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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

NYT: Justice Dept. Sues Arizona Over Voting Restrictions, Nick Corasaniti and Glenn Thrush, July 6, 2022

The Justice Department sued Arizona on Tuesday over a new state law requiring proof of citizenship to vote in a presidential election, saying the Republican-imposed restrictions are a "textbook violation" of federal law. It is the third time the department under Attorney General Merrick B. Garland has challenged a state's voting law... [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [AP](#), [Arizona Republic](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Forbes](#), [The Hill](#), [KTAR-FM \(Glendale, AZ\)](#), [KBMT-ABC/NBC \(Beaumont, TX\)](#), [KGUN-ABC \(Tucson, AZ\)](#), [KUAT-PBS \(Tucson, AZ\)](#), [NBC](#), [Newsmax](#), [NY Post](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

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USA Today: Trump lawyers subpoenaed in Atlanta DA's election interference investigation; Giuliani, Eastman headline list, Kevin Johnson, July 5, 2022, 3:20 PM

Key members of former President Donald Trump's legal team have been named in subpoenas issued by a special grand jury in Atlanta investigating interference in the 2020 election. Rudy Giuliani, Trump's personal lawyer, and John Eastman, who devised a plan to assemble alternate slates of electors to overturn President Joe Biden's election, headlined a list of seven witnesses called to testify in an accelerating criminal investigation led by Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CBS](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#)

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USA Today: Jan. 6 Committee announces July 12 hearing to investigate how Capitol mob was organized, assembled, Ledyard King, July 5, 2022, 6:17 PM

The House panel investigating the Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol last year has called its next hearing for July 12 where it is expected to lay out evidence on how the pro-Trump mob was organized, assembled and financed. The public hearing, the panel's seventh, is set for 10 a.m. EST. No witnesses have been unveiled. But one of the panel's members, Democrat Adam Schiff of California, said on "Face the Nation" Sunday the hearing "will be focused on the efforts to assemble that mob on the mall, who was participating, who was financing it, how it was organized, including the participation of these white-nationalist groups like the Proud Boys, the Three Percenters and others." [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Colorado funeral home owner accused of selling body parts pleads guilty,

Unattributed, July 5, 2022, 7:00 PM

A Colorado funeral home operator accused of illegally selling body parts and giving clients fake ashes has pleaded guilty to mail fraud in federal court. The Daily Sentinel reports that Megan Hess faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison after entering the plea Tuesday in Grand Junction. Other charges against Hess will be dropped under a plea agreement, the Sentinel said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NY Post](#)

New Haven Register (New Haven, CT): Feds: New Haven man gets 6 1/2 years in prison for assaulting correctional officer; selling drugs,

Liz Hardaway, July 5, 2022, 10:00 PM

A New Haven man was sentenced to 6 1/2 years in prison Tuesday for assaulting a federal correctional officer and selling drugs while on supervised release, according to the U.S. Attorney's office. Shawn Hill, 38, of New Haven, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine base, or crack, and heroin and assault of a correctional officer in September 2020, U.S. Attorney Vanessa Roberts Avery said in a news release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

East Idaho News: Idaho man sentenced to prison for distributing oxycodone containing fentanyl,

Unattributed, July 5, 2022, 8:04 PM

On Friday, Dakota James Hoffman, 29, of Bellevue, was sentenced to 48 months in federal prison for distribution of fentanyl, U.S. Attorney Josh Hurwit announced. According to court records, Hoffman distributed oxycodone pills to a man with the initials A.K. who overdosed on fentanyl on April 2, 2020. A review of A.K.'s digital communications revealed that Hoffman had distributed oxycodone pills to A.K. approximately two weeks prior to the overdose [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KMVT-CBS/CW \(Twin Falls, ID\)](#)

Buffalo News: Former Schuele Boys gang member indicted on charge of robbing a pharmacy,

Dale Anderson, July 5, 2022, 5:00 PM

A Former member of the Schuele Boys gang has been indicted by a federal grand jury on one count of robbing a pharmacy, U.S. Attorney Trini E. Ross announced. Demario Robbins, 29, of Buffalo, is accused of stealing oxycodone and hydrocodone from a Rite Aid on Genesee Street in Buffalo on Dec. 30. If convicted on the robbery charge, he faces a maximum of 20 years in prison, Ross said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WGRZ-NBC \(Buffalo, NY\)](#)

WJAR-NBC (Providence, RI): Three plead guilty in 'Grandparent Scam,' to defraud Rhode Island seniors,

Miranda Nazzaro, July 5, 2022, 11:00 PM

According to United States Attorney Zachary Cunha, three people pled guilty on Tuesday to participating in a "Grandparent Scam," that defrauded 14 Rhode Island seniors out of a total of over \$350,000. The scheme targeted Rhode Island seniors who received fraudulent calls from people posing as family members, or attorneys. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WLNE-ABC \(Providence, RI\)](#), [WPRI-CBS \(Providence, RI\)](#)

KPNX-NBC (Phoenix, AZ): Woman pleads guilty to scamming \$1M out of Arizona's COVID benefits,

Unattributed, July 5, 2022, 7:28 PM

A North Carolina woman pleaded guilty this week to defrauding nearly \$1 million in COVID-19 relief benefits out of Arizona. Kaila Leaann Shanteau-Jackson, 30, of Charlotte admitted to committing wire fraud to scam Arizona out of funds that should have gone to unemployed residents, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office of North Carolina. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WNBC-NBC (New York, NY): Brooklyn Man Gets 72-Month Sentence for Using \$2M in

PPP Loan to Buy Bentley, Cadillac, Joe Valiquette, July 5, 2022, 3:26 PM

A Brooklyn man was sentenced to 72 months in prison on Tuesday after he was convicted of defrauding the federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) for almost \$2 million. Federal prosecutors in Brooklyn said Leon Miles, 51, used the coronavirus relief money to purchase a 2020 Bentley Continental for \$250,000 and a 2020 Cadillac Escalade for \$100,000. Miles pleaded guilty to submitting an application for \$1,904,593 in May 2020 on behalf of a limited liability company he owns in Brooklyn. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Brooklyn Eagle](#)

KSAZ-Fox (Phoenix, AZ): **Mexican Marijuana trafficker sentenced to decades in prison, federal officials say**, Kenneth Wong, July 5, 2022, 3:00 PM

Officials with the United States Attorney's Office say a man who coordinated and directed marijuana smuggling activities on behalf of an international drug-trafficking organization that smuggled multiple tons of marijuana from Mexico into the southern Arizona desert will spend time in prison. According to a statement released on July 5, 41-year-old Juan Carlos Juarez-Torres of Mexico has been sentenced to 240 months (20 years) in prison, followed by 60 months (five years) of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Portsmouth Herald: **New strike force targets those who illegally prescribe opiates**, Angeljean Chiaramida, July 6 2022, 5:00 AM

A new multi-state, multi-agency strike force will fight the illegal prescribing of controlled drugs, as the opioid epidemic continues to devastate the New England region. A press conference held in Concord last week brought together criminal investigative leaders from the Department of Health and Human Services, the DEA and FBI, the U.S. Attorneys of New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont, and Assistant Attorney General Kenneth A. Polite, Jr., of the Justice Department's Criminal Division. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

Reuters: **Minneapolis police officer convicted in George Floyd's death set for federal sentencing**, Unattributed, July 5, 2022, 3:25 PM

Former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin will be sentenced later this week for violating the civil rights of George Floyd during the arrest that ended in Floyd's killing. Chauvin, who has already been sentenced to 22-1/2 years in prison for intentional second-degree, third-degree murder, and second-degree manslaughter by a state court, pleaded guilty to the federal civil rights charges in December. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KMSP-Fox \(Minneapolis, MN\)](#)

Texas Tribune: **Justice Department is investigating Texas' Operation Lone Star for alleged civil rights violations**, Perla Trevizo, July 6, 2022, 6:00 AM

The Department of Justice is investigating alleged civil rights violations under Operation Lone Star, a multibillion-dollar border initiative announced last year by Gov. Greg Abbott, according to state records obtained by ProPublica and The Texas Tribune. The Legislature last year directed more than \$3 billion to border measures over the next two years, a bulk of which has gone to Operation Lone Star. Under the initiative, which Abbott said he launched to combat human and drug smuggling, the state has deployed more than 10,000 National Guard members and Department of Public Safety troopers to the border with Mexico and built some fencing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

Spectrum News: **Texas Republicans plan to challenge health secretary's pledge to increase medication abortion access**, Reena Diamante, July 5, 2022, 8:29 PM

The Biden administration is vowing to use all the tools at its disposal to protect abortion access after the Supreme Court last month said states could ban the procedure. One potential tool is ensuring women can get so-called abortion pills, no matter where they live. Some Texas Republicans call federal overreach. "This administration has shown almost nothing but open hostility to states like Texas, who, under our Constitution, have the clear authority to regulate in this area, especially in the practice of medicine, and in health care," said State Rep. Brian Harrison, R-Waxahachie. "This is well established under the Constitution. So I'm looking at ways to fortify our existing statutes that protect life in the state of Texas." [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

AP: Appeals arguments set on immigrants brought to US as kids, Kevin McGill, July 6, 2022, 12:00 AM

Immigrant advocates head to a federal appeals court in New Orleans on Wednesday in hopes of saving an Obama-era program that prevents the deportation of thousands of people brought into the U.S. as children. A federal judge in Texas last year declared the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program illegal — although he agreed to leave the program intact for those already benefiting from it while his order is appealed. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#)

AP: Federal appeals court greenlights federal deportation policy, Andrew Welsh-Huggins, July 5, 2022, 4:00 PM

Federal guidance prioritizing the deportation of people in the country illegally who pose the greatest public safety risk can be implemented, a federal appeals court ruled Tuesday. At issue is a September directive from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that paused deportation unless individuals had committed acts of terrorism, espionage or "egregious threats to public safety." The guidance of President Joe Biden's administration updated the policy under the administration of then-President Donald Trump, which removed people in the country illegally regardless of criminal history or community ties. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: House Republicans quiz DOJ on oustings of Trump-era immigration judges, Adam Shaw, July 5, 2022, 2:13 PM

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Courthouse News: Sixth Circuit lifts injunction against Biden deportation policy, Kevin Koeninger, July 5, 2022, 6:00 PM

A memo prioritizing the deportation of the most dangerous illegal aliens from the United States does not inflict direct harm upon states and is not a reviewable agency action, the Sixth Circuit ruled Tuesday. A three-judge panel led by Chief U.S. Circuit Judge Jeffrey Sutton vacated a nationwide injunction imposed by a federal judge and determined the speculative nature of the harms alleged by Arizona, Ohio and Montana were insufficient to give them standing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Reuters: Two senators call for FTC probe into TikTok over U.S. data access, David

Shepardson, July 5, 2022, 8:38 PM

The U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee chair and top Republican have called on the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to investigate social media app TikTok and Chinese parent ByteDance due to "repeated misrepresentations" over its handling of U.S. data. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Former Microsoft Economist Joins DOJ Antitrust Team as Tech Probes Surge, Leah Nylenn, July 5, 2022, 11:52 AM

Susan Athey, a Stanford University professor and former chief economist at Microsoft Corp., is joining the Justice Department as its top antitrust economist. A Justice Department spokeswoman confirmed the hire Tuesday. Athey, an expert on the economics of internet platforms -- particularly search engines and online advertising -- joins the Justice Department as it prepares for trial against Alphabet Inc.'s Google and is pursuing an investigation of Apple Inc. and another Google case. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Washington Examiner](#)

ENVIRONMENT

AP: Judge throws out Trump-era rollbacks on endangered species, Matthew Daly, July 5, 2022, 7:00 PM

A federal judge on Tuesday threw out a host of actions by the Trump administration to roll back protections for endangered or threatened species, a year after the Biden administration said it was moving to strengthen such species protections. U.S. District Judge Jon Tigar in Northern California eliminated the Trump-era rules even as two wildlife agencies under President Joe Biden are reviewing or rescinding the regulations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: EPA Must Face Suit Over Objection to Arkansas Pollution Permits, Maya Earls, July 5, 2022, 11:27 AM

The Environmental Protection Agency lost its bid to avoid a lawsuit over its alleged delay in objecting to water pollution permits issued by the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, a federal judge in the state ruled. The state sufficiently alleged that the EPA waived its right to oppose the permits, according to the US District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas. The state also alleged it will be harmed if its permits are described as proposed instead of final, which is what the agency seeks, the court said July 1. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Fox: Illegally made fentanyl fueling historic drug crisis across US, Alex Diaz, Georeen Tanner, Angela Bertorelli, July 5, 2022, 1:51 PM

The fentanyl crisis, as of summer 2022, is hitting the United States harder than any other drug epidemic in history, according to the DEA and nationwide state law enforcement. "There's enough fentanyl in the United States to kill every single American with a deadly dose," the DEA tells Fox, "it's everywhere." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Asheville Citizen-Times (Asheville, NC): Asheville Police Department: Two people arrested for IEDs, armed at previous protest, Ryan Oehrli, July 5, 2022, 7:09 PM

Two people have been charged with possessing homemade explosives or bombs at a July 4 celebration downtown, according to court documents. Chioke Auden Fugate, 23, and Duncan Andrew Small, 30, possessed a "homemade incendiary device" of "cardboard tubes filled with black powder and covered by tape," according to magistrate's orders filed by the Asheville Police Department. "The devices were designed in such a way that they appeared to be homemade explosives or bombs," the documents say. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Marijuana Moment: DEA Announces Hearing On Proposed Ban Of Five Psychedelic Compounds Following Significant Pushback, Kyle Jaeger, July 5, 2022, 2:30 PM

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is taking the rare step of holding a hearing on its hotly contested [sic] proposal to place five psychedelic compounds in Schedule I—an action that scientists say would significantly hamper emerging research into their therapeutic potential. DEA said in a notice set to be published in the Federal Register on Wednesday that a hearing will be held on August 22, and any person who can demonstrate that they'd be "adversely affected or aggrieved" by the proposed scheduling decision can request to testify. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

Reuters: R&B singer R. Kelly removed from suicide watch at Brooklyn jail, Luc Cohen, July 5, 2022, 11:00 AM

R&B singer R. Kelly, who was sentenced last week to 30 years in prison following his sex trafficking conviction, was removed from suicide watch on Tuesday morning at the Brooklyn jail where he is being held, federal prosecutors said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Detroit Free Press: Ex-Macomb County prosecutor in federal prison in Indiana, Christina Hall, July 5, 2022, 8:45 PM

Eric Smith used to be known as "one tough prosecutor." Now, he's federal register No. 86613-509. The former longtime Macomb County prosecutor is at the Terre Haute Federal Correctional Institution in Indiana, a 6½-hour drive away from his Macomb Township home, according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons website. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

WSJ: [EDITORIAL] Still No Peace at the Justices' Houses, Editorial Board, July 5, 2022, 7:04 PM

When it comes to shielding Supreme Court Justices from intimidation by a mob, the buck apparently stops nowhere. Marshal of the Court Gail Curley has written to officials in Virginia and Maryland, warning that "protest activity at Justices' homes, as well as threatening activity, has only increased." Virginia law bans picketing private residences or assembling to "disrupt any individual's right to tranquility in his home." Ms. Curley cites that statute in letters to Gov. Glenn Youngkin and Fairfax County. She says that last week dozens of protesters were outside the Justices' homes, yelling "no privacy for us, no peace for you!" and chanting expletives. "This is exactly the kind of conduct that Virginia law prohibits," [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [EDITORIAL] The Supreme Court's next move might cripple our democracy, Editorial Board, July 5, 2022, 1:50 PM

The Supreme Court agreed last week to hear a case that could fundamentally change this country's democracy — by making it less of one. The decision to hear Moore v. Harper could lead to an erosion of voting rights and an increasing likelihood of election interference. At issue is a North Carolina Supreme Court case holding that the state's constitution precludes severe partisan gerrymanders; the argument the petitioners make is that state courts shouldn't have any role in overruling federal election rules put into place by state legislatures. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NPR: [AUDIO] The U.S. Supreme Court term in review, Nina Totenberg, July 5, 2022, 4:34 PM

NPR's Juana Summers talks with Legal Affairs Correspondent Nina Totenberg, SCOTUS

Blog Founder Tom Goldstein and Constitutional law scholar Jamal Greene about this year's historic Supreme Court term. [[Listen](#)]

JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

USA Today: **OnPolitics: Biden planned to nominate anti-abortion judge amid Roe turmoil**, Chelsey Cox and Amy Nakamura, July 5, 2022, 5:11 PM

[...] President Joe Biden is under fire for apparently agreeing to nominate anti-abortion Republican Chad Meredith for federal judge in Kentucky amid public discord over abortion rights. New information released over the weekend indicated the nomination — which some suspect was part of a deal cut with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., so he would not interfere with future White House nominations — was supposed to be announced on June 24, the day of the Supreme Court's decision reversing Roe. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Courier-Journal \(Louisville, KY\)](#)

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JULY 5, 2022

- The suspect in the Highland Park 4th of July shooting has been charged with seven counts of first-degree murder. Authorities say more charges will come. As the nation deals with yet another mass shooting, similarities are being drawn between the Highland Park suspect and other recent high-profile shooting suspects. [[ABC](#), [ABC-2](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#), [NBC-2](#)]
- The US says it will continue to use diplomatic channels to seek the release of WNBA star Brittney Griner from Russia. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Prosecutors have subpoenaed several members of former President Trump's inner circle, including Rudy Giuliani and Sen. Lindsey Graham amid the ongoing investigation into whether there was criminal interference in the 2020 presidential election. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Russian President Vladimir Putin is claiming a key victory in eastern Ukraine by gaining full control of Luhansk. [[ABC](#)]
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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

Reuters: U.S. Justice Dept sues Arizona over restrictive voting requirements, Eric Beech and Katharine Jackson, July 5, 2022, 6:06 PM

The U.S. Justice Department on Tuesday sued the state of Arizona to block a state law that requires voters to provide proof of citizenship for some federal elections. Due to take effect in January, the law violates the National Voter Registration Act by requiring proof of citizenship to vote in presidential elections or vote by mail in any federal election, the department said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [AP](#), [Arizona Republic](#), [Bloomberg](#), [CNN](#), [Courthouse News](#), [Forbes](#), [Gazette \(Colorado Springs, CO\)](#), [The Hill](#), [KTAR-FM \(Glendale, AZ\)](#), [KBMT-ABC/NBC \(Beaumont, TX\)](#), [KGUN-ABC \(Tucson, AZ\)](#), [KUAT-PBS \(Tucson, AZ\)](#), [Louisiana Illuminator](#), [NBC](#), [Newsmax](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [VOA](#), [UPI](#), [WaPo](#), [WCVB-ABC \(Boston, MA\)](#), [WSJ](#)

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NYT, The Daily: [AUDIO] How Brittney Griner Became a Political Pawn, July 6, 2022, 6:00 AM

