models for Supreme Court appointments – would seriously threaten privacy rights.

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 your privacy rights to be sacrificed by a far-right dominated Supreme Court, now is the time to take action.



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