

SCOTUS Decisions

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For decades the Federal government has increasingly absorbed state rights without any checks and balances. At the same time, states have legislated laws that removed or highly restricted the rights of the people. In both situations, both the fed and state governments have sought to control the right of the people to govern.

Without getting into details, the Supreme Court (SCOTUS) recently addressed and overturned two very contentious and very emotional issues:

- The right to carry firearms
- The legality of Roe v Wade

The right to carry firearms addressed the unlawful restrictions of New York law requiring people to show reason to carry firearms. This is a win for our nation and upholding of the “Constitution of the United States.”

Overturing New York’s law to show cause, verified a person’s right to own and carry a firearm as provided by the Second Amendment, regardless of where you live in the US. The overturning does not apply to those groups of individuals who are prohibited from possessing a firearm (criminals and the mentally disturbed).

The overturning of Roe v Wade **did not** address whether abortion was legal or not, but simply stated that it was a state issue and not a federal issue. This is a win for the people and has nothing to do with prohibiting abortions.

The overturning Roe v Wade is based on the fact that the “right to abortion” is not a constitutional right and thus must be decided by each state. This action does go deeper than just being a state issue. Two other major outcomes include:

1. A doctor’s or hospital’s decision to do abortions or not
2. Reducing federal taxes used to support or pay for abortions and the promotion of abortions

Pro-choice supporters claim that there will be dire consequences with the overturn of Roe v. Wade. The problem is that they are just conjecturing what in their minds will happen. There is no data or research to back up their claims.

The major pro-choice claim is that “women have the right to say what they can do with their bodies.” It is also claimed that a woman “has the right to an abortion if she so chooses.” The narrative of these, and many other so-called, “rights” is very much misunderstood.

First off they are not rights at all. To understand what a right is we need to study the semantics of the English language. We also have to look at the historical context of rights.

Many people today talk about their “rights.” Without even knowing what they are talking about. For example, we have a right to employment, minority rights, animal rights, criminal rights, and so forth.

If we think about rights as they exist today in the US, there are three (3) groups of rights, two of which are actual rights, the third is not.

The first set of rights can be found in our Declaration of Independence. These are the right to “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” It was recognized by the writers that these rights come from the creator of men – God. These rights are also “unalienable” which means that they cannot be taken away or given away.

The second set of rights (our Bill of Rights) expands the meaning of the original rights. The first 10 amendments to our constitution (Bill of Rights) places specific limits on what the government can do. For example, the right to free speech and religion is an expansion of your life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness that cannot be abridged by government.

It is important to understand that the far-left wants to re-write the Constitution. Their goal is to eliminate the Bill of Rights. If you think this is incorrect, simply read the 45 goals (1963) of the Communist Party USA (CPUSA). The writings of Marx, Stalin, and Lenin are the basis for the leftist, socialist, and communist movements in the US.

To achieve their goals, these anti-democracy groups utilize a technique called “obfuscation” – the action of making something obscure, unclear, or unintelligible (Oxford). The concept of political/gender/parental correctness is a great example of obfuscation and dehumanizing people. Consider:

Garbage men – Sanitation Engineer
Caucasian – White
Mother – Birthing parent
Fat – Overweight
Sex change – Gender reassignment

This leads us to the third set of “rights.” Previously we mentioned right to employment, minority rights, animal rights, criminal rights, and etcetera. Typically these rights are claimed on behalf of some group – women, LGBTQA, or the elderly, handicapped, and children.

The advocates for these groups petition government for new laws encompassing a set of “rights” for their members. Government cannot give anyone any specific right, they can only provide “entitlements” to various groups.

So what is the difference between rights and entitlements? First off a right applies to everyone. Rights are ordained by God not governments. Rights also have no guaranties. For example the right to pursue happiness does not guarantee that a person will achieve happiness.

Entitlements on the other hand are social or political programs provided by government to address the needs of specific groups. Such programs become law that everyone is expected to follow. Entitlements mean the foregoing of freedom of choice, and are always paid for by forcing others to pay. As government grows in order to administer these programs, individual freedom diminishes.

One very visible entitlement was Roe v Wade. Americans, regardless of their beliefs on abortion were forced to help support to the tune of about \$617 million in 2018.

Another entitlement which is directed to the LGBTQ community cost taxpayers an estimated \$650 million annually for so-called conversion therapy, which is also referred to as "reparative therapy" or "ex-gay therapy."

Without adequate controls, citizens will rapidly become the slaves of the state.

The right to own and carry firearms helps to guarantee a free democracy. The left recognizes that the final impetus to an enslaving government is revolution, a forcible overthrow of a government or social order.

SCOTUS made the right decisions to protect both our democracy and our nations citizens. It is unfortunate that Biden, his administration, and the leftists do not want to protect our nation or people.

As patriotic Americans, we cannot just take things at face value any more. We must open our eyes and question what the left is doing, and we must stop it. The consequences are to dire for our freedoms and way of life.