Brittney Griner, the American W.N.B.A. star who has been detained in Russia since February, recently sent a letter to President Biden. "I'm terrified I might be here forever," she wrote. The White House vowed to use "every tool" to bring Ms. Griner back to the United States, but organizing her release is a tricky proposition, complicated not least by Washington's break with Moscow over the war in Ukraine. [[Listen](#)]

WaPo: Highland Park suspect charged with murder as community mourns, Robert Klemko, Joanna Slater, Marisa Iati and Annabelle Timsit, July 5, 2022, 7:45 PM

The 21-year-old accused of opening fire on a Fourth of July parade in a Chicago suburb planned the attack for weeks and used a legally purchased military-style weapon to kill seven and injure more than 30 people, police said, in the latest mass shooting to shake a traumatized nation. Authorities charged Robert E. Crimo III with seven counts of first-degree murder Tuesday but said there was no definitive motive for the rampage, which left this tranquil city of 30,000 reeling as it mourned the dead. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CBS](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#)

ABC: [VIDEO] FBI looks into possible warning signs in July 4 mass shooting, July 5, 2022, 8:00 PM

The FBI and local police said they are looking over the alleged shooter's social media footprint and sources tell ABC News that they are finding a series of disturbing posts and videos. [[Watch](#)]

HuffPost: 'Let's Fking Go, Patriots': See New Footage Of Man Leading Charge In Capitol Rotunda**, Phillip Jackson, July 5, 2022, 1:02 PM

New closed circuit video footage (above) obtained by HuffPost shows a California man storming through the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, as he records himself and others shouting chants at Capitol police officers along the way into one of the most iconic areas of the building. Jeffrey Alexander Smith, who was sentenced on March 15 to 90 days in prison, was heard on his own recording shouting in the Capitol's rotunda and leading chants of "USA! USA!" with a large group of rioters. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WUSA-CBS (Washington, DC): DOJ asks judge for maximum sentence for Ohio veteran who entered

Capitol twice on Jan. 6, Jordan Fischer, July 5, 2022, 3:15 PM

Prosecutors want an Ohio bricklayer and U.S. Army veteran to serve a year in prison for entering the U.S. Capitol Building twice on Jan. 6 arguing his conduct and criminal history warrant the maximum sentence for a federal misdemeanor. Terry Lynn Lindsey, of Piqua, Ohio, is scheduled for sentencing on three misdemeanor counts on July 15 before D.C. District Court Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. Lindsey was arrested on four counts in February 2021 and pleaded guilty to three entering and remaining in a restricted building, violent entry and disorderly conduct and parading, demonstrating or picketing in Capitol Building in April of this year. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JAN. 6 HEARINGS

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Donald Trump's prospective campaign to reclaim the presidency in 2024 faces legal and political jeopardy, but allies say some of the potential roadblocks including the threat of prosecution are actually motivating him to run. As he ponders when and how to announce, Trump is dealing with new revelations about his conduct during the Jan. 6 insurrection of 2021, push-back from a rising number of Republicans, and, above all, the prospect of an unprecedented indictment of a former president. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: **Jan. 6 Committee announces July 12 hearing to investigate how Capitol mob was organized, assembled**, Ledyard King, July 5, 2022, 6:17 PM

The House panel investigating the Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol last year has called its next hearing for July 12 where it is expected to lay out evidence on how the pro-Trump mob was organized, assembled and financed. The public hearing, the panel's seventh, is set for 10 a.m. EST. No witnesses have been unveiled. But one of the panel's members, Democrat Adam Schiff of California, said on "Face the Nation" Sunday the hearing "will be focused on the efforts to assemble that mob on the mall, who was participating, who was financing it, how it was organized, including the participation of these white-nationalist groups like the Proud Boys, the Three Percenters and others." [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: **Trump lawyers subpoenaed in Atlanta DA's election interference investigation; Giuliani, Eastman headline list**, Kevin Johnson, July 5, 2022, 3:20 PM

Key members of former President Donald Trump's legal team have been named in subpoenas issued by a special grand jury in Atlanta investigating interference in the 2020 election. Rudy Giuliani, Trump's personal lawyer, and John Eastman, who devised a plan to assemble alternate slates of electors to overturn President Joe Biden's election, headlined a list of seven witnesses called to testify in an accelerating criminal investigation led by Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CBS](#), [The Hill](#), [NBC](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#)

Politico: **[OPINION] The Jan. 6 Hearings May Be Undermining the Justice Department**, Ankush Khardori, July 6 2022, 4:30 AM

Cassidy Hutchinson clearly struck a nerve across the political spectrum. The testimony by Mark Meadows' former aide before the Jan. 6 select committee last week prompted defenders of Donald Trump to launch a series of ineffective and at times absurd efforts to discredit her. It also inspired another round of commentary about whether the Justice Department should prosecute Trump culminating over the weekend with the Washington Post editorial board arguing that the department should conduct "an intensive criminal investigation" into the conduct of senior officials in the Trump White House, including "Mr. Trump himself." [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: House January 6 committee schedules seventh hearing for July 12, Annie Grayer, July 5, 2022, 7:00 PM

The House select committee investigating the January 6, 2021, insurrection has scheduled its seventh hearing for July 12, the panel announced Tuesday. The hearing is set to start at 10 a.m. ET. The committee has not yet announced any witnesses. While the committee did not announce the hearing's topic in its notice, Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff of California, a member of the committee, had previously told CBS' "Face the Nation" over the past weekend that the next hearing will focus on "efforts to assemble that mob on the mall" and connections between the Trump White House and various extremist groups at the rally that preceded the attack on the US Capitol, including the Proud Boys, Three Percenters and others. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNS](#)

CNN: Former deputy press secretary for Trump to testify at an upcoming January 6 committee hearing, Katelyn Polantz and Ryan Nobles, July 5, 2022, 7:00 PM

Sarah Matthews, who served as deputy press secretary in the Trump White House until resigning shortly after the January 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol, has been subpoenaed by the House select committee investigating the insurrection and has agreed to testify at an upcoming hearing, according to two sources with knowledge of the investigation. Matthews has been subpoenaed to testify at a public hearing as early as next week, sources tell CNN.. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Insider: The most shocking revelations from the January 6 committee's first hearings on the Capitol attack, Kayla Gallagher, July 5, 2022, 1:00 PM

The House Select Committee investigating the Capitol insurrection has held six public hearings so far unveiling shocking new details about the Capitol riot, the events that led to that day, and President Donald Trump's push to overturn the election. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Maine Man Faces up to 30 Year Sentence in PPP Fraud Case, Unattributed, July 6 2022, 2:00 AM

A Maine man pleaded guilty to federal bank fraud charges stemming from a Paycheck Protection Program application, federal prosecutors said. The U.S. Department of Justice said the Skowhegan man obtained a \$59,145 loan for his Bangor-based company using false employee wage information and false supporting payroll documentation. The department said the man then spent the money on items and expenses he knew weren't covered by the program. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Colorado funeral home owner accused of selling body parts pleads guilty, Unattributed, July 5, 2022, 7:00 PM

A Colorado funeral home operator accused of illegally selling body parts and giving clients fake ashes has pleaded guilty to mail fraud in federal court. The Daily Sentinel reports that Megan Hess faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison after entering the plea Tuesday in Grand Junction. Other charges against Hess will be dropped under a plea agreement, the Sentinel said. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NY Post](#)

Register Citizen (Torrington, CT): Alleged Bridgeport gang member admits to role in shooting that killed rival in 2019, Liz Hardaway, July 5, 2022, 10:00 PM

A purported gang member pleaded guilty Tuesday and admitted his role in the fatal shooting of a rival in 2019, according to federal prosecutors. Tyrone Moore, 20, of Bridgeport, faces up to 30 years in prison for a racketeering offense stemming from his involvement in Bridgeport's East End gang, U.S. Attorney Vanessa Roberts Avery said in a news release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

New Haven Register (New Haven, CT): **Feds: New Haven man gets 6 1/2 years in prison for assaulting correctional officer; selling drugs**, Liz Hardaway, July 5, 2022, 10:00 PM

A New Haven man was sentenced to 6 1/2 years in prison Tuesday for assaulting a federal correctional officer and selling drugs while on supervised release, according to the U.S. Attorney's office. Shawn Hill, 38, of New Haven, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine base, or crack, and heroin and assault of a correctional officer in September 2020, U.S. Attorney Vanessa Roberts Avery said in a news release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

East Idaho News: **Idaho man sentenced to prison for distributing oxycodone containing fentanyl**, Unattributed, July 5, 2022, 8:04 PM

On Friday, Dakota James Hoffman, 29, of Bellevue, was sentenced to 48 months in federal prison for distribution of fentanyl, U.S. Attorney Josh Hurwit announced. According to court records, Hoffman distributed oxycodone pills to a man with the initials A.K. who overdosed on fentanyl on April 2, 2020. A review of A.K.'s digital communications revealed that Hoffman had distributed oxycodone pills to A.K. approximately two weeks prior to the overdose [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KMVT-CBS/CW \(Twin Falls, ID\)](#)

Buffalo News: **Former Schuele Boys gang member indicted on charge of robbing a pharmacy**, Dale Anderson, July 5, 2022, 5:00 PM

A Former member of the Schuele Boys gang has been indicted by a federal grand jury on one count of robbing a pharmacy, U.S. Attorney Trini E. Ross announced. Demario Robbins, 29, of Buffalo, is accused of stealing oxycodone and hydrocodone from a Rite Aid on Genesee Street in Buffalo on Dec. 30. If convicted on the robbery charge, he faces a maximum of 20 years in prison, Ross said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WGRZ-NBC \(Buffalo, NY\)](#)

Press of Atlantic City: **Atlantic City man sentenced for role in drug ring**, Eric Conklin, July 5, 2022, 4:04 PM

An Atlantic City drug ring member was sentenced Tuesday to more than 10 years in prison, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger said. Terryn Kelsey, 32, was one of 22 arrested in connection with the operation, in which investigators found that drugs were being smuggled to Atlantic City from Paterson. Kelsey previously pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Robert Kugler to conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute more than 1 kilogram of heroin. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Philadelphia Inquirer: **A former Philly Water Department supervisor was sentenced to federal prison for stealing equipment**, Vinny Vella, July 5, 2022, 4:00 PM

A former Philadelphia Water Department employee who stole more than \$153,000 worth of maintenance materials from the authority was sentenced Tuesday to 14 months in federal prison. Thomas Staszak, 47, must also pay full restitution for the copper wire and cables he took from the storage facility he managed and later sold to scrap yards to feed what he told federal agents was a "devastating opioid addiction." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WJAR-NBC (Providence, RI): **Three plead guilty in 'Grandparent Scam,' to defraud Rhode Island seniors**, Miranda Nazzaro, July 5, 2022, 11:00 PM

According to United States Attorney Zachary Cunha, three people pled guilty on Tuesday to participating in a "Grandparent Scam," that defrauded 14 Rhode Island seniors out of a total of over \$350,000. The scheme targeted Rhode Island seniors who received fraudulent calls from people posing as family members, or attorneys. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WLNE-ABC \(Providence, RI\)](#), [WPRI-CBS \(Providence, RI\)](#)

KNSD-NBC (San Diego, CA): **Chula Vista Woman Who Faked Cancer Gets 2 Years in Jail, Now Needs**

Real Medical Care, Unattributed, July 5, 2022, 11:00 PM

A Chula Vista woman who faked a cancer diagnosis to avoid prison time was sentenced Tuesday to two years behind bars. Ashleigh Lynn Chavez, 38, was originally set to be sentenced in another case after pleading guilty to embezzling more than \$160,000 from her former employer. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KRGV-ABC (Weslaco, TX): Man sentenced to 21 years in federal prison after leaving woman dead during smuggling attempt, Unattributed, July 5, 2022, 10:49 PM

A non-U.S. citizen illegally residing in Mission has been sent to prison for conspiracy to commit hostage taking which resulted in death, according to U.S. Attorney Jennifer B. Lowery. Nelson Bahena-Garcia pleaded guilty on Nov. 2, 2021 and admitted that the victim died during the smuggling incident. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WWLTV-CBS (New Orleans, LA): Man who threatened Louisiana 5th-grade zoom class indicted by grand jury, Alexis Horton, July 5, 2022, 10:44 PM

A federal grand jury has charged a man for allegedly using racial slurs and threatening students of a Louisiana fifth-grade zoom class. According to a press release by U.S. Attorney Duane A. Evans, 22-year-old Brian Adams from Paintsville, Ky. racially targeted the students and teachers at Laureate Academy Charter School. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:**
[WDSU-NBC \(New Orleans, LA\)](#)

KPNX-NBC (Phoenix, AZ): Woman pleads guilty to scamming \$1M out of Arizona's COVID benefits, Unattributed, July 5, 2022, 7:28 PM

A North Carolina woman pleaded guilty this week to defrauding nearly \$1 million in COVID-19 relief benefits out of Arizona. Kaila Leaann Shanteau-Jackson, 30, of Charlotte admitted to committing wire fraud to scam Arizona out of funds that should have gone to unemployed residents, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office of North Carolina. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KRQE-CBS/Fox (Albuquerque, NM): Albuquerque duo sentenced for roles in sex trafficking ring, Isaac Cruz, July 5, 2022, 5:33 PM

An Albuquerque duo, Adonis Baker, 37, and Inkosi Grandberry, 40, were sentenced for their roles in a sex trafficking ring. Baker was sentenced to 14 years in prison and Grandberry was sentenced to 10 years, both of their sentences will be followed by five years of supervised release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KTVI-Fox (St. Louis, MO): Man charged in teen's overdose death in Arnold, Joey Schneider, July 5, 2022, 5:08 PM

Federal prosecutors have charged a man in connection with a teen's recent overdose death in Arnold. William Edward Martin, 21, of St. Louis County, was charged with one count of distributing a controlled substance in the case. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WTEN-ABC (Albany, NY): Man charged with distributing drugs in Rutland County, Sara Rizzo, July 5, 2022, 4:15 PM

A Vermont man has been charged by a federal grand jury with five counts of distributing fentanyl and cocaine base in May and June in Rutland County. The Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Vermont said Javon Wright (a.k.a. "Ace"), 37, of Poultney, was charged on June 29. According to court documents, Wright was arrested as he was exiting a store in Fair Haven on June 30 after he was indicted and an arrest warrant was issued. At the time of his arrest, Wright reportedly had nine grams of cocaine base and less than a gram each of heroin and fentanyl. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WKMG-CBS (Orlando, FL): St. Cloud man sentenced to federal prison for possessing unregistered

short-barreled rifle, Ashley Bermudez, July 5, 2022, 3:53 PM

A St. Cloud man was sentenced to 21 months in federal prison for possessing an unregistered short-barreled rifle, according to a Department of Justice news release. Evidence showed that Yunis Isaac Mejia, 28, illegally modified a pistol into a short-barreled rifle, according to the news release. The federal National Firearms Act requires that short-barreled rifles be registered. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WNBC-NBC (New York, NY): Brooklyn Man Gets 72-Month Sentence for Using \$2M in PPP Loan to Buy Bentley, Cadillac, Joe Valiquette, July 5, 2022, 3:26 PM

A Brooklyn man was sentenced to 72 months in prison on Tuesday after he was convicted of defrauding the federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) for almost \$2 million. Federal prosecutors in Brooklyn said Leon Miles, 51, used the coronavirus relief money to purchase a 2020 Bentley Continental for \$250,000 and a 2020 Cadillac Escalade for \$100,000. Miles pleaded guilty to submitting an application for \$1,904,593 in May 2020 on behalf of a limited liability company he owns in Brooklyn. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Brooklyn Eagle](#)

KSAZ-Fox (Phoenix, AZ): Mexican Marijuana trafficker sentenced to decades in prison, federal officials say, Kenneth Wong, July 5, 2022, 3:00 PM

Officials with the United States Attorney's Office say a man who coordinated and directed marijuana smuggling activities on behalf of an international drug-trafficking organization that smuggled multiple tons of marijuana from Mexico into the southern Arizona desert will spend time in prison. According to a statement released on July 5, 41-year-old Juan Carlos Juarez-Torres of Mexico has been sentenced to 240 months (20 years) in prison, followed by 60 months (five years) of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KPRC-NBC (Houston, TX): Contractor charged in bribery, bid rigging scheme against manufacturing company in Houston: DOJ, Brittany Taylor, July 5, 2022, 1:58 PM

A 64-year-old man is expected to appear in court Tuesday on charges he participated in a fraud scheme for 12 years, U.S. Attorney Jennifer B. Lowery announced. According to the charge, filed June 27, Abraham Joseph was the owner of a company called One Point Inc. and participated in a fraud scheme from 2007 until 2019 against a company with a manufacturing facility in Houston. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WCMH-NBC (Columbus, OH): Convicted felon sentenced to 8 years for robbery, having handgun, Joe Clark, July 5, 2022, 1:33 PM

A man who was a previously convicted felon was sentenced to more than eight years in prison after being found guilty, in March, on robbery and possession of firearm charges. In August of 2020, a person working with the ATF attempted to buy a machine gun from Kamar L. Cox for \$500, but Cox instead pulled a Glock handgun and demanded the money from the buyer, according to United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio Kenneth Parker. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WCAX-CBS (Burlington, VT): Massachusetts man sentenced for Rutland drug trafficking, Unattributed, July 5, 2022, 12:09 PM

A Massachusetts man has been sentenced to more than a year and a half in prison for trafficking drugs in the Rutland area. Federal authorities say Justin Zayas-Sanchez, 22, was sentenced Friday in Burlington to serve 20 months in prison after pleading guilty to one count of distribution of fentanyl. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WTEN-ABC \(Albany, NY\)](#)

WABI-CBS/CW (Bangor, ME): Skowhegan man pleads guilty to bank fraud charges, Allegra Zamore, July 5, 2022, 12:08 PM

A Skowhegan man who had been facing federal charges for alleged paycheck protection program fraud

pleaded guilty on Tuesday to some of the charges against him. Nathan Reardon, 44, is accused of obtaining a nearly \$60,000 loan early in the pandemic intended for business and payroll expenses. Instead, authorities say he used much of it for personal expenses. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

Reuters: Minneapolis police officer convicted in George Floyd's death set for federal sentencing,

Unattributed, July 5, 2022, 3:25 PM

Former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin will be sentenced later this week for violating the civil rights of George Floyd during the arrest that ended in Floyd's killing. Chauvin, who has already been sentenced to 22-1/2 years in prison for intentional second-degree, third-degree murder, and second-degree manslaughter by a state court, pleaded guilty to the federal civil rights charges in December. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KMSP-Fox \(Minneapolis, MN\)](#)

Texas Tribune: Justice Department is investigating Texas' Operation Lone Star for alleged civil rights violations, Perla Trevizo, July 6, 2022, 6:00 AM

The Department of Justice is investigating alleged civil rights violations under Operation Lone Star, a multibillion-dollar border initiative announced last year by Gov. Greg Abbott, according to state records obtained by ProPublica and The Texas Tribune. The Legislature last year directed more than \$3 billion to border measures over the next two years, a bulk of which has gone to Operation Lone Star. Under the initiative, which Abbott said he launched to combat human and drug smuggling, the state has deployed more than 10,000 National Guard members and Department of Public Safety troopers to the border with Mexico and built some fencing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

Spectrum News: Texas Republicans plan to challenge health secretary's pledge to increase medication abortion access, Reena Diamante, July 5, 2022, 8:29 PM

The Biden administration is vowing to use all the tools at its disposal to protect abortion access after the Supreme Court last month said states could ban the procedure. One potential tool is ensuring women can get so-called abortion pills, no matter where they live. Some Texas Republicans call federal overreach. "This administration has shown almost nothing but open hostility to states like Texas, who, under our Constitution, have the clear authority to regulate in this area, especially in the practice of medicine, and in health care," said State Rep. Brian Harrison, R-Waxahachie. "This is well established under the Constitution. So I'm looking at ways to fortify our existing statutes that protect life in the state of Texas." [[Continue Reading](#)]

WGFL-CBS (High Springs, FL): Bonifay doctor agrees to pay \$130,000 fine and give up DEA registration, Kassidy Ebrahimi, July 5, 2022, 3:53 PM

The United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Florida released information that a Bonifay doctor is going to pay \$130,000 while giving up his Drug Enforcement Administration registration after a civil settlement agreement.

