

Praise God, we see the light at the end of the tunnel. We are seeing hope that legalization of abortion in the U.S. will eventually be overturned soon.

The U.S. Supreme Court voting on the Ban of Partial Birth abortion was 5-4 in favor of the ban.

#### Justices who voted in favor of ban:

1. **Chief Justice John Roberts** appointed by **George W. Bush** (Republican), **September 2005**
2. **Justice Anthony Kennedy** (writing for the conservative majority) - appointed by **Ronald Reagan** (Republican), **February 1988**
3. **Justice Samuel Alito Jr.** appointed by **George W. Bush** (Republican), **January 2006**
4. **Justice Antonin Scalia** - appointed by **Ronald Reagan** (Republican), **September 1986**
5. **Justice Clarence Thomas** - appointed by **G. H. W. Bush** (Republican), **October 1991**

#### Justices with dissenting votes:

1. **Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg** (writing for the dissenting justices) - appointed by **Bill Clinton** (Democrat), **August 1993**
2. **Justice John Paul Stevens** - appointed by **Gerald Ford** (Republican), **December 1975**
3. **Justice David Souter** appointed by **G. H. W. Bush** (Republican), **October 1990**
4. **Justice Stephen Breyer** - appointed by **Bill Clinton** (Democrat), **August 1994**

#### Political leanings:

Seven of the current justices of the court were appointed by Republican Presidents, while two were nominated by a Democrat. While no justice has a stated political affiliation nor backs a specific party, it is popularly accepted that Chief Justice Roberts and Justices Scalia, Thomas, and Alito compose the Court's conservative wing. Justices Stevens, Souter, Ginsburg and Breyer are generally thought of as the Court's liberal wing. Justice Kennedy is considered to be a moderate conservative, and the justice who is most likely to be the swing vote that determines the outcome of certain close cases.

Primarily because the justices who are appointed by the President and pass confirmation by the Senate do not have political leanings, it is very difficult to read whether a nominee will vote conservative or liberal once sworn in as a Justice of the Supreme Court. That is why although Justices Souter and Stevens were appointed by Republican Presidents, they have turned out to be liberals. Still this is the first time after a long period that the Supreme Court has finally voted conservatively in favor of a major Pro-life issue.

Prior to the appointments of **Justice Alito** (who replaced Sandra Day O'Connor, a staunch supporter of women's issues) and **Chief Justice Roberts** (who replaced Chief Justice William Rehnquist, a conservative), the liberals had the majority vote and were consistently mustering votes of 5 or 6 in favor of the liberal view. The **justices who voted consistently liberal** were **Justices Ginsburg, Stevens, Souter, and Breyer.** The **swing votes that were frequently also liberal** came from **Justices O'Connor and Kennedy.** The **conservative votes were from Justices Scalia, Thomas, and Chief Justice Rehnquist.** Now with Sandra Day O'Connor retired and Justice Kennedy going with the conservative vote, there is hope that the Supreme Court will eventually overturn Roe vs. Wade. Then, finally America will be emancipated from the scourge of abortion. Hopefully, that will then create a wave of conservatism and spirituality that will have far reaching impacts on other parts of the world.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of Pro-life, and our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States of America, pray with us to change the hearts of the justices of the Supreme Court that they may vote to finally put an end to abortion in this country.

**We need to fast and pray hard for this intention. God bless America.**