The 70-year-old doctor, Ahmad T. Ismail, agreed to pay the fine and settle the violations of the Controlled Substances Act. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WJHG-NBC/CW \(Panama City, FL\)](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

AP: Appeals arguments set on immigrants brought to US as kids, Kevin McGill, July 6, 2022, 12:00 AM
Immigrant advocates head to a federal appeals court in New Orleans on Wednesday in hopes of saving an Obama-era program that prevents the deportation of thousands of people brought into the U.S. as children. A federal judge in Texas last year declared the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program illegal although he agreed to leave the program intact for those already benefiting from it while his order is appealed. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) See also: [CNN](#)

AP: Federal appeals court greenlights federal deportation policy, Andrew Welsh-Huggins, July 5, 2022, 4:00 PM

Federal guidance prioritizing the deportation of people in the country illegally who pose the greatest public safety risk can be implemented, a federal appeals court ruled Tuesday. At issue is a September directive from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that paused deportation unless individuals had committed acts of terrorism, espionage or “egregious threats to public safety.” The guidance of President Joe Biden’s administration updated the policy under the administration of then-President Donald Trump, which removed people in the country illegally regardless of criminal history or community ties. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Courthouse News: Sixth Circuit lifts injunction against Biden deportation policy, Kevin Koeninger, July 5, 2022, 6:00 PM

A memo prioritizing the deportation of the most dangerous illegal aliens from the United States does not inflict direct harm upon states and is not a reviewable agency action, the Sixth Circuit ruled Tuesday. A three-judge panel led by Chief U.S. Circuit Judge Jeffrey Sutton vacated a nationwide injunction imposed by a federal judge and determined the speculative nature of the harms alleged by Arizona, Ohio and Montana were insufficient to give them standing. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Laredo Morning Times: Fatal crash victims identified in Encinal human smuggling attempt, Zack Davis, July 5, 2022, 5:15 PM

Three of the four individuals who died during an attempted human smuggling last week in Encinal have been identified. The Texas Department of Public Safety announced on Tuesday that the victims of the crash on Thursday, June 30 included four men. The names of the deceased include: Leonardo Ramirez Avillaneda, 45; Isaac Cruz Lopez, 27; and Marvin Romeo Xitamul, 27. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KPBS (San Diego, CA): New Biden border wall plans would put an end to Friendship Park, Gustavo Solis, July 5, 2022, 9:15 PM

Newly revealed plans to replace the San Diego border fence at Friendship Park would block access to the space people used for decades to meet loved ones separated by the border, local activists say. Advocates from Friends of Friendship Park said U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials told them that the primary and secondary border fences along the park will be replaced with 30-foot walls. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WTKR-CBS (Norfolk, VA): Local man pleads guilty to having MDMA shipped to Hampton Roads from Germany and Spain, Margaret Kavanagh, July 5, 2022, 5:02 PM

39-year-old Andrew Myers pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to import MDMA to Hampton Roads. Court records state that in 2020, a Homeland Security Investigation began after U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials found a suspicious package at an international mailing facility in Newark, New Jersey. The records say the package was labeled “kids candy” but was found to contain 470 pills of MDMA. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ANTITRUST

Reuters: Two senators call for FTC probe into TikTok over U.S. data access, David Shepardson, July 5, 2022, 8:38 PM

The U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee chair and top Republican have called on the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to investigate social media app TikTok and Chinese parent ByteDance due to "repeated misrepresentations" over its handling of U.S. data. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Former Microsoft Economist Joins DOJ Antitrust Team as Tech Probes Surge, Leah Nylenn, July 5, 2022, 11:52 AM

Susan Athey, a Stanford University professor and former chief economist at Microsoft Corp., is joining the Justice Department as its top antitrust economist. A Justice Department spokeswoman confirmed the hire Tuesday. Athey, an expert on the economics of internet platforms -- particularly search engines and online advertising -- joins the Justice Department as it prepares for trial against Alphabet Inc.'s Google and is pursuing an investigation of Apple Inc. and another Google case. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Washington Examiner](#)

Washington Times: Federal judge rips Meta lawyers for 'excessive footnotes' in defense against FTC lawsuit, Ryan Lovelace, July 5, 2022, 10:00 AM

Tech companies love the fine print and lengthy terms of service statements that wear out readers. U.S. District Judge James E. Boasberg does not. The judge ordered Meta to limit its "excessive footnotes" in motions its lawyers filed in defense against a Federal Trade Commission antitrust lawsuit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

AP: Judge throws out Trump-era rollbacks on endangered species, Matthew Daly, July 5, 2022, 7:00 PM

A federal judge on Tuesday threw out a host of actions by the Trump administration to roll back protections for endangered or threatened species, a year after the Biden administration said it was moving to strengthen such species protections. U.S. District Judge Jon Tigar in Northern California eliminated the Trump-era rules even as two wildlife agencies under President Joe Biden are reviewing or rescinding the regulations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Energy & Environment — What can the EPA still do on power plants?, Rachel Frazin and Zack Budryk, July 5, 2022, 7:21 PM

Today we're looking at some of the tools the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) still has left at its disposal after last week's Supreme Court ruling and at a separate court move to restore endangered species protections. This is Overnight Energy & Environment, your source for the latest news focused on energy, the environment and beyond. For The Hill, we're Rachel Frazin and Zack Budryk. Someone forward you this newsletter? Subscribe here. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: EPA Must Face Suit Over Objection to Arkansas Pollution Permits, Maya Earls, July 5, 2022, 11:27 AM

The Environmental Protection Agency lost its bid to avoid a lawsuit over its alleged delay in objecting to water pollution permits issued by the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, a federal judge in the state ruled. The state sufficiently alleged that the EPA waived its right to oppose the permits, according to the US District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas. The state also alleged it will be harmed if its permits are described as proposed instead of final, which is what the agency seeks, the court said July 1. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KPIX-CBS (San Francisco, CA): EPA orders SF-based Wish to stop selling illegal, unregistered disinfectants, Unattributed, July 5, 2022, 5:34 PM

The federal government ordered San Francisco-based e-commerce site Wish on Tuesday to stop selling illegal and unregistered disinfectants on its online marketplace. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said in a press release it issued a "stop sale" to ContextLogic, Inc. doing business as Wish, for products that make unverified claims of effectiveness against viruses, bacteria, and germs. The EPA said such practices have been particularly problematic during the COVID-19 pandemic. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WEHT-ABC (Evansville, IN): Federal complaint filed against local animal lab, Jana Garrett, July 5, 2022, 4:06 PM

A local animal lab has been targeted in a federal complaint by a national research watchdog. The watchdog says the facility broke federal law in the fatal abuse of monkeys and pigs as cited in a report. Bioanalytical Systems Inc.'s negligence caused death in two monkeys, and euthanasia for a pig, according to a report from a failed U.S. Dept. of Agriculture inspection obtained by SAEN. SAEN a non-profit, non-governmental watchdog that monitors U.S. research facilities for illegal behavior and animal abuse. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

KNBN-NBC (Rapid City, SD): Rapid City business owner sentenced for not paying employee taxes, Unattributed, July 5, 2022, 8:00 PM

On Tuesday, United States Attorney Alison J. Ramsdell announced that a Rapid City business owner was convicted for Failure to Withhold, Properly Account for, and Pay Over Tax. 72-year-old Frank Morrison was sentenced on June 30 to 13 months in federal prison with two years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Fox: Illegally made fentanyl fueling historic drug crisis across US, Alex Diaz, Georeen Tanner, Angela Bertorelli, July 5, 2022, 1:51 PM

The fentanyl crisis, as of summer 2022, is hitting the United States harder than any other drug epidemic in history, according to the DEA and nationwide state law enforcement. "There's enough fentanyl in the United States to kill every single American with a deadly dose," the DEA tells Fox, "it's everywhere." [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Patriot-News (Harrisburg, PA): Man returned to Pa. to face charges he used credit cards stolen from body, John Beauge, July 5, 2022, 9:30 PM

A former employee of a motel in Snyder County has been returned from Puerto Rico to face charges that accuse him of using credit cards stolen from a body. [...] He fled to his native Puerto Rico, where authorities located him in May. The U.S. Marshals Service assisted in returning him to the U.S. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Portsmouth Herald: New strike force targets those who illegally prescribe opiates, Angeljean Chiaramida, July 6 2022, 5:00 AM

A new multi-state, multi-agency strike force will fight the illegal prescribing of controlled drugs, as the opioid epidemic continues to devastate the New England region. A press conference held in Concord last week brought together criminal investigative leaders from the Department of Health and Human Services, the DEA and FBI, the U.S. Attorneys of New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont, and Assistant Attorney General Kenneth

A. Polite, Jr., of the Justice Department's Criminal Division. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Asheville Citizen-Times (Asheville, NC): Asheville Police Department: Two people arrested for IEDs, armed at previous protest, Ryan Oehri, July 5, 2022, 7:09 PM

Two people have been charged with possessing homemade explosives or bombs at a July 4 celebration downtown, according to court documents. Chioke Auden Fugate, 23, and Duncan Andrew Small, 30, possessed a "homemade incendiary device" of "cardboard tubes filled with black powder and covered by tape," according to magistrate's orders filed by the Asheville Police Department. "The devices were designed in such a way that they appeared to be homemade explosives or bombs," the documents say. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Marijuana Moment: DEA Announces Hearing On Proposed Ban Of Five Psychedelic Compounds Following Significant Pushback, Kyle Jaeger, July 5, 2022, 2:30 PM

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is taking the rare step of holding a hearing on its hotly contested [sic] proposal to place five psychedelic compounds in Schedule I – an action that scientists say would significantly hamper emerging research into their therapeutic potential. DEA said in a notice set to be published in the Federal Register on Wednesday that a hearing will be held on August 22, and any person who can demonstrate that they'd be "adversely affected or aggrieved" by the proposed scheduling decision can request to testify. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WAVY-NBC (Portsmouth, VA): US Marshals looking for local 'hip-hop artist' wanted on firearms charge, Julius Ayo, July 6, 2022, 12:17 AM

The US Marshal Service has issued a reward for a local "hip-hop artist" wanted on a federal firearm charge. The United States Marshals Service says William "Mike" Burgess, 45, is a local hip-hop artist and actor who goes by the stage names "POWER\$\$\$" and "MIC POWER\$\$\$." He is known to frequent the Denbigh area of Newport News. Burgess is approximately 5'9" and weighs 215 lbs. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KWTX-CBS (Waco, TX): FBI: more young people are being targeted for sextortion scams, Ginger Allen, July 5, 2022, 11:22 PM

Criminals are targeting your children, threatening them in ways that experts say has already led to a number of suicides. Now with summer in full swing, the FBI is worried that even more young people could fall victim. The scam is called sextortion. Criminals convince victims to send compromising photos, then threaten to release the images if ransom isn't paid. Dallas FBI agent Jim Dwyer says the scam can unfold at lightning speed. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KOIN-CBS (Portland, OR): 4th of July Portland protest vandals in FBI sight, Liz Burch, July 5, 2022, 8:09 PM

At the exact same time as celebratory fireworks burst above the downtown Portland sky on the 4th of July, about 100 people marched through downtown streets smashing windows, spray-painting graffiti and firing small mortars at the federal courthouse. Officials with PPB told KOIN 6 News the bureau "has asked the Federal Bureau of Investigation to assume control of specific investigations, allowing their resources to be used to identify and arrest those suspects." [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KTVT-CBS (Fort Worth, TX): DPS trooper discovers multiple drugs, firearms during traffic stop, Julia Falcon, July 5, 2022, 7:38 PM

On July 5, a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation on US 81 in Wise County. [...] This case was turned over to investigators in the Drug Enforcement Administration for further investigation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KIMA-CBS (Yakima, WA): ATF is investigating two suspicious fires in Grandview, Alahna Martinez, July 5, 2022, 6:00 PM

Officials say two fires that happened within a few blocks from each other in Grandview appear suspicious. Shortly after fire crews responded to a large bin fire early yesterday morning, they got a call about a fire at the dollar tree about 5 blocks away. Officials say when they arrived at the store, there was [sic] flames coming out of the roof and doors. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WTIC-Fox (Hartford, CT): Hateful flyers surface in 15 Connecticut towns; state police and FBI investigating, Matt Caron, July 5, 2022, 5:43 PM

Another Connecticut community, Berlin, has fallen victim to hate speech after a still mysterious person scattered racist flyers all over the streets. In past incidents, the flyers weren't placed in mailboxes or door jams, they were just thrown everywhere. While the content of the flyers is protected as free speech, the state police are also investigating it with a newly formed hate crimes unit. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

Reuters: R&B singer R. Kelly removed from suicide watch at Brooklyn jail, Luc Cohen, July 5, 2022, 11:00 AM

R&B singer R. Kelly, who was sentenced last week to 30 years in prison following his sex trafficking conviction, was removed from suicide watch on Tuesday morning at the Brooklyn jail where he is being held, federal prosecutors said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Detroit Free Press: Ex-Macomb County prosecutor in federal prison in Indiana, Christina Hall, July 5, 2022, 8:45 PM

Eric Smith used to be known as "one tough prosecutor." Now, he's federal register No. 86613-509. The former longtime Macomb County prosecutor is at the Terre Haute Federal Correctional Institution in Indiana, a 6½-hour drive away from his Macomb Township home, according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons website. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

US SUPREME COURT

WSJ: [EDITORIAL] Still No Peace at the Justices' Houses, Editorial Board, July 5, 2022, 7:04 PM

When it comes to shielding Supreme Court Justices from intimidation by a mob, the buck apparently stops nowhere. Marshal of the Court Gail Curley has written to officials in Virginia and Maryland, warning that "protest activity at Justices' homes, as well as threatening activity, has only increased." Virginia law bans picketing private residences or assembling to "disrupt any individual's right to tranquility in his home." Ms. Curley cites that statute in letters to Gov. Glenn Youngkin and Fairfax County. She says that last week dozens of protesters were outside the Justices' homes, yelling "no privacy for us, no peace for you!" and chanting expletives. "This is exactly the kind of conduct that Virginia law prohibits," [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: [EDITORIAL] The Supreme Court's next move might cripple our democracy, Editorial Board, July 5, 2022, 1:50 PM

The Supreme Court agreed last week to hear a case that could fundamentally change this country's democracy by making it less of one. The decision to hear Moore v. Harper could lead to an erosion of voting rights and an increasing likelihood of election interference. At issue is a North Carolina Supreme Court case holding that the state's constitution precludes severe partisan gerrymanders; the argument the

petitioners make is that state courts shouldn't have any role in overruling federal election rules put into place by state legislatures. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NPR: **[AUDIO] The U.S. Supreme Court term in review**, Nina Totenberg, July 5, 2022, 4:34 PM
NPR's Juana Summers talks with Legal Affairs Correspondent Nina Totenberg, SCOTUS Blog Founder Tom Goldstein and Constitutional law scholar Jamal Greene about this year's historic Supreme Court term. [\[Listen\]](#)

The Hill: **[OPINION] Supreme Court climate decision backs capitalism without conscience**, William S. Becker, July 5, 2022, 1:30 PM

Several political commentators have speculated recently that neoliberalism is dead. It's not. That arguably soulless economic philosophy is evident in the new U.S. Supreme Court ruling that disarmed the federal government's best weapon against global climate change. The court ruled that without specific direction from Congress, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) can't regulate greenhouse gas pollution under the Clean Air Act. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

USA Today: **OnPolitics: Biden planned to nominate anti-abortion judge amid Roe turmoil**, Chelsey Cox and Amy Nakamura, July 5, 2022, 5:11 PM

[...] President Joe Biden is under fire for apparently agreeing to nominate anti-abortion Republican Chad Meredith for federal judge in Kentucky amid public discord over abortion rights. New information released over the weekend indicated the nomination which some suspect was part of a deal cut with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., so he would not interfere with future White House nominations was supposed to be announced on June 24, the day of the Supreme Court's decision reversing Roe. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Courier-Journal \(Louisville, KY\)](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

KOSU-NPR (Columbus, OH): **Oklahoma tribes to Gov. Stitt after Castro-Huerta decision: come to the table and move forward**, Allison Herrera, July 5, 2022, 4:47 PM

Tribal leaders across Oklahoma and beyond are reacting to last week's U.S. Supreme Court decision in the *Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta* case, saying the ruling upends more than 100 years of federal Indian law. The high court's ruling gives the state more authority in prosecuting crimes committed on tribal lands. A statement put out by the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes called the decision shocking and disconcerting, adding that it goes against the basic principles of congressional authority as well as Indian law. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

OPIOID CRISIS

Reuters: **West Virginia opioid trial postponed after defendants' federal court victory**, Dietrich Knauth, July 5, 2022, 4:40 PM

A West Virginia state court trial over lawsuits brought by cities and counties in the state accusing drug distributors of fueling the deadly opioid epidemic has been postponed, a day after the distributors won a federal court case that raised similar claims. Scheduled to kick off on Tuesday, the trial was set to test the local governments' allegations against McKesson Corp, AmerisourceBergen Corp and Cardinal Health Inc, the country's three largest pharmaceutical distributors. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Washington Examiner](#),

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ABC: World News Tonight with Lindsey Davis

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- The suspect in the Highland Park 4th of July shooting has been charged with seven counts of first-degree murder. Authorities say more charges will come. As the nation deals with yet another mass shooting, similarities are being drawn between the Highland Park suspect and other recent high-profile shooting suspects. [[ABC](#), [ABC-2](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#), [NBC-2](#)]
- More than 25 million Americans from Montana to South Carolina are in the path of severe thunderstorms, high winds and flash floods. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The US says it will continue to use diplomatic channels to seek the release of WNBA star Brittney Griner from Russia. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Prosecutors have subpoenaed several members of former President Trump's inner circle, including Rudy Giuliani and Sen. Lindsey Graham amid the ongoing investigation into whether there was criminal interference in the 2020 presidential election. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Russian President Vladimir Putin is claiming a key victory in eastern Ukraine by gaining full control of Luhansk. [[ABC](#)]
- President Biden has awarded the Medal of Honor to four men for their service in the Vietnam War. All had received lower-level decorations, but senior military officials decided to upgrade the awards. [[CBS](#)]
- An independent investigation is looking into eight Akron police officers involved in the deadly shooting of Jayland Walker who was shot 60 times while fleeing a traffic stop a first for the department where historically those investigations were done internally. [[CBS](#)]

MORNING HEADLINES

- "U.S. Job Market Looked Stronger at Start of Summer" [[WSJ](#)]
- "Next Front Line in the Abortion Wars: State Supreme Courts" [[NYT](#), [LAT](#)]

- “Highland Park suspect charged with murder as community mourns” [[WaPo](#), [WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [LAT](#)]
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PRESS BRIEFING
BY PRESS SECRETARY KARINE JEAN-PIERRE

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3:31 P.M. EDT

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: All right. Good afternoon, everybody. I hope everyone had a restful long weekend.

I actually don't have anything for you at the top. (laughter.) I know you guys are always excited to hear what I got to say.

But, Darlene, you want to kick us off?

Q Yes. Thank you very much. Is the White House looking into the possibility of having the President visit Highland Park? The death toll there has risen to seven this afternoon.

MS. JEAN-PIERRE: So, the President, as you all know, is going to be traveling to Ohio tomorrow to discuss the American Rescue Plan. So that's the trip that he's going to be making tomorrow.

We don't have any plans right now to go to Chicago. I know some folks are asking if he's going to go to Chicago, will he go -- mean, if he's going to go to Ohio, is he going to go to Chicago.

The Vice President is going to be there, and she will speak to the devastation that we -- that we all saw with our own eyes yesterday in Highland Park.

But I don't have anything to share about -- for President's travel tomorrow. He'll go to -- again, he'll go to Ohio, where he's going to talk about the Rescue Plan, the Special Finance -- Financial Assistance Program, in particular. This program will provide financial relief to millions of workers in multiemployer plans who face significant cuts to their pensions through no fault of their own.

But again, nothing to share about him going to Chicago at this time.

Q Not necessarily tomorrow though, but later this week, next week, before he leaves for the Middle East?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: -- we just don't have anything to share. But again, the Vice President is going to be there today. She will certainly speak to -- speak to the tragedy that we saw yesterday. The President spoke to this yesterday during the Fourth of July in a very forceful way and laying out how he and the First lady saw the tragedy, and he even had a moment of silence.

But we are not planning -- right now, at this moment, I don't have any plans of a future trip to Chicago.

Q And since you mentioned the Ohio trip tomorrow, when the President is in Cleveland, which is relatively near Akron, do you expect him to address at all the fatal police shooting of Jayland Walker?

Q I don't have anything to share on that either, whether he is going to potentially -- know it's about 45 minutes from Cleveland, where the shooting happened. We just -- right now, we're going to be focusing on the trip that we have planned, which is to talk about the American Rescue Plan and how to help the American public.

Q And then one final question. Can you talk about the status of the letter that Brittney Griner sent to the President? Has he been briefed on it? Has he even read it? Griner's wife was on television this morning; she really wants to hear from the President. Will he reach out to her in any fashion?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, I can say that the President did read the letter. I was there when he read the letter. This is something -- Brittney Griner being held in Moscow, we believe the Federation is wrongfully -- she's being wrongfully detained in Moscow at this time. This is an issue that is a priority for this President.

As you have heard us say before, he believes that any U.S. national that is held abroad or detained or held hostage abroad, we need to bring back safely and we are going to use every tool that we possibly can to make that happen. Again, this is a priority for the President.

I do want to share that, on Saturday, Mrs. Griner spoke with National Security Advisor

Jake Sullivan. That is their second call in the past about 10 days that they have spoken. Secretary Blinken also spoke with Mrs. Griner as well recently.

don't have anything else to read out as far as a potential call or a meeting with her family. But clearly, we believe she was wrongfully detained. We believe she needs to come home -- she should be home; as well as Paul Whelan, as well, who's being held; and any other U.S. national who is wrong- -- being wrongfully detained abroad.

Q Thank you.

Q Hi, Karine. Just to follow up on that: Griner's coach said, " f this was eBron, she [he] would be home, right? t's a statement about the value of women, it's a statement about the... Black person, it's a statement about the value of a gay person -- all those things. We know..." as true. Do you see this as a double standard?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: This is a President who has put all of the things that you just laid out -- the GBTQ community, women, people of color -- he has fought for those communities throughout his career. And you -- you have seen that in policies that he has put forward.

Again, this is a priority for this President. He's doing everything that he can. The White House is closely coordinating as well with the Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs, who has met with Brittney's family, her teammates, and her -- her support network.

So we're going to continue to have those conversations, and we're going to make sure that she -- she and others get home safely.

Q And just to follow up since this is a priority for the President -- mean, she's been detained for months now. Her wife told "CBS This Morning" that she still has "not heard" from Biden. "And, honestly, it's very disheartening." know it's a priority, but why has it taken this long? And why has it taken a letter from Griner in jail to reach the President to make this a priority?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: ook, this has been on top of mind for the President. ike, was there when he read the letter. And he takes this to heart. He takes this job very seriously, especially when it comes to bringing home U.S. nationals who are wrongfully detained.

And you saw the work that his administration did to bring -- to bring home Trevor Reed. That is the same -- the same work, the same focus that we did and put behind bringing Trevor Reed home, we're going to do the same with Brittney Griner and others.

So, again, this is a priority. We're going to make this happen. We've had -- she's - - we have been in constant communications -- Secretary Blinken; the Special Envoy, as just listed out; and also Jake Sullivan, our National Security Advisor.

We're going to continue to have those conversations, and we're going to continue to make sure we use everything at our disposal to bring her home and also Paul Whelan and all the others U.S. nationals that are abroad.

Peter.

Q Thanks, Karine. How did the President go from blaming high gas prices on Putin to Big Oil to small-business owners now?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, here's the thing about that, Peter, is when you look at -- as of this morning, when you look at the crude oil and when you look at wholesale oil prices as well, they've declined about 15 percent. And so, retail gas prices, however, have only declined just about 3 percent over the same time period as we have seen with crude oil prices and the wholesale gas prices.

And meanwhile, those same retailers are profiting; their profit have gone up about 40 cents -- nearly 40 cents in that same period of time.

So what the President is saying is that everyone along that chain, around that production chain line, needs to -- needs to make sure that they're doing what is possible, their part, in bringing down the costs for the American people.

That is what we're asking. Consumers should not -- should not be the first to pay and the last to benefit.

Q Jeff Bezos says the President's tweet about this is "either straight ahead misdirection or a deep misunderstanding of basic market dynamics." Which is it?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: As you know, we completely disagree with Jeff Bezos. Look, we will continue to call on everyone along that distribution chain, as just mentioned -- from oil companies, to refineries, to distributors, to retailers -- to pass their lower cost through to consumers.

That is what is important: to make sure that we should not make, again, consumers pay first and get that re- -- and get that relief last.

Q Okay. And then, on a different topic: Why is there a voicemail of the President talking to his son about his overseas business dealings if the President has said he's never spoken to his son about his overseas business dealings?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, first, 'll say that what the President said stands. So if he -- if that's what the President said, that is what stands.

And second -- secondly --

Q He's leaving a voicemail about a New York Times article --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: But secondly --

Q -- considering -- concerning Hunter Biden's business dealings. And it says, "think you're clear." How is that not him talking to his son about his overseas business dealings?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: We're not -- from this podium, am not going to talk about alleged materials from the laptop. will -- am not --

Q So are you disputing that it's President's voice on the voicemail?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: I am not going to talk about alleged materials on a laptop. That's not happening.

Q Are you disputing then that it is not --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Peter, I refer you to his son's representative.

Q Okay.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Go ahead.

Q Thanks, Karine. The President said the other day that he would meet with governors and then consider some more potential executive actions in response to Roe. So now that that meeting has happened, is there anything on the table that you are considering in terms of executive actions?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, as we have said, all options are on the table. The President is going to do everything that he can from his legal authority to make sure that we're protecting women's freedoms and women's rights. So that still stands. That still is something that we are going to do. I don't have an executive order -- executive action to speak to at this time.

As you know, when -- when the decision came down almost two weeks ago, the President took quick action and he announced executive -- and he announced some executive authorities that we believe protect women, ensure that they -- and ensure that they can get access -- health -- healthcare access as quickly as possible.

As far as executive actions, I don't have anything for you to preview.

Q So just really quickly, is there an update on when the President will make a decision on Chinese tariffs? And will he be speaking to President Xi before he makes that decision?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, I don't have a timeline for you on that. The President's team is continuing to look at our options on how to move forward.

As you know, the President and President Xi had a conversation back in March, and we continue to leave all communications lines open from the President on down.
Go ahead.

Q Just following up on that: The President did say he would have specific announcements out of the meeting. So has he changed his view on that, that there isn't anything to announce right now?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: No. No, not at all. I don't think he's changed his view on that. Again, we're going to do -- he's going to do everything in his legal -- legal authority to make sure that we protect women and their freedoms and their rights the best that he can from, again, his legal authority. I just don't have anything for you to share at this time.

Q That just sounded like he had something in the pipeline there.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Once we have something, we will be sure to sho- -- share it.

Q On the matter of the Griner letter: Now that the President has read it, does he feel it is the type of an outreach to him that he would want to do some kind of personal response back in a letter form or in some other way to Griner, if that is doable through channels, or to her wife or family members -- to have a direct response from the President?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, you all read the letter, presume. It was out there in the press. And it is a deeply personal letter. As you know, this President is -- takes that very personally as well.

Brittney Griner talked about the Fourth of July, which we just celebrated yesterday, talking about freedom and how different it means for her.

You heard the President's speech, which was also very powerful, yesterday speaking about that and the time and the moment that we're in.

just -- don't have anything to share about what -- if he's going to respond or what that would look like. I can confirm, again, that he has read the letter, and it was, as we all know, deeply personal. And we're going to do everything -- the President is going to do everything that he can, in his power, to -- to bring her home, along with other U.S. nationals who are being held -- wrongfully detained abroad.

Q And any -- any follow-up on the energy meeting that Secretary Granholm held? And the President had said he was looking for solutions from the oil companies and so forth. Has there been anything brought back to the President for him to review or any updates on that?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, as you know, that meeting went very well. We even heard from some of the CEOs who came out of that meeting as well. We did a readout.

We are look- -- still looking to get to solution. We think that was a first step. There's going to be more conversations. -- we just don't have more to share on the next steps -- specific next steps and what has been presented to the President.

But clearly, we're looking for solutions. We want to get that capacity up. We want to make sure that refineries are increasing their capacity so that we can get gas -- gasoline out there, we can get diesel out there so that the cost for the American people come -- come on down.

And so that's what we're going to continue to work on.

Go ahead.

Q Thanks, Karine. On the China tariffs again, the AF -C O and other labor unions have urged the President not to use these tariffs. The President is going to Ohio tomorrow. The Democratic Senate candidate, Tim Ryan, has also said this would be a major mistake to use those tariffs.

So how is the President weighing those concerns among labor unions and some Rust Belt Democrats against other people who are saying these tariffs should be lifted?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, look, again, don't have anything to preview or announce at this time. Look, there are a lot of different elements to this, especially since the previous administration imposed these tariffs in such a haphazard way, in a non-strategic way. So, we are -- we are -- want to make sure that we have the right approach.

And again, his team is talking -- is figuring it out and they're talking through this. And once we figure out the right approach -- this is about what is right for the American public, for the American people -- we will have an announcement and we will let you all know.

Q And on the stalled China competition bill, any calls to Capitol Hill to read out on that? What's the White House's strategy to try to get that across the finish line?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, as you know, it's something that we believe is incredibly important to the American people, getting that competition bill done. We are -- we are going to continue to have those conversations on the Hill.

As you know, we don't read out any personal conversations, but we're going to continue to do the work with folks on the Hill to get this done.

Go ahead.

Q Karine, thanks. A couple questions. Overall, there was a -- there was a published report today that say overall frustration among Democrats with President Biden. Is this administration concerned about that criticism from Democrats?

And it also says that the President is incapable of the urgency needed because of Roe v. Wade being overturned. Any response from the administration to those published reports?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So when you say "Democrats," you mean Demo- -- elected officials or --

Q Mm-hmm. Elected Democratic officials' overall frustration with the Biden administration.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Okay. So, here's the -- here's the thing 've -- 've heard -- 've heard of this. The President has shown, if you look at the different issues that have come up most recently -- in particular, let's start with gun violence: The President showed urgency. He showed fury. He showed -- he showed frustration. He spoke to that issue every time that he could, whether he was in Uvalde or Buffalo or did a primetime address.

And we were able to get a first step -- still a lot more to do -- a bipartisan gun reform piece of legislation, which is something that has -- we have not seen in 30 years.

A lot of that is because of his leadership. Something -- the same thing that he was

able to do 30 years ago, when we saw the assault weapons ban. So, that -- he showed urgency there, and we were able to deliver in a bipartisan way.

When it comes -- when it comes to Roe v. Wade, within hours of the announcement of the decision that we heard from SCOTUS, he put forth executive authorities that went into -- that went into effect with the medication that's approved medication from FDA, and also making sure that -- calling on DOJ to protect women who are crossing the lines because they have to make a decision on their health.

And those are things that actually matter. There's more work to do. He's going to look at everything that he can do on the legal authority.

And -- but here's the thing: When it comes to Roe, when it comes to a precedent that's been around for nearly 50 years, what needs to happen is Congress needs to act. We have to codify Roe. We have to make sure that it is the law of the land. And that's what he's going to keep speaking to.

Q Well, with the criticism of the President, is this administration concerned about how the Democrats will perform in the midterm elections?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, as you know, can't talk about the midterms from here. That will get me into big trou- -- (laughs) --

Q s the President concerned?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, -- 'm just saying got to be careful about that.

Q Has he expressed any concern?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: (aughs.) got to be careful about that.

ook, the President wants to make sure that we continue delivering for the American people. He has said -- what can say from here -- if we are in a position where Congress does not act, as we're speaking to on Roe v. Wade, and does not codify Roe, make that -- make Roe the law of the land, then the American public should make their voices heard. They should make their voices heard at the ballot box.

And that is something that he's going to call on. That is going to be something that he's going to speak on very loudly and very -- very aggressively, as you -- as you laid out.

And this is an important, important issue. He has said this was an extreme decision by the Court. He has said this is going to change the lives of so many women, upend their lives, if you will, because of this extreme decision. And it should not stand.

And what we saw a couple of weeks ago is not -- almost two weeks ago -- is not -- is not the end. t is only the beginning. And we just have to keep working towards that.

Q And finally, as far as -- a different matter entirely, but as far as a letter that was presented to you, signed by 70 members of the White House Press Corps, any reaction from the administration regarding that letter?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, you could say -- responded to you, didn't ?

Q Yeah, you did say --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Okay.

Q -- you would talk to us.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Yeah.

Q But that was all heard. s there anything else you could add?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, look, you know, we're -- we're coming -- you know, we're coming into a different -- a different place of the CO- -- of COV D. Right? Things are starting to open up. We're even doing tours here. We had 7,000 people out in the -- in the South awn yesterday, military families and others, to celebrate Fourth of July, which was a wonderful event. t was great to have -- to see our military families out there.

And so, you know, we understand. We want to make -- we want to be accessible. We want the President to be -- his events to be accessible. And we are working to that, with the understanding that we have been working through, as we look at his events during this pandemic, and we're trying to -- we're trying to see what the next steps are.

Q So, you're going to open up everything for us?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: 'm not saying that. 'm just saying that we're willing to work with you on this. And this is also a priority of ours.

Q Thank you.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Okay? All right, great.

Go ahead.

Q So, just following up on the executive actions -- mean, the ones that the President had hinted we might hear more of Friday, you say are still being talked about: mean, there's -- there's broad frustration among voters we've talked to, among many Democratic lawmakers that you had this unprecedented situation of more than a month of knowing pretty much what was going to be, likely, in the ruling. You had - - the dynamics on the Court were clear in place when this case was heard.

There's a lot of frustration of why weren't those orders deliberated and decided and ready to roll out at a faster pace, and here we are, about two weeks later, talking about when that next wave might come out. mean, what's your response to that general frustration and --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, would -- would -- look, 'll say this: We understand that the -- the frustration. What we saw the Court do almost two weeks ago should be frustrating, should be infuriating, and should have everyone angry -- not just women,

because this is not just about women's rights.

t's going to, as we saw -- as you just mentioned, Clarence Thomas and what he just said in -- in his remarks, it is -- we are in an incredibly scary time.

And so, we have to take their words very, very seriously. And that's not -- let's not forget what Republicans -- national Republicans have been saying for the past couple of weeks: is how they want to make a national ban. And so, because of that, the President has been very forceful in saying that we have to take action. He cannot just do this alone; Congress needs to take action. So that's number one.

But to your point: Within hours, when this decision came down, the President used his executive -- his executive authority, which matters here because we know those -- those who want to ban all abortions, ne- -- their next moves are going to be medicated abortion and travel across state line. And so, we wanted to make that clear and get -- and make sure we got ahead of that, if you will, as we're seeing what we're seeing across the states with the ban -- the banning of abortion, for the next round of attacks.

So that's what we did first. Now, we're going to look at his legal authority on what he can do on executive actions.

But we -- we jumped into action, would argue, within -- within hours of the decision. And the actions that we took -- those author- -- those executive authorities that we took were in consultation with groups, were in consultation with legal experts. We've been having these conversations with them for many, many weeks since we heard of the draft -- the draft proposal.

Q And quick follow-up on January 6th hearings. mean, know the White House has been pretty clear that due to the unique situation of January 6th, that executive privilege is not -- is not a top concern about precedent. But 'm wondering, given the unique nature of a White House Counsel's position, is there any conversations about whether that sets a precedent for White House Counsel going forward to have to answer to Congress about deliberations inside the White House?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, let me just first say when it comes to January 6th -- the hearings, the select committee -- what we're seeing: t is important -- the President believes it's important to get to the bottom of what happened, for the American public to see for themselves and get all the information that they can on what happened on that day.

So as it comes to executive privilege, there is no privilege for trying to overthrow the government. That's what the President believes. That's why the President has consistently declined to assert executive privilege with respect to documents or testimony about the extraordinary events under investigation by the January 6th Committee.

We're going to continue to defer to the -- to the committee as it conducts its bipartisan, independent investigation.

Go ahead.

Q Thanks, Karine. On Brittney Griner: You were there when the President read Griner's letter. What was his reaction? And did he express a message for Griner and her family?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So 'm not going to share any personal interaction that had with the President. just wanted to confirm that he did read the letter.

And will say, again, this is very personal to him, especially when someone writes a letter in such a personal way.

He -- we have made this a priority. We have -- you know, Secretary Blinken, National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan has spoken to Mrs. Griner and her teammates and her family. And so, we're going to continue to keep that -- that open communication and have very honest conversations with them. They're private conversations, so 'm not going to share what those conversations have been.

But this is also the case with all U.S. nationals abroad. Again, this is a priority for U.S. nationals who are -- abroad who are wrongfully detained. t is important to the President to bring them home safely, just like we saw with Trevor Reed very -- very recently ago.

And so we're going to continue to make that a priority, but 'm not going to share any private conversations.

Q And then just a follow-up on the pleas from the Griner family on wanting to personally speak with the President. After reading this letter, is that something that the White House at this point is considering?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: -- there's -- just don't have anything to share on what communication the President is going to have with Mrs. Griner and her family. All can confirm is that he's read the letter, and he's making this a priority.

Go ahead.

Q First, just on the Illinois shooting. Illinois already has a red-flag law. t isn't used that often. t wasn't used in this case, even though the suspect apparently had put some violent imagery online. s your expectation that the gun bill that just passed is something that would have addressed this kind of situation?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So want to be very clear: Yes, the bipartisan gun -- anti -- the gun reform bill was an important first step. t was the first step that we have seen in 30 years. The last time was when this President led the banning assault weapons legislation that lasted for about 10 years and sunset in 19- -- in 2004. And so, the President believes that we need -- we need to make sure that we ban assault weapons. Right?

That is one of the things that's being reported that this suspect had. And so, banning assault weapons is something, again, that he's going to continue to fight -- fight for.

With that said, he understand that there's more work to be done. The bipartisan bill is going to save some lives. ike, that is -- that is true; it will save some lives.

But we need more -- we need to do more work.

And the President is going to continue to do that -- to do that fight.

What we know -- one thing would say about red-flag laws, as we've seen them over the past several years, is that when they are implemented, they do work in red states and in blue states. And they are also very much in lined of what a majority of Americans support.

So, again, when they're -- when they're actually enacted, red-flag laws are actually effective.

Q And do --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Yeah.

Q -- do you -- know you don't have any travel to confirm, but does the President wants to go to Illinois?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: just don't have anything to say about any travel to Illinois.

Q Okay. And then just one other thing that wanted. Is it accurate that the White House was planning to nominate this anti-abortion Republican judge, Chad Meredith, for a federal judgeship in Kentucky the day that Roe v. Wade was decided?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So we don't -- we -- we make it a point here to not comment on any -- on any vacancy, whether it is on the executive branch or judicial branch, especially those that have not -- have not -- the nomination has not been made yet. So don't have anything to say on that. It is something that we just don't comment on.

Q Will the President ever appoint a judge who doesn't support abortion rights to the federal bench?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: mean, that's a hypothetical that can't really speak to. --

Q That's not a litmus test for him though?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, -- 'm not going to -- 'm going on to litmus test. All can tell you is that we don't normally speak on vacancies that -- where we haven't made a decision yet, whether it's on the judicial level or the executive branch.

Go ahead.

Q You've mentioned Trevor Reed a couple times. His release was part of a prisoner swap. Should we view that as a viable option when it comes to Brittney Griner or Paul Whelan or others?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: cannot speak to any discussions that are happening on how any U.S. national who's being held abroad and wrongfully detained, how -- what the process is going to be to bring them home. just cannot speak to that from here.

Q Is there a broad kind of contextual structure in which you look at prisoner

swaps? Like, why -- why was that considered an okay thing in the Trevor Reed case?
Is there kind of a construct that the administration follows?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Again, I cannot speak from -- about that from here. Clearly, there are security and privacy reasons to not discuss the details of how -- of how a release happens. So it's not something that I can speak from here.

I can say that we have the Special Envoy, that this is their focus. We are in constant communication with them on that process. But it is -- just for safety, security reasons, this is not something that I can speak from here.

Q Just one more on a different subject -- on the China Competition Bill that Jordan asked about. The Senate passed that more than a year ago. Is there a concern that it was allowed to linger for too long and, in fact, gave Senator McConnell the opportunity to put the roadblocks he's put up in front now because he didn't move on it until 13 months later?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Look, we're going to -- look, it's unfortunate that Senator McConnell has taken this approach. Clearly, that's not an approach that's going to help the American public. That's how we see it.

This competition bill is so -- is important for many reasons. So we're going to continue to work with Congress to get this done. And so, we're going to just continue that process.

I'm not going to go into any personal conversations or negotiations, as we tend to say from here, but, again, this is an important piece of legislation that we would like to see move forward.

Go ahead.

Q Karine, thank you. Yesterday, President Biden, in his first opportunity to address the public in person, on the shooting, he did so sort of very obliquely and fleetingly. And then he came back out on stage about two hours later and spoke a little more. Was that because he felt -- he or his team felt he had initially missed the mark?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: No, he felt that he needed to speak on that himself. He just -- that was his own decision to move --

Q But not from the statement. I mean, from -- he came out and he verbally said at the Fourth of July, "You all heard what happened today. Things will get better still, but not without more hard work." And then two hours later, that same evening, he came out and said a bit more. Is that because he felt --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: No -- no, my answer is still the same. He wanted to make sure that he had an opportunity -- he had an opportunity to speak to this, and he took that opportunity that second time. He spoke to it very briefly, as you just stated, the first time.

And the second time, you know, he -- you know, he got on stage and wanted to give an update. He actually, if you remember, he gave an update of what was currently

happening, and he gave a moment of silence. That was -- that was -- that was him. That was something he decided to do.

Q And just briefly following up on that: Governor Pritzker said in a press conference -- he said he was "furious," it was a time "to be angry." You have said, referring to what President Biden said, that he -- he spoke "forcefully" yesterday; he spoke with "urgency."

guess just want to make sure understand: Do you and the President believe saying "You all heard what happened today" after yet another mass shooting -- is that your definition of "forceful" and "urgent"?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: What I'm saying is that there has been many times that the President has spoken forcefully, urgently about a moment that currently exists in our country, which is a gun violence epidemic.

And he has done that in primetime on many of your colleagues' networks. He has done it Uvalde, when he -- after coming back from Uvalde after he met with parents and family members in a dev- -- they're dealing with their devastation. He did that in Buffalo as well. And he has shown, over and over again, how important this issue is.

And it's not just important during his presidency. It's been important when he was the Vice President and it was important when he was a senator.

So to say that this President has not shown urgency, it's just -- it's just false.

Q And last final follow-up on that. On what we were just talking about, which is guns, but also on a range of issues -- abortion rights, the threat to American democracy -- why do you think so many members of your own party, elected leaders, voters, activists, pundits -- why did they all seem to, in this moment, disagree with that assessment you just gave?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, I can't speak for them. I can only speak to what we're trying to do. I can only speak to --

Q But why do you think that's not coming through, what you're trying to do?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Again, -- again, I'm not going to speak for them. I would -- I would speak -- I would go directly to these folks, these activists, and our Democratic colleagues and speak to them directly. And I'm sure they will give you a very clear response on why they feel that way.

ook, you know, this is a President that has been working tirelessly, day in and day out, since he's walked into this administration fighting for the American public.

That is what matters to him. That is what is important is delivering every way that he can to make sure that we get things done.

mean, let's not forget: While, again, there's more work to be done, there was a bipartisan gun reform piece of legislation that has been done that has not been done in 30 years. That matters.

s there more work to be done? Absolutely.

s he going to call for more action and do the best that he can? Absolutely.

This is also a president, in his first year of office, has had more executive actions on gun reform, on fighting gun violence than any other president at this time. So that matters as well. His actions should speak -- should speak as well for how he's -- how he's delivering for the American public.

Go ahead.

Q Yeah, thank you. know you said White House doesn't comment on judicial vacancies. But this case, the White House already provided a -- an intent to -- an intention to nominate to Kentucky Governor Beshear that it would intend to nominate Chad Meredith on June 23rd. So does the President plan to nominate this individual who has come under criticism for being -- from Democrats in Kentucky and nationally for being an anti-abortion attorney and a member of the Federalist Society?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Again, 'm not -- 'm not going to comment on something that has not been decided on that -- on any open vacancies. t's still -- currently, it is an open vacancy. And so, 'm just not going to comment from here.

Q s there any deal with eader McConnell regarding this jump ship that the President has entered into whereby McConnell wouldn't hold up certain judicial appointments moving forward?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: 'm just not going to comment on an open vacancy at this point.

Q Then what's your reaction to all of this response -- angry response from a lot of Democrats in Kentucky -- Representative John Yarmuth, Andy Beshear, others -- who have criticized that Biden would nominate somebody who stands against abortion and holds conservative views?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, we haven't nominated anyone -- that's what would say -- as of yet.

et me -- okay, guess got everybody. Go ahead.

Q Thank you, Karine.

Q Following --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Yeah, go ahead.

Q Thank you. Following the Highland Park shooting, President Biden's Fourth of July message was telling Americans to make sure they vote, but he didn't make an explicit call for Congress to act.

So, is that tacit acknowledgment that he sees Congress, as it stands right now, unlikely to take any additional action?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Can you say the beginning part of your question?

Q Well, in his Fourth of July message, he urged Americans to go to the polls and vote. But he didn't specifically say Congress needs to act.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Act on? Is there something in particular?

Q Act on gun-control legislation. So, is that tacit acknowledgment that Congress, as it stands right now, cannot do that?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, Congress did act on gun reform. There was a bipartisan bill that was passed.

Q Is he frustrated that it didn't go far enough?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: I mean, the President has been very clear that we need to go further on the gun reform, that he is pleased that there is a -- that -- that he was able to sign a bipartisan gun reform bill. And that has been the first time, again, in 30 years that we have seen that type of reform or any type of reform.

Do we need to do more? Absolutely. He has been very clear on that.

One of the things that I just mentioned a few moments ago was banning assault weapons. That is something that, as we saw yesterday, we saw an assault weapon was used in a horrific, horrific event yesterday in Highland Park. So that is something that he led on 30 years ago and he wants to continue to see -- or see that happen -- again, the banning of assault weapons.

Q But is that something he believes this Congress can accomplish?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: I mean, look, we -- this Congress was able to do a bipartisan gun reform legislation. So, we're going to continue to work with -- work with members in Congress to see what else we can do.

Q Since those mass shootings, has he called any members of Congress? Has he planned to set up any meetings?

A mass shooting just happened. We're just trying to understand what he's done since then.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, -- I mean, again, he -- we saw a gun reform bipartisan legislation pass. He signed that into law, which was a first step.

Yesterday -- this happened yesterday. You heard directly from the President in a statement. He spoke on this twice yesterday. We are always in constant communication with members of Congress on a slew of -- a long list of issues that are important to the American public.

And so, we will continue to have those conversations.

Q Is it my turn now?

Q Thanks, Karine. Just a -- kind of a specific question. In a statement today,

several prominent congressional Democrats criticized President Biden over his comments last week saying that he supports selling F-16 fighter jets to Turkey. 'm just curious if the White House has any response to that criticism, which came from several members of his own party.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: s it because after Erdoğan's meeting that he had at NATO?

Q Yeah.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: s that what this is coming from?

Q Yeah.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, we've been very clear about this. The F-16 -- that conversation about the F-16 and Turkey has been around for some time. We've talked about this several months ago. So there's really nothing new. The President has supported that effort. So, there's really nothing -- nothing new to that.

Okay.

Q A Mid-East question and -- 'm going to take this.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: (aughs.)

Q A Mid-East question and also a Ukraine question. et me start with the Mid-East.

A U.S. District Court judge has given the administration until August 1st to decide whether to grant immunity to the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia in a civil lawsuit filed by his fiancée, obviously, in relation to his -- to his death.

'm just wondering if the President is willing or ready to weigh in on that, or if that's going to happen during his trip, or if that's something he's going to discuss with the Saudis.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, that's a legal determination, so cannot comment from here on that because it's a legal determination.

Q Cool. et's move on to Ukraine then. Can just get the White House's assessment on these recent Russian territorial gains and whether that changes your approach?

And then also with the President of Ukraine calling for a swift end to this conflict by -- by winter, is there a military solution to this conflict? And if not, what is the administration doing to reach a negotiated settlement? Could this happen at the G20? Who's involved? Can you lay out any sort of roadmap?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, as the President has said -- to your last question, first -- as the President has said many times: No conversation about Ukraine without Ukraine.

What we have been trying to do and have been doing for the past several months is to make sure that we put -- with our assistance that we have been providing -- make sure we put Ukraine in the most -- in the most strongest kind of position so when there is

that opportunity to do those negotiations, they're able to do that.

But what we have seen from -- from President Putin is he has -- he is not in a place or has no desire to negotiate.

So, going to your first question now is: Our approach does not change. We are going to continue to support Ukraine. We're going to continue to help Ukraine fight for their democracy, fight for their territorial integrity.

And, you know -- and then, to your second question, going to the second one -- you know, we have said for months that the fighting in the Donbas, which is where think you're speaking about, could be prolonged and protracted. That is something that we have been saying for some time, and we would -- we would see with gains and with losses on both sides. We're seeing that today, as you just laid out.

But that doesn't mean that the Russians have -- have been able to achieve their goals, and that doesn't mean that the Ukrainians have stopped fighting. They are -- have -- they have shown their bravery. They will continue to fight and -- and fight for their democracy.

And so, we will continue to support Ukraine. We have given them the most amount of support than any other country as it relates to security assistance. And that is not going to -- and that is not going to stop.

Go ahead.

Q Thank you, Karine. would like to ask you about the announcement that the President made in -- at the G7 for the Global Partnership on nrastructure.

But before that, would like to know what's the difference between President Trump watching TV, even pleading to go to the Capitol while -- while the Capitol was being attacked, and President Biden going to the beach and having fun while Supreme Court justices are on the attack by a verbally violent mob? What's the difference between those two leaders?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Wait, what's the comparison you're making? Could you say the first part?

Q So, 'm saying now: What's the difference between President Trump not doing anything while the Capitol was being attacked and President Biden not doing anything when protesters -- while the Supreme Court justices were under attack in their own homes with their families and with their children?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Well, -- there are two major differences here.

First of all, our predecessor was very -- we have said that his behavior on that day, on January 6th, was atrocious. The President has said that. And we are going to let the Select Committee -- the January 6 Select Committee continue to do their independent review of that -- their hearing. And you guys all saw for yourselves, the American people saw -- have seen for themselves what -- what the -- what our precede- -- predecessor has done -- his behavior and his involvement.

So that is not the same. That is absolutely not the same. We are talking about what we saw on January 6th. We are talking about an attack on our democracy. We are talking about a very dark day that the person who was here before us seemingly, if you watch, was very involved. So that's very, very different.

Now, fast forward to -- to this President. This President is fighting for women's rights. He's fighting for women's freedom. He has spoken out. He's been very clear about what needs to happen next. He put out two executive authorities that lays out ways that we can protect women. He has -- he has said that he's go- -- everything is on the table. We're going to see what else we can do.

But he also has spoken very truthfully and very honestly with the American people, which is: if we want to see Roe become the law of the land, we also have to act. We have to hold Congress accountable and make sure that they act and that that cannot happen. Then Americans need to go to the ballot box. And that is -- that is very different.

And to say -- and to say that there is no difference, that is -- that is just unbelievably wrong.

Q But is it a concern that a Supreme Court justice may be harmed (inaudible)?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: 'm -- 'm moving on. 'm moving on.

Go ahead. Go ahead. Go ahead, Phil.

Q Thank you, Karine.

Q Thank you, Karine.

Q Thank you.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Go ahead. Oh, hold on. Go ahead, Phil, and then 'll come -- 'll come back to you, Ed.

Go ahead.

Q Thank you. got a policy question about some of the oil that was released from the Strategic National Petroleum Reserve, but first a follow-up.

We have all heard it. The President likes to say " will always level with you." He says that again and again. Moments ago, though, you seemed to dismiss Peter's question about his conversation with his son, Hunter Biden, with regards to his business dealings, and 'm wondering: How is that silence consistent with the President's promise to always level with the American public?

Because, you know, in public, he says he hasn't discussed these business dealings. And then, at least according to the voicemail that's been obtained by the Daily Mail and the Washington Examiner, it certainly seems like he was seeking to do exactly that -- have a conversation about these business dealings. s he leveling with the American public on this?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Phil, hear your question, but what can tell you from here, standing at this podium, is that cannot comment on any materials from the laptop. And would refer you to the representatives of Hunter Biden. That's what can share with you at this podium, at this time.

Q Okay. And then there's a Reuters report out this morning that says that more than 5 million barrels of oil that were released from the emergency oil reserves were exported to Europe and Asia last month, and some of it, reportedly, was actually heading to China. Is the administration aware of those reports? And does the President mind that some of this oil that was meant to ease paying for consumers is headed overseas?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: I have not seen that report, so I would honestly have to go look into it and see what -- what the truth is in that -- in that statement that you just laid out and see exactly what's happening. -- I just have not seen that report.

Q Thank you, Karine.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Go ahead, Ed.

Q Yeah, so --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Oh, and then -- I'm so sorry -- and then Ebony. I'm so sorry, I was supposed to go to Ebony. But you go quickly, and then we'll go to Ebony.

Q Yeah, the Atlanta Fed GDPNow tracker is showing that the second quarter -- it's estimating second quarter is negative growth -- 2.1 percent. Should that hold -- the U.S. has been in recession for the first half of this year. Does the President believe that we are in a recession, first of all? Second of all, if that does hold, does the President accept responsibility for his policies as part of that?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So, first, do we believe we're in a recession? No. That's -- that's my answer to you on that.

So, there is a nonpartisan data that came out recently -- the National Bureau of Economic Research, which I'm sure you know, very well, Ed. It determines and defines recession. And so let me just quote here for a second. "In recent decades, the two measures we have put the most weight on are real personal income less transfer and nonfarm payroll employment." So that is from the nonpartisan National Bureau of Economics Research, again, determines the definition of recession.

So here are the facts. The facts are this: We've averaged more than 400,000 jobs every month for the past -- over the last -- should say, over the last month -- three months. We've held steady -- that 3.6 unemployment rate. Consumer spending remains strong and above pre-pandemic trends. Business invest- -- investment remains strong, and household balance sheets remain strong.

So we do not believe that we are in a recession, and we have a nonpartisan entity to speak to that more directly and more specifically.

Q One more quick one. At the G7, there is video of the French president running up to President Biden and relaying a message, saying that the Saudis are about at

capacity through the UAE. Did President Biden ask the French to ask the Saudis to pump more oil through the UAE?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: I did not hear this conversation, so I can't speak to that conversation either.

But what I can say is, as we know, the early week of Jan- -- of June, the OPEC+ announced that they were going to increase their capacity for July and August by 50 percent.

So I will -- I will leave that there. And I think that says a lot about where they are with their capacity. And, of course, we welcome that. And -- but -- but, again, I'll -- I'll leave it to OPEC+ to speak to that.

Go ahead, Ebony. I know I promised --

Q Thank you.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: -- you a question.

Q Two quick questions -- one on gun reform. Is there anything or any consideration that the administration can do when it comes to regulating military-style ammunition, whether that be in production? Is there anything that the Fed can do to move in that capacity? Since you're not getting anywhere with -- on guns, what about ammunition? Any talks?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So we believe that the best way to really have a comprehensive gun reform is through legislation, is to work with Congress as it comes through the federal level. The President has done the most executive action than any president at this time in their administration.

And so now what we are going to continue to do and -- and continue to focus on is to -- is to work with Congress to do more. And one of the things that I've just been pointing out is the banning of assault weapons, which we believe is incredibly important, as the President led on this issue back in 1994.

We're going to -- that --

Q The second question, really quickly.

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: Sure.

Q The Senate recesses in August. A lot of the President's efforts on criminal justice basically have stalled, but I want to ask about the EQUA Act legislation to end the disparity between crack and powder cocaine. The House passed a bill last September -- overwhelming bipartisan support. Is the President leaning in at all on lawmakers to send -- to get this bill to him?

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: So I have to talk to our Office of Legal Affairs on that. I do not know where that -- that legislation is currently. I don't know if it went over to the Senate. I don't know in what -- in what -- where the mechanics are on that. But I'm happy to take that question to you in the back.

Q Karine, one more --

MS. JEAN-P ERRE: No, we got to go, guys. Thank you. We'll be back -- well, hopefully we'll see you in Ohio tomorrow.

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NYT: Justice Dept. Braces for Summer of Violent Crime, Glenn Thrush, July 3, 2022, 2:00 PM

The motorcade carrying Lisa O. Monaco, the No. 2 law enforcement official in the United States, maneuvered between potholes, and people, on Kensington Avenue when her driver braked for a man wandering into traffic with a hypodermic needle dangling from his arm. It was late June, and Ms. Monaco was in the city to address a particularly savage surge in drug abuse and violent crime here, shuttling to meetings with federal prosecutors, state and local police officials, and community members aimed at combating an annual spike in summer violence ushered in by the Fourth of July weekend. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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Members of the House committee investigating the US Capitol attack by supporters of Donald Trump promised further revelations, after an ex-White House staffer portrayed the former president's outbursts of rage. "We are following additional leads," Representative Adam Schiff, a California Democrat, said on CBS's "Face the Nation" on Sunday. "I think those leads will lead to new testimony." [[Continue Reading](#)]

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The Biden administration has until Aug. 1 to say whether it believes Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman should be immune from a civil lawsuit filed against him in the United States by Hatice Cengiz, the fiancée of Jamal Khashoggi, a journalist who was murdered in 2018. Cengiz and Democracy for the Arab World Now (DAWN), a human rights organization Khashoggi founded before his death, filed a lawsuit in 2020 against the crown prince and two dozen co-defendants. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Guardian](#)

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He was not speaking metaphorically. It was not an offhand comment. President Donald J. Trump had every intention of joining a mob of supporters he knew to be armed and dangerous as it marched to the Capitol. And there had even been talk of marching into the House chamber himself to disrupt Congress from ratifying his election defeat. For a year and a half, Mr. Trump has been shielded by obfuscations and mischaracterizations, benefiting from uncertainty about what he was thinking on Jan. 6, 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., vice chair of the Jan. 6 committee, said Sunday, that it's possible that there could be multiple criminal referrals against former President Donald Trump in connection with the Jan. 6 Capitol attack. She told ABC News' "This Week" that while the Jan. 6 committee will decide whether Trump should face charges, the Justice Department could make a criminal referral without waiting for the committee, adding that there "could be more than one criminal referral." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [Washington Times](#)

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Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas on Sunday warned migrants "not to take the dangerous journey" and attempt to cross the US-Mexico border after 53 migrants died in a sweltering semitruck in San Antonio, Texas, last week, in what is being called the deadliest human smuggling incident in US history. "We have said repeatedly, and we continue to warn people not to take the dangerous journey," Mayorkas told CBS News in an interview. "We saw so tragically in San Antonio, Texas, one of the possible tragic results of that dangerous journey, and so many people don't even make it that far in the hands of exploitative smugglers." [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Jeh Johnson: Jan. 6 hearings have 'been a profile in courage among women', Olafimihan Oshin, July 3, 2022, 5:00 PM

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Highland County Press (Hillsboro, OH): Massachusetts man pleads guilty to assaulting law enforcement officers in Jan. 6 Capitol breach, Unattributed, July 4, 2022, 12:14 PM

A Massachusetts man pleaded guilty last Monday to assaulting law enforcement officers during the breach of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. His and others' actions disrupted a joint session of the U.S. Congress convened to ascertain and count the electoral votes related to the presidential election. Troy Sargent, 38, of Pittsfield, Mass., pleaded guilty in the District of Columbia to all six counts of an indictment, including felony charges of assaulting, resisting or impeding officers and civil disorder, as well as four related misdemeanor offenses. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WXYZ-ABC (Detroit, MI): Chicago man pleads guilty in Jan. 6, 2021, riot at Capitol, Unattributed, July 3, 2022, 2:32 PM

A Chicago man pleaded guilty Friday to a misdemeanor for his role in the U.S. Capitol riot, court records show. Athanasios Zoyganeles entered the plea to a charge of parading, demonstrating or picketing in a Capitol building. He could receive a prison term of up to six months when he is sentenced, which is scheduled for Sept. 30. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JAN. 6 COMMITTEE

Reuters: Cheney: Jan. 6 panel could make multiple criminal referrals of Trump, Unattributed, July 3, 2022, 3:15 PM

The congressional panel investigating last year's attack on the U.S. Capitol by Donald Trump's supporters could make multiple referrals to the Justice Department seeking criminal charges against the former president, its vice chair Liz Cheney said. Cheney, in an interview aired on Sunday on ABC's "This Week" program, also said the department does not need to wait for the House of Representatives select committee to make a formal recommendation of charges to take action against Trump. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [WaPo](#)

WSJ: Jan. 6 Hearings to Examine Role Extremist Groups, White House Played in Capitol Attack, Scott Patterson, July 4, 2022 9:00 AM

The House select committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol is expected to zero in on two overlapping areas of its probe in coming hearings: the extremist groups that participated in the attack and a minute-by-minute account of what took place inside the White House that day. The committee in its previous hearings has largely focused on efforts by former President Donald Trump and his allies to overturn the 2020 presidential election by pressuring then-Vice President Mike Pence, senior officials in the Justice Department and state officials to take actions that would reverse the results. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: New Insights Into Trump's State of Mind on Jan. 6 Chip Away at Doubts, Peter Baker, July 3, 2022, 8:25 PM

He was not speaking metaphorically. It was not an offhand comment. President Donald J. Trump had every intention of joining a mob of supporters he knew to be armed and dangerous as it marched to the Capitol. And there had even been talk of marching into the House chamber himself to disrupt Congress from ratifying his election defeat. [[Continue Reading](#)]

HuffPost: Rep. Zoe Lofgren Says She Was 'Surprised' DOJ Did Not Subpoena Cassidy Hutchinson, Marita Vlachou, July 4, 2022, 7:37 AM

Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-Calif.), a member of the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection, said she was "surprised" the Justice Department did not subpoena Cassidy Hutchinson, the former White House aide who gave bombshell testimony last week. In an interview with NBC's "Meet The Press" on Sunday, Lofgren said she did not share the concern raised by federal prosecutors in a New York Times report that they "felt blindsided" after listening to Hutchinson's testimony, since they did not have access to her previous closed door depositions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Newsweek: [OPINION] Why Prosecute Trump?, David Faris, July 4, 2022, 6:58 AM

Tuesday's explosive revelations by Cassidy Hutchinson, a top staffer for former White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, were the culmination of the Jan. 6 Committee's meticulous case against former President Donald Trump and his associates and their role in efforts to overturn the

results of the 2020 election. The only conclusion that can be reasonably drawn from the proceedings is that the 45th president is an unrepentant criminal who led an attempted coup against the newly elected leadership of the United States. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: The five most damaging allegations against Trump from the Jan. 6 hearings — so far, Niall Stanage, July 4, 2022, 6:00 AM

The House Select Committee investigating Jan. 6 has dominated the news agenda during the past month, holding six public hearings. The panel, comprised of seven Democrats and two Republicans critical of Trump — Reps. Liz Cheney (Wyo.) and Adam Kinzinger (Ill.) — has laid out a compelling case against the former president. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Cassidy Hutchinson testimony prompts reassessment of Trump legal culpability, Rebecca Beitsch and Harper Neidig, July 4, 2022, 6:00 AM

The Jan. 6 committee's accumulating evidence against former President Trump, including testimony from White House aide Cassidy Hutchinson, has strengthened a potential criminal case against him and chipped away at his most likely defense arguments, legal experts say. Hutchinson, a former special assistant to Trump chief of staff Mark Meadows as well as the president, offered explosive testimony Tuesday, filling in gaps about officials' concerns over Trump's speech and determination to get to the Capitol that day — and how the former president pushed ahead on both fronts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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The Hill: [OPINION] Why people of color should care about the Jan. 6 hearings, Sara Sadhwani, July 3, 2022, 3:00 PM

The last few weeks of Jan. 6 hearings have provided a water hose of information about the extent of former President Trump's involvement and responsibility for the attack on the Capitol. Damning testimony from former White House aide Cassidy Hutchinson revealed that Trump made desperate attempts to join the violent mob as they forcefully invaded the U.S. Capitol. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Insider (New York, NY): Jan. 6 panel member Schiff says that if DOJ doesn't investigate Trump it sends message presidents are above the law, Tom Porter, July 4, 2022, 2:25 AM

Jan. 6 committee member Rep. Adam Schiff called on the Justice Department to investigate former President Donald Trump, saying he believes Trump broke the law trying to cling to power after the 2020 election. Schiff, a California Democrat, was interviewed on CBS News' "Face the Nation" on Sunday, where he discussed new witness testimony from a former White House aide. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Hill Reporter (Seattle, WA): Jan 6th Committee Member Says They 'Don't Plan to Just Sit By' If Witnesses Are Being Intimidated, Tara Dublin, July 3, 2022, 5:37 PM

The January 6th House Select Committee may make a criminal referral to the Justice Department

recommending that anybody who tried to influence witness testimony should be prosecuted, its Vice-Chair, Rep. Liz Cheney (R-WY), said in an interview broadcast on Thursday. Even as the “DOJ is watching” every minute of testimony and doesn’t necessarily need to wait on any criminal referrals to bring charges, as the Committee’s Chairman, Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-MS) recently quipped, a criminal referral from the panel could indeed expedite the process. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: Feds: R. Kelly remains on suicide watch ‘for his own safety’, Unattributed, July 3, 2022, 2:40 PM

Federal authorities are pushing back on R. Kelly’s claims that he was placed on suicide watch as a form of punishment last week after a judge sentenced him to 30 years behind bars for using his fame to sexually abuse young girls. The U.S. Attorney’s Office in Brooklyn filed court papers late Saturday saying the disgraced R&B superstar remains on suicide watch “for his own safety” following a psychological assessment. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Black Chronicle \(Oklahoma City, OK\)](#), [Newsweek](#), [NYT](#)

AP: Key players granted bail in Buffalo Billion corruption case, Unattributed, July 3, 2022, 2:00 PM

A federal judge has granted bail to a prominent Buffalo developer and other businessmen serving prison time for a bid-rigging scheme related to former Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s Buffalo Billion economic redevelopment program. U.S. District Judge Valerie Caproni signed an order Friday allowing developer Louis Ciminelli and three others to be released after the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear the appeal of their wire fraud convictions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: Missouri state rep resigns after federal conviction for COVID-19 fraud scheme, Zach Schonfeld, July 4, 2022, 12:37 PM

A Missouri state lawmaker resigned on Friday after a jury found her guilty on 22 counts for fraudulently accepting hundreds of thousands of pandemic-era federal stimulus dollars and other offenses. Missouri state Rep. Tricia Derges (R) was convicted on Tuesday after she applied for nearly \$900,000 in CARES Act funds for what she said were COVID-19 testing costs incurred by nonprofit Lift Up, but the organization never provided any testing services, according to a press release from the Department of Justice (DOJ). [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [News Leader \(Staunton, VA\)](#), [WWLP-NBC \(Springfield, MA\)](#)

Highland County Press (Hillsboro, OH): Ohio man sentenced to over 14 years in federal prison for drug possession with intent to distribute, Unattributed, July 4, 2022, 12:18 PM

Brandon J. Sharp, 34, of Lorain, was sentenced to more than 14 and a half years in prison Tuesday, June 21 by U.S. District Judge Donald C. Nugent, after he was convicted at trial of four counts of possession with the intent to distribute controlled substances. According to court documents and evidence presented at trial, on June 29, 2020, law enforcement officers with the Lorain Police Department received an anonymous tip regarding the location of various amounts of narcotics stored under the bumper of a vehicle. Police responded to the site and confirmed the presence of the drugs. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Grand Island Independent (Grand Island, NE): Grand Island men, Hastings man sentenced on meth charges in federal court, Unattributed, July 4, 10:36 AM

Two Grand Island men and a Hastings resident were sentenced in federal court in Lincoln over the past couple of weeks. On June 22, Robbie Rodriguez of Grand Island was sentenced to 72 months in prison for possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Valley Patriot (North Andover, MA): Miguel Angel Fajardo of Lawrence Previously Arrested with Multiple Pill Press Machines, Charged with Fentanyl Distribution, Tom Duggan, July 4, 2022, 12:50 AM

A Lawrence man has been charged for allegedly distributing counterfeit prescription pills containing fentanyl, made using multiple pill press machines. Miguel Angel Fajardo, 32, was charged by an Information with one count of possession with intent to distribute 400 grams or more of fentanyl. Fajardo was previously arrested and charged by criminal complaint on March 25, 2022 and has remained in custody since. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Eagle Tribune \(Boston, MA\)](#)

Orange County Register (Orange County, CA): Irvine man indicted in \$5 million COVID fraud scheme, Sean Emery, July 3, 7:08 PM (EDT)

An Irvine man and his business partner are facing federal charges after authorities allege they fraudulently obtained \$5 million in pandemic aid funds. Prosecutors say Pierre Rogers of Irvine and Joshua Leavitt of New Hampshire applied for about \$2 million in payroll protection loans and \$3 million in a Small Business Administration program that also provided for other business expenses. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Argus Observer (Ontario, OR): Star woman gets 14 months for making false statements to obtain \$11M in government contracts, Unattributed, July 3, 2021, 4:06 PM (EDT)

A Star, Idaho woman was sentenced to 14 months in federal prison for falsely claiming that a business she controlled qualified as a service-disabled veteran-owned small business, according to a news release on June 30 from United States Attorney's Office District of Idaho. By making the false statements, she made it appear that her business was eligible for more than \$11 million in government procurement contracts at two military bases. According to court records, between October 2012 and May 2018, Vicki Rice, 61, of Star, Idaho, willfully made materially false certifications that her business, CAM Services, Inc., was qualified to compete for and obtain government contracts set aside for service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Macomb Daily (Macomb County, MI): Ex-prosecutor surrenders to federal prison to begin 21-month sentence, Mitch Hotts, July 3, 2022, 4:00 PM

Eric Smith awoke each morning this past weekend inside of a cell in a federal prison in Indiana about 400 miles from his home in Macomb Township Smith, the disgraced former Macomb County prosecutor, made the six-hour drive to surrender to the Terre Haute Federal Corrections Institute as required this past Thursday, prison records show. He began serving a 21-month-sentence after pleading guilty to obstruction of justice in connection with a corruption scandal and investigation. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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Bangor Daily News (Bangor, ME): Nathan Reardon to plead guilty to bank fraud, Judy Harrison, July 3, 2:21 PM

The first Mainer accused of fraudulently obtaining a Paycheck Protection Program loan, intended to help businesses pay employees and other expenses during the early days of the pandemic, will plead guilty to bank fraud charges Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Bangor. Nathan Reardon, 44, of Skowhegan and Plymouth pleaded not guilty in May 2021 to five counts of bank fraud, three counts of attempted wire fraud, two counts of making false statements to a bank and one count of perjury after being indicted by a federal grand jury. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJLA-ABC (Washington, DC): Jury finds MS-13 gang members guilty of brutally murdering 2 teens in Fairfax Co., Unattributed, July 4, 2022, 9:10 AM

Five members of the transnational street gang MS-13 were convicted Friday by a federal jury for their roles in the 2016 kidnapping and murder of two teen boys in Fairfax County, according to information from the office of Jessica Aber, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. According to court records and evidence presented at trial, MS-13 gang members Elmer Zelaya Martinez, Ronald Herrera Contreras, Henry Zelaya Martinez, Pablo Velasco Barrera, and Douglas Ramirez Ferrera, along with their co-conspirators, targeted E.E.E.M., a 17-year-old resident of Falls Church, Va., who they falsely suspected was a member of the rival 18th Street gang. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KLJB-fPX (Davenport, IA): Illinois mother, son sentenced in money laundering conspiracy involving drugs, Joey Schneider, July 3, 2022, 6:33 PM

A federal judge recently sentenced a central Illinois mother and son in a money-laundering conspiracy involving drugs. Jennifer Fisher, 50, of Springfield, Illinois, was sentenced to 14 months in prison with a \$10,000 fine. Her son Courtney Johnson, 32, of Decatur, Illinois, was sentenced to 7.5 years in prison. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WGFL-CBS (High Springs, FL): Man receives 25 year sentence for attacking Florida Uber driver, Cassidy Ebrahim, July 3, 2022, 5:00 PM

A press release from the United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of Florida, announces that Jonquayvias Davon Givens-Moore, 21, of Miami, Florida, has been sentenced to 25 years in federal prison after he pled guilty to carjacking, brandishing a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence, and possessing a firearm as a convicted felon following his guilty plea on March 8, 2022. Givens-Moore's prison term will be followed by 5 years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

Bloomberg Law: Case: Disability Discrimination/Retaliation (S.D. Tex.), Unattributed, July 4, 2022, 8:19 AM

The City of Huntsville is entitled to summary judgment on a firefighter's claims of disability discrimination, failure to accommodate, and retaliation under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act alleging he was fired after an incident at city hall in which he appeared intoxicated and behaved inappropriately, a Texas federal district court ruled. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Buffalo News (Buffalo, NY): Former Canisius College athletes can proceed with lawsuit: 'Culture on the team was so toxic', Patrick Lakamp, July 4, 2022, 8:40 AM

Three former Canisius College track and field athletes can proceed with their sex discrimination and retaliation lawsuit against the college, a federal judge has ruled, but most of their claims against the team's coach and also the college's athletic director were dismissed. The three women also are suing a student formerly on the Canisius men's cross country and track team, accusing him of sexually assaulting each of them between 2016 and 2018, and their claims against him remain. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Commercial Appeal (Memphis, TN): [OPINION] We must restore the promise of freedom and justice for Black people in Memphis | Opinion, Kerry Kennedy, July 4, 2022, 8:00 AM (EDT)

In Memphis, more children are prosecuted in adult court than in the rest of the state combined. [...] When law enforcement is driven by discrimination and prosecutors disregard the Constitution, the U.S. Department of Justice and its Civil Rights Division must intervene. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KSAZ-Fox (Phoenix, AZ): 153 fired Austal workers file suit over COVID-19 vaccine mandate, Brendan Kirby, July 4, 2022, 1:21 PM

Using Independence Day as a symbolic backdrop, a lawyer on Monday electronically filed a federal lawsuit on behalf of 53 former Austal workers challenging the company's now-rescinded COVID-19 vaccine mandate. The suit, which accused Austal USA of violating the employees' rights under the Civil Rights Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act, seeks \$1 million for each worker. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WHBQ-Fox (Memphis, TN): Black man arrested on warrant for white man awarded \$90K settlement, Unattributed, July 3, 2022, 10:50 PM

A case of mistaken identity has cost two Las Vegas-area law enforcement agencies a combined \$90,000. [...] According to the federal civil rights suit, Shane Lee Brown spent six days unlawfully imprisoned in the Henderson and Clark County detention facilities after both Las Vegas and Henderson police officers failed to properly check records comparing the two men, the Review-Journal reported. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CIVIL LAW

WLRN-PBS (Miami, FL): West Palm Beach nursing home owner to pay \$1.75 million in vaccine probe, Unattributed, July 4, 2022, 6:49 AM

The owner of a West Palm Beach nursing home will pay \$1.75 million to settle claims that it improperly diverted doses of COVID-19 vaccine to members of its board of directors and donors. [...] The settlement resolved allegations that MorseLife "invited and facilitated the vaccination of hundreds of ineligible persons at the clinic by characterizing them as 'staff' and 'volunteers,' many of whom MorseLife targeted for donations," a Justice Department news release said Thursday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

AP: Immigration detention facility near empty in California, Amy Taxin, July 4, 2022, 9:10 AM

A sprawling, privately run detention center in the wind-swept California desert town of Adelanto could house nearly 2,000 migrants facing the prospect of deportation. These days, though, it's nearly empty. The Adelanto facility is an extreme example of how the U.S. government's use of guaranteed minimum payments in contracts with private companies to house immigrant detainees might have a potential financial downside. In these contracts, the government commits to pay for a certain number of beds, whether they're used or not. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: Alejandro Mayorkas: 'Remain in Mexico' end will take weeks; people told not to cross border, Merdie Nzanga, July 3, 2022, 1:00 PM

Less than a week after 53 people all suspected migrants died in a tractor-trailer found abandoned in a remote area of San Antonio, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas said the administration continues to tell migrants not to show up at the U.S.-Mexico border. "We have said repeatedly, and we continue to warn people not to take the dangerous journey," Mayorkas said on CBS News' "Face the Nation" on Sunday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Border Patrol agents in Texas discover migrants smuggled inside toolboxes at checkpoint, By Bradford Betz, July 3, 2022, 6:52 PM

Border Patrol agents in Texas discovered three migrants locked inside a toolbox while inspecting a vehicle at a border checkpoint on Thursday. El Paso Border Patrol Chief Gloria Chavez said a "ruthless smuggler" had locked the migrants in the metal toolboxes and were transporting them in "extreme summer heat." [[Continue Reading](#)]

WBTW-CBS (Florence, SC): Baby returned to California after mom is murdered in Mexico, Salvador Rivera, July 4, 2022, 9:28 AM (EDT)

Personnel from Mexico's immigration agency on Thursday turned over to U.S. authorities a 7-month-old baby girl whose mother was found dead in Tijuana. Baby Valentine was wrapped in a pink blanket the whole time and calmly waited to be handed over to U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials at the San Ysidro Port of Entry in San Diego. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

AP: Ruling could dampen government efforts to rein in Big Tech, Matt O'Brien, July 3, 2022, 11:00 AM

The Supreme Court's latest climate change ruling could dampen efforts by federal agencies to rein in the tech industry, which went largely unregulated for decades as the government tried to catch up to changes wrought by the internet. In the 6-3 decision that was narrowly tailored to the Environmental Protection Agency, the court ruled Thursday that the EPA does not have broad authority to reduce power plant emissions that contribute to global warming. The precedent is widely expected to invite challenges of other rules set by government agencies. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Gazette (Colorado Springs, CO): Money & the Law: FTC looking to clean up practices at auto dealerships, Jim Flynn, July 4, 2022, 2:19 AM

When Congress passed the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act in 2010, it created an agency, officially named the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection but now generally known as the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). In the 2010 act, Congress gave

numerous consumer protection responsibilities to the CFPB that were previously held by the Federal Trade Commission. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Fox: Murder suspect Kaitlin Armstrong is back in the US after arrest in Costa Rica,

Rebecca Rosenberg, July 4, 2022 12:13 PM

Texas yoga teacher Kaitlin Armstrong, accused of fatally shooting romantic rival and pro cyclist Anna Moriah Wilson in a love triangle murder, was returned to the U.S. on Saturday from Costa Rica and held on a \$3.5 million bond, according to court records. [...] U.S. Marshals escorted Armstrong in handcuffs Saturday through the George Bush International Airport in Houston to a vehicle waiting outside, according to a video obtained by ABC 13. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: Man wearing construction vest wanted for bank robbery, Libby Smith, July 3, 2022, 3:27 PM

Denver Police are looking for a man who robbed a bank on June 24, 2022. It happened at about 3:40 p.m. at the Chase Bank at 383 South Broadway Street in Denver. Police say the suspect displayed a demand note, and then fled the scene on foot. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Guardian: Stuffed into a shoebox, seized by the FBI: the amazing fates of Hollywood's greatest dresses, Lauren Cochrane, July 3, 2022, 12:00 PM

Kim Kardashian is no stranger to a fleeting moment becoming a viral news story. But her recent appearance at the Met Gala, wearing the dress that Marilyn Monroe wore to sing Happy Birthday to President John Kennedy in 1962, proved particularly divisive, with the 41-year-old outraging costume buffs for sporting what is considered by many to be a museum exhibit rather than a dress. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Nebraska Public Media (Lincoln, NE): Fentanyl-Laced Drugs in Nebraska on the Rise, Emily Diesing, July 4, 2022, 5:00 AM

Overdoses from fentanyl-laced drugs are at an all-time high and a recent case in Nebraska warns of pills that may be laced with the deadly drug. Brandon Davis of Lincoln received 15 years in federal prison last month for selling more than 5 people fentanyl-laced cocaine. Some of Davis' victims suffered suspected overdoses and required medical attention. Lincoln Police tested the cocaine to find out it contained fentanyl. Emily Murray from the Drug Enforcement Administration in Omaha says they've seen fentanyl overdoses becoming a larger issue in Nebraska. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Garden Island (Lihue, HI): FBI, police: Be careful of homemade fireworks, Unattributed, July 4, 2022, 12:05 AM

Law enforcement across the state has recently responded to incidents involving dangerous improvised explosive devices (IEDs), and the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force is putting out a plea for the island to be vigilant and stay safe during today's Fourth of July holiday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Garden Island (Lihue, HI): FBI warns of identity-theft scams, Unattributed, July 4, 2022, 12:05 AM

The FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center warns of an increase in complaints reporting the use of deepfakes and stolen personally identifiable information to apply for a variety of remote work and

work-at-home positions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Patch (San Diego, CA): FBI Bomb Technicians Seize 500 Pounds Of Fireworks From SD Garage, Unattributed, July 4, 2022, 12:42 AM

A 21-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of possessing an estimated 500 pounds of fireworks found in his garage and illegal sales of fireworks, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department said Sunday. Natanael Garcia was booked Sunday into the Vista Detention Facility on felony charges of possessing more than 100 pounds of fireworks and illegal sales of fireworks. His bail was set at \$20,000 and he was scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday, according to jail records. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KFMB-CBS/CW (San Diego, CA): Where is Crystal Rogers? | 7 years later, the missing Bardstown mom's case remains unsolved, Isaiah Kim-Martinez, July 3, 2022, 11:58 PM

it has been seven years since Crystal Rogers was last seen. The Bardstown mother of five disappeared in 2015 and her family members have been working tirelessly with law enforcement to find answers and bring her home. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTXL-ABC (Tallahassee, FL): Fentanyl possibly responsible for 15 overdose, five deaths in Gadsden County, Micah Cho, July 3, 2022, 9:47 PM

A difficult weekend for the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office as police departments from around the county investigate 15 possible overdoses, five of those resulting in death. "We suspect that this was due to some type of opioid poisoning such as Fentanyl," said Sheriff Morris Young. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KFMB-CBS/CW (San Diego, CA): 500 pounds of illegal fireworks seized by deputies in Fallbrook, Brian White, July 3, 2022, 8:54 PM

A man was arrested after a large cache of fireworks was discovered in his garage. The illegal fireworks were found just before 7:00 p.m. on Saturday in the 200 block of East View Street. "This is happening way too much," said neighbor Kathleen Ingraham. "It's scary to know that your neighbors could be up to something." [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTVF-CBS (Nashville, TN): 5 Tennessee law enforcement officers graduate from FBI National Academy, Darby McCarthy, July 3, 2022, 4:54 PM

The FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia recently graduated 228 law enforcement officers. Five of these were from Tennessee. The FBI National Academy is a 10-week professional course for U.S. and international law enforcement managers who have been nominated by their agency heads after demonstrating leadership qualities. It is meant to improve the administration of justice in police departments and other law agencies, as well as to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge and cooperation worldwide. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSAZ-Fox (Phoenix, AZ): Kaitlin Armstrong, Texas love triangle murder suspect, in Houston awaiting transport to Austin, Libby Smith, July 3, 2022, 1:07 PM

The Austin, Texas, woman accused of killing cyclist Anna Moriah Wilson is in jail in Harris County awaiting transport back to Travis County. 34-year-old Kaitlin Armstrong arrived at George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston Saturday after being arrested by US Marshals in Costa Rica last week. Armstrong is charged with murder in the shooting death of 25-year-old Moriah Wilson at a home on Maple Avenue in East Austin on May 11. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

SCOTUSblog: As unanimity declines, conservative majority's power runs deeper than the blockbuster cases, Angie Gou, July 3, 2022, 8:21 PM

One year ago, the Supreme Court had just ended a term of transition. Justice Amy Coney Barrett had replaced Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, cementing a 6-3 conservative majority. Yet the court issued more unanimous decisions than in the three preceding terms, and some major rulings showed compromise or were narrow in scope. We wrote at the time that although the court's six conservative justices were dominant, they were divided on how quickly to push the law in new directions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

LAT: [OPINION] Op-Ed: Clarence Thomas earns our scorn, Erin Aubry Kaplan, July 3, 2022, 3:00 AM

Thirty-one years after his confirmation to the Supreme Court, Justice Clarence Thomas is having his moment. It's been a long time coming. For most of those three decades, the ultra-conservative jurist stood in the shadows, on the sidelines, largely silent. He wrote little in the way of opinions and said less. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: Supreme Court marshal wants crack down on picketing, protests outside justices' homes, Unattributed, July 3, 2022, 1:57 PM

The marshal of the U.S. Supreme Court has asked Maryland and Virginia officials to step up the enforcement of laws she says prohibit picketing outside the homes of the justices who live in the two states. "For weeks on end, large groups of protesters chanting slogans, using bullhorns, and banging drums have picketed Justices' homes," Marshal Gail Curley wrote in the Friday letters to Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin and two local elected officials. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NPR](#)

The Hill: [OPINION] Don't let SCOTUS undo decades of progress on climate change, Stuart Mackintosh, July 3, 2022, 2:00 PM

The decision by a majority of six ultra-conservative Supreme Court justices to limit the ability of the Environmental Protection Agency to regulate rising carbon dioxide emissions was expected but is nonetheless deeply upsetting and alarming to anyone who cares about the sustainability of life on our fragile planet and America's response to the unfolding climate change tragedy. Unfortunately, we may soon look back on this verdict in the years ahead as the day when our collective terrifying hot-house future was all but assured by a group of blinkered, ill-informed justices exhibiting all the symptoms of the Dunning Kruger effect: the phenomenon where individuals who know very little about a subject take strident positions informed by their own ignorance, unable to recognize their own lack of expertise. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Financial Times: Supreme Court ruling casts doubt on powers of US regulators, Stefania Palma and Kiran Stacey, July 3, 2022, 11:00 PM

A landmark ruling by the US Supreme Court will put the brakes on a swath of new business regulations, according to senior Republicans and top corporate lobbyists. Two Republican lawmakers told the Financial Times they believed the Court's decision to curtail the power of the Environmental Protection Agency would have broad consequences as industry representatives used it to argue against new rulemaking. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTOP-CBS (Washington, D.C.): Va., Md. leaders: Supreme Court justice safety request raises First Amendment concerns, Ivy Lyons, July 4, 2022, 12:16 AM

After a controversial decision to revoke the nationwide right to an abortion throwing out Roe v. Wade and Casey v. Planned Parenthood sparked protests near justices' homes, Supreme Court officials asked that Maryland and Virginia leaders do more to protect the justices. By Sunday, all but Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin responded to the high court. Supreme Court Marshal Gail Curley originally penned the letter, asking that state and local law enforce their respective picketing laws near the homes of Supreme Court justices. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Insider: Oklahoma spent millions on a legal and PR campaign to paint reservations as 'lawless dystopias' and convince the Supreme Court to weaken tribal sovereignty, experts say, Kelsey Vlamis, July 4, 2022, 10:03 AM

Oklahoma engaged in a coordinated effort to disparage Native American tribes and convince the Supreme Court to weaken tribal sovereignty and it worked, according to Native law experts. On Wednesday, the Supreme Court sided with the state in Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta in a 5-4 opinion, holding that the state of Oklahoma had concurrent jurisdiction with the federal government to prosecute some crimes committed on reservations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

Reuters: Putin will not congratulate Biden on July 4, Kremlin says, Unattributed, July 4, 2022, 5:26 AM

Russian President Vladimir Putin will not congratulate his U.S. counterpart Joe Biden on Monday's U.S. Independence Day because of Washington's "unfriendly" actions towards Moscow, the Kremlin said. "Congratulations this year can hardly be considered appropriate," Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov told reporters on a conference call. "The United States' unfriendly policies are the reason." [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Judge asks U.S. if Saudi crown prince should be immune from suit, Kareem Fahim and Amy B Wang, July 3, 2022, 7:21 PM

The Biden administration has until Aug. 1 to say whether it believes Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman should be immune from a civil lawsuit filed against him in the United States by Hatice Cengiz, the fiancée of Jamal Khashoggi, a journalist who was murdered in 2018. Cengiz and Democracy for the Arab World Now (DAWN), a human rights organization Khashoggi founded before his death, filed a lawsuit in 2020 against the crown prince and two dozen co-defendants. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Biden Close to Rollback of Chinese Tariffs to Fight Inflation, Jenny Leonard and Eric Martin, July 4, 2022, 12:45 PM

President Joe Biden may announce as soon as this week a rollback of some US tariffs on Chinese consumer goods -- as well as a new probe into industrial subsidies that could lead to more duties in strategic areas like technology. Biden has not yet made a final decision, and the timing could slip, according to people familiar with the deliberations, who asked not to be identified without permission to discuss private conversations. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: **Biden, former presidents commemorate Fourth of July**, Caroline Vakil, July 4, 2022, 11:34 AM

President Biden and a handful of former presidents commemorated the Fourth of July on Monday as the United States celebrated its independence. “The Fourth of July is a sacred day in our country it’s a time to celebrate the goodness of our nation, the only nation on Earth founded based on an idea: that all people are created equal. Make no mistake, our best days still lie ahead,” Biden said in a tweet. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Politico: **No more whispers: Recession talk surges in Washington**, Victoria Guida, July 4, 2022, 7:00 AM

President Joe Biden says “there’s nothing inevitable” about a recession in the U.S. He is an increasingly lonely voice about that prospect. From Wall Street to Washington, whispers about a coming economic slump have risen to nearly a roar as the Federal Reserve ramps up its battle against the highest inflation in four decades. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: **Biden moves on abortion haven’t quieted progressive anger**, Hanna Trudo and Julia Manchester, July 3, 2022, 6:00 PM

Furiously watching the Supreme Court dismantle what for almost 50 years was a constitutional right, Democratic operatives and activists have been begging the White House to do everything in its power to ensure people still have access to abortion. They view President Biden’s announcement last week that he supports a carveout to ending the Senate filibuster to codify abortion rights at the federal level was a step in the right direction, but it hardly quieted their anger. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: **Here are Biden’s plans for the July 4 festivities**, Sarah Polus, July 3, 2022, 9:53 PM

President Biden will return from Camp David on Monday in time to host an Independence Day celebration at the White House for the second year running. Starting at 5 p.m., Biden and First Lady Jill Biden will host a July 4 barbecue for military families, during which the president will deliver remarks to celebrate the occasion, the White House announced Sunday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JULY 3, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with Whit Johnson

CBS: Weekend News with Jericka Duncan

NBC: Nightly News with Kate Snow

- Police on Sunday released a video that the mayor called "heartbreaking" of the pursuit and shooting of Jayland Walker while pleading for peace and patience from the community. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Air and car travel surpassed pre-pandemic levels this Fourth of July weekend but as thousands of travelers return to airports they face canceled and delayed flights. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- The House select committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the US Capitol says it is pursuing more leads as new witnesses continue to come forward. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- At least three people were killed when a gunman opened fire in a Copenhagen shopping mall Sunday, police said. Several others were wounded, including three who are in critical condition, police inspector Søren Thomassen said. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Russia's defense minister said Russian forces took control Sunday of the last major Ukrainian-held city in Ukraine's Luhansk province, bringing Moscow closer to seizing all of Ukraine's Donbas region. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Officials canceled the firework show of the July 4th Celebration and Street Festival, which is planned for Monday evening across the country. [[ABC](#)]
- Kaitlin Armstrong, the woman accused of killing cyclist Moriah Wilson, is back in Texas Saturday, days after she was captured in Costa Rica. Armstrong was booked in the Harris County Jail on Saturday. US Marshals said she will remain there until she is transferred to Austin. [[CBS](#)]

AFTERNOON HEADLINES

- "Shooting disrupts Chicago suburb's Fourth of July parade" [[NYT](#), [WaPo](#)]
- "Updated Covid Shots Are Coming. Will They Be Too Late?" [[NYT](#), [LAT](#)]
- "Putin declares victory in Luhansk in Ukraine's Donbas after fall of key city" [[NYT](#), [LAT](#)]
- "If the U.S. Is in a Recession, It's a Very Strange One" [[WSJ](#)]

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AFTERNOON HEADLINES

- "‘The Pro-Life Generation’: Young Women Fight Against Abortion Rights" [[NYT](#)]
- "Justice Dept. Braces for Summer of Violent Crime" [[NYT](#)]
- "Akron police release video of officers shooting Black man dozens of times" [[WaPo](#)]

JAN. 6

Reuters: Cheney: Jan. 6 panel could make multiple criminal referrals of Trump,
Unattributed, July 3, 2022, 1:17 PM

The congressional panel investigating last year's attack on the U.S. Capitol by Donald Trump's supporters could make multiple referrals to the Justice Department seeking criminal charges against the former president, its vice chair Liz Cheney said. Cheney, in an interview aired on Sunday on ABC's "This Week" program, also said the department does not need to wait for the House of Representatives select committee to make a formal recommendation of charges to take action against Trump. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: FBI subpoenas Republican Arizona Senate president's records, Bob Christie and Jonathan J. Cooper, July 1, 2022, 6:48 PM

FBI agents looking into events surrounding former President Donald Trump's efforts to overturn his 2020 election loss have subpoenaed Arizona Senate President Karen Fann, who orchestrated a discredited review of the election. A second Republican senator who has aggressively promoted the lie that Trump lost because of fraud, Kelly Townsend, also received a subpoena last week, Senate spokeswoman Kin Quintero confirmed. [[Continue Reading](#)] See also: [NBC](#), [WaPo](#)

NYT: Trump Eyes Early 2024 Announcement as Jan. 6 Scrutiny Intensifies, Michael C.

Bender, Reid J. Epstein and Maggie Haberman, July 1
Republicans are bracing for Donald J. Trump to announce an unusually early bid for the White House, a move designed in part to shield the former president from a stream of damaging revelations emerging from investigations into his attempts to cling to power after losing the 2020 election. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Jan. 6 Witness Anthony Ornato Is at the Center of a Battle Over Credibility,

Maggie Haberman and Zolan Kanno-Youngs, July 1, 2022, 7:22 PM

Anthony M. Ornato had left his role as the Secret Service agent in charge of President Donald J. Trump's protective detail in late 2019 when the culture of internal strife that Mr. Trump fostered throughout his term left the president's top advisers frantically searching for a candidate to fill a key role: deputy White House chief of staff for operations. [...] Now, Mr. Ornato is at the center of a dispute over events during the riot at the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. He is both a witness to key developments and a figure in what is either a legitimate battle over credibility or, in the view of some critics, an attempt to muddy the devastating account of the actions of Mr. Trump and his aides provided to the House Jan. 6 committee this week by Cassidy Hutchinson, another former White House aide. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: [VIDEO] Law professor who taught Merrick Garland predicts he will indict Trump,

Unattributed, July 2, 2022, 7:11 AM

Laurence Tribe, a Harvard Law professor who taught Attorney General Merrick Garland, predicts that Garland will indict former President Donald Trump for his role in the January 6 insurrection. [[Watch](#)]

WaPo: [EDITORIAL] We can no longer avoid a criminal investigation into Donald Trump,

July 3, 2022

After another week of riveting testimony before the House Jan. 6 committee, it is natural to wonder: How many laws were broken, by whom, and will there be prosecutions? Some argue that former president Donald Trump is undoubtedly guilty of serious crimes and must be tried. Others insist that the criminal case against Mr. Trump still is not airtight, and that prosecuting a former president would tear apart the country. What is beyond doubt is that an intensive criminal investigation must proceed. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] Prosecuting Trump could do more harm than good,

Andrew C. McCarthy, July 1, 2022, 3:39 PM

I have long been opposed to the idea of prosecuting Donald Trump, fearing that such a step would polarize the country and set a dangerous precedent. I worry about the implications of having the current administration go after its predecessor and chief political opponent. But the testimony of former White House aide Cassidy Hutchinson has caused me to rethink that premise and at least consider whether prosecution may be warranted. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

NYT: An American's Murky Path From Russian Propagandist to Jan. 6,

Mike McIntire, July 3, 2022, 5:00 AM

In security footage from Jan. 6, it is easy to overlook the thin man wearing a red Trump hat who filters into the U.S. Capitol Building to record the mayhem with his phone. [...] Within 24 hours, the man, Charles Bausman, gave his recordings and commentary to a Russian television producer for a propaganda video. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: U.S. Releases Oil Tanker That Sailed From Russian Port,

Anna Hirtenstein, July 1, 2022, 10:40 AM

The U.S. allowed an oil tanker from a Russian port to unload its cargo in New Orleans, concluding that it hadn't breached sanctions. The Daytona tanker sailed from Russia's Taman peninsula in the Black Sea to Louisiana carrying fuel oil and vacuum gasoil. It was detained by U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency week, according to people familiar with the matter and a U.S. Coast Guard official. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: Julian Assange Files Fresh Appeal Against Extradition to U.S., Aruna Viswanatha and Max Colchester, July 1, 2022, 10:12 AM

Julian Assange has appealed his extradition from the U.K., prolonging legal wrangling over whether the WikiLeaks founder should be sent to the U.S.—amid growing questions about the Biden administration's appetite to pursue him over leaking classified material. [...] Mr. Assange faces a potential 10-year prison sentence for each of the 17 Espionage Act counts he is charged with, and up to five years in prison for the hacking count. [[Continue Reading](#)]

San Antonio Express-News (San Antonio, TX): ISIS supporters who distributed instructions for making bombs sentenced to about two decades in federal prison, Caroline Tien, July 2, 2022, 9:30 PM (EDT)

Two men have been sentenced to about two decades in federal prison for their involvement with the terrorist organization ISIS, the U.S. Department of Justice said in a news release. Kristopher Sean Matthews, 36, of South Carolina, and Jaylyn Christopher Molina, 24, of Cost, in Gonzales County, both pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to provide material support to the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham/Syria, better known as ISIS. Molina also pleaded guilty to one count of receiving child pornography. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

Reuters: R. Kelly sues Brooklyn jail for putting him on suicide watch, Jonathan Stempel, July 1, 2022, 9:29 PM

R. Kelly on Friday sued the Brooklyn jail that has housed him since his racketeering and sex crimes conviction, saying it wrongly put him on suicide watch after he received a 30-year prison sentence despite knowing he was not suicidal. In a complaint filed in Brooklyn federal court, the 55-year-old multiplatinum R&B singer said officials at the Metropolitan Detention Center ordered the watch after his June 29 sentencing "solely for punitive purposes" and because he was a "high-profile" inmate. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Forbes](#)

Reuters: Georgetown's ex-tennis coach gets 2-1/2 years in prison in U.S. college scandal, Nate Raymond, July 1, 2022, 11:47 AM

A former Georgetown University tennis coach was sentenced on Friday to 2-1/2 years in prison for helping children of wealthy parents get into the school in exchange for nearly \$3.5 million in bribes as part of a vast college admissions fraud scheme. Gordon Ernst, Georgetown's former head tennis coach, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Indira Talwani in Boston after pleading guilty in October to conspiracy and bribery charges arising from the U.S. college admissions scandal. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Al Jazeera](#), [Law360](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier (Cedar Falls, IA): Osage man found with ghost guns pleads to ammo charges, Jeff Reinitz, July 3, 2022, 8: 44 AM (EDT)

An Osage man has pleaded to charges after authorities found "ghost guns" and thousands of rounds of ammunition at a home where he was staying in February. On Monday, Kevin Curtis Simmer, 39, formerly of Mason City, pleaded to one count of felon in possession of ammunition in U.S. District Court in Cedar Rapids. Sentencing will be at a later date. [...] Later that day, officers from several agencies executed a search warrant at Simmer's home

on 340th Street. Simmer was in a shed allegedly used to manufacture and test firearms, and he armed himself with a pistol until authorities talked him into putting down the handgun and exiting, according to court records. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSTP-ABC (Saint Paul, MN): 2 women indicted on allegations of defrauding millions in pandemic relief funds, Kyle Brown, July 1, 2022, 6:22 PM

Two women are facing federal charges for their alleged roles in a scheme to defraud millions of dollars in COVID-19 relief funds from multiple states, including Minnesota, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced. Indictments filed in U.S. District Court on Friday claim 39-year-old Tequisha Solomon of Las Vegas and 35-year-old Takara Hughes of Maplewood filed false applications for pandemic-related unemployment benefits and small business loans for themselves and on behalf of others. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WOIO-CBS (Cleveland, OH): Drug dealer gets 327-month sentence after fentanyl kills Cuyahoga Falls resident, Avery Williams, July 2, 2022, 4:50 PM

The United States Department of Justice said a drug dealer will spend nearly three decades behind bars for selling fentanyl that killed a Cuyahoga Falls resident. Federal court records show Devonte L. Fellows, of Cleveland, received a sentence Thursday of 327 months, which is more than 27 years. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Albany Herald (Albany, GA): Tifton bartender distributed meth from L.A. to south Georgia, Unattributed, July 2, 2022, 5:59 PM

A Tifton man who was working as a bartender while brokering large amounts of methamphetamine and fentanyl pleaded guilty to distribution. Edgar Fernando Neri, aka Colocho, 21, of Tifton, pleaded guilty to distribution of methamphetamine before U.S. Senior District Judge Hugh Lawson. Neri faces a maximum of 20 years of imprisonment to be followed by at least three years of supervised release and a maximum \$1 million fine. Sentencing is scheduled for Sept. 21. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WALB-NBC \(Albany, GA\)](#)

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: Ex-Louisiana officer pleads guilty in excessive force case, Unattributed, July 1, 2022, 10:44 PM

A former north Louisiana police officer pleaded guilty Friday to kicking a man in the face as he lay on the ground with his hands behind his back during an arrest in 2020, federal prosecutors said. Jared Desadier, 44, of Monroe, entered the plea before U.S. District Judge Elizabeth Foote to a charge of deprivation of rights under color of law, U.S. Attorney Brandon B. Brown's office said in a news release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

AP: Trump social media firm subpoenaed by feds, stock regulators, Bernard Condon, July 2, 2022, 12:25 AM

Donald Trump's social media company and some of its employees received subpoenas from both a federal grand jury and securities regulators, according to a public disclosure Friday, possibly delaying or even killing a deal promising a cash infusion needed to take on Twitter. Trump Media & Technology Group received subpoenas from a grand jury in New York and the Securities and Exchange Commission, according to a securities document filed by Digital World Acquisition Corp. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Air France-KLM latest airline to settle US mail allegations, Unattributed, July 1,

2022, 11:26 PM

Federal officials said Friday that Air France-KLM agreed to pay \$3.9 million to settle civil allegations that it falsified information about deliveries of international mail that it was hired by the U.S. Postal Service to deliver. The Justice Department said the airline company contracted with the post office to pick up mail at six locations in the United States, as well as at Defense Department and State Department locations overseas for delivery. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Abortion drug maker says Mississippi can't ban pill despite Supreme Court ruling, Brendan Pierson, July 1, 2022, 2:02 PM

The maker of a drug used in medication abortions has told a federal judge that the U.S. Supreme Court's recent ruling eliminating the nationwide right to abortion does not allow Mississippi to stop it from selling the pills in the state. GenBioPro Inc, which makes a generic version of the drug mifepristone, said in a Thursday filing in Jackson, Mississippi federal court that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's approval of the drug should override any state ban. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Reuters: As business booms for people smugglers using trucks in Texas, risks grow, Ted Hesson, Laura Gottesdiener and Kristina Cooke, July 1, 2022, 1:26 PM

Months before dozens of migrants died inside a sweltering tractor-trailer this week that had slipped through a Border Patrol checkpoint on a Texas highway, another truck driver was making the same journey carrying 52 migrants. Roderick DeWayne Chisley was stopped on December 17, 2021, driving a stolen rig on the I-35 highway, which runs north from Laredo to San Antonio. [...] Human smuggling by tractor-trailer has increased exponentially in the past decade, according to Craig Larrabee, an acting special agent in charge with the investigative arm of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Reuters: Indicted aerospace managers contest DOJ's no-hire antitrust charges, Mike Scarcella, June 30, 2022, 2:31 PM

Defense lawyers for six indicted aerospace executives and managers on Wednesday urged a Connecticut federal judge to dismiss novel criminal antitrust charges alleging they participated in a scheme to restrict employee hiring and recruitment. The defendants, including a former manager at Raytheon Technologies Corp subsidiary Pratt & Whitney, were charged in December 2021 for their alleged roles in a long-running criminal conspiracy. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: With few options, Democrats turn to FTC to protect abortion data, Cristiano Lima and Aaron Schaffer, July 1, 2022, 8:58 AM

President Biden and Democratic lawmakers are urging the Federal Trade Commission to take greater steps to protect data related to abortions — a tacit acknowledgment that their hands are largely tied to respond to the privacy risks posed by the fall of Roe v. Wade. Biden is preparing a letter that will urge the agency to “bar unfair or deceptive practices related to the reporting, sharing, or sale of sensitive health-related information,” according to Bloomberg News — a bid to minimize how much data is available to law enforcement prosecuting abortions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

NYT: 76 Fake Charities Shared a Mailbox. The I.R.S. Kept Approving More., David A. Fahrenthold, Troy Closson and Julie Tate, July 3, 2022, 5:00 AM

The “American Cancer Society of Michigan,” state authorities say, was a fake charity. And not even a good fake. [...] “If you file something with an agency,” he said, “and they approve it, do you think it’s illegal?” [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

CNN: Woman who fled to Costa Rica after allegedly killing an elite cyclist has been returned to the US to face charges, officials say, Jamiel Lynch, Jeremy Grisham and Aya Elamroussi, July 3, 2022, 1:29 AM

The woman captured in Costa Rica after being accused of killing elite cyclist Anna Moriah “Mo” Wilson in Texas has been returned to the US to face murder charges, the US Marshals Service told CNN Saturday. Kaitlin Marie Armstrong, 34, is suspected of fatally shooting Wilson at an Austin home on May 11. A week later, she was seen at New Jersey's Newark Liberty International Airport, where she boarded a flight to San Jose, Costa Rica, officials said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Texas man arrested after making 'terrorist threat' toward Supreme Court, Adam Sabes, July 1, 2022, 9:08 PM

A man in Texas was arrested after he allegedly made a “terrorist threat” toward the Supreme Court following the decision to overturn Roe v. Wade. Mikeal Archambault, 20, was arrested on June 25 by The Colony Police Department in Texas after allegedly making a “terrorist threat” toward the Supreme Court online on Twitter. [...] “TCPD was contacted by the FBI regarding on-line Twitter threats toward the Supreme Court. In conjunction with the FBI, TCPD Criminal Investigative Division conducted an investigation and obtained probable cause for an arrest warrant. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CBS](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

NBC: Thousands of federal inmates still await early release under Trump-era First Step Act, Erik Ortiz, July 3, 2022, 4:30 AM (EDT)

Thousands of nonviolent federal prisoners eligible for early release under a promising Trump-era law remain locked up nearly four years later due to inadequate implementation, confusion and bureaucratic delays, prisoner advocacy groups, affected inmates and former federal prison officials say. [...] The Department of Justice was tasked with carrying out the law through the federal Bureau of Prisons, but the bureau director, Michael Carvajal, a Trump administration holdover, announced his retirement in January amid criticism of a crisis-filled tenure marked by agency scandals. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Judge: Arizona violates prisoners’ rights with poor care, Jacques Billeaud, July 1, 2022, 11:14 PM

A judge ruled Arizona has been violating the constitutional rights of incarcerated people in state-run prisons by providing them with inadequate medical and mental health care, saying the state has known about the problem for years but refused to correct its failures. In a blistering verdict Thursday, U.S. District Judge Roslyn Silver concluded the state’s inaction showed it is acting with “deliberate indifference” to the risks of inadequate care and said the state has adopted a health care system for prisoners that has led to preventable deaths. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US ATTORNEYS

Journal-News (Martinsburg, WV): U.S. Attorney Ihlenfeld visits Martinsburg Rotary, talks threats and targets in West Virginia, Emily Keefer, July 1, 2022, 11:20 PM

U.S. Attorney William Ihlenfeld III, of the Northern District of West Virginia, addressed the Rotary Club of Martinsburg on Thursday. A former Rotarian himself, Ihlenfeld has prosecuted financial crimes, drug cartels, public corruption, money laundering, terrorism and the recent espionage case involving a U.S. Navy engineer and his wife arrested in Jefferson County last year and to be sentenced in August in federal court in Martinsburg. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WXYZ-ABC (Detroit, MI): Lawsuit filed after new US Attorney is recused from Gov. Whitmer kidnap case, Michael Martin, July 1, 2022, 8:52 PM

An attorney for one of the men charged in the alleged plot to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Michigan seeking to get a copy of an internal office memo. Adam Fox, Barry Croft, Daniel Harris, Brandon Caserta, Kaleb Franks and Ty Garbin were all arrested in October of 2020 and charged with conspiracy to kidnap for allegedly planning to kidnap Whitmer at her vacation home. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

WaPo: With sweep and speed, Supreme Court's conservatives ignite a new era, Robert Barnes, July 2, 2022, 6:00 AM

The avalanche of change achieved by the Supreme Court's conservative majority this term spans the breadth of American life, and its work draws comparisons to the most momentous decisions in the court's history. Its signature moment — erasing the constitutional right to abortion extended by the court nearly 50 years ago in *Roe v. Wade* — would have been enough to highlight the term. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: A Transformative Term at the Most Conservative Supreme Court in Nearly a Century, Adam Liptak, July 1, 2022, 12:11 PM

The Supreme Court moved relentlessly to the right in its first full term with a six-justice conservative majority, issuing far-reaching decisions that will transform American life. It eliminated the constitutional right to abortion, recognized a Second Amendment right to carry guns outside the home, made it harder to address climate change and expanded the role of religion in public life. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: U.S. Supreme Court asks Maryland to bar protests at justices' homes, Jonathan Landay, July 2, 2022, 3:07 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court's top security officer has asked Maryland Governor Larry Hogan to enforce laws barring picketing outside the Maryland homes of high court justices, saying protests and "threatening activity" have increased. Supreme Court Marshal Gail Curley made the request in a July 1 letter to Hogan, noting that Maryland law prohibits people from intentionally assembling "in a manner that disrupts a person's right to tranquility in the person's home." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [AP](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Breitbart](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [HuffPost](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [USA Today](#), [Washington Times](#), [WTOP-FM \(Washington, DC\)](#)

WaPo: Democracy advocates raise alarm after Supreme Court takes election case, Colby Itkowitz and Isaac Stanley-Becker, July 1, 2022, 7:05 PM

Voting rights advocates expressed alarm Friday, a day after the U.S. Supreme Court said it will consider a conservative legal theory giving state legislatures virtually unchecked power over federal elections, warning that it could erode basic tenets of American democracy. The idea, known as the "independent legislature theory," represents to some theorists a literal

reading of the Constitution. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Analysis: After abortion, conservative U.S. justices take aim at other precedents, Lawrence Hurley, July 1, 2022, 2:57 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court's conservative majority has shown in its blockbuster abortion ruling and other high-profile decisions in recent days that it is fearless when it comes to overturning - and even ignoring - historic precedents. And the conservative justices, with a 6-3 majority, may just be getting started, even as their current term came to a close on Thursday.

[[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: Supreme Court Climate Ruling Adds Obstacles to SEC Policies, Jan Wolfe, Amara Omeokwe, and Andrew Ackerman, July 1, 2022, 5:30 PM

The Supreme Court's decision to curb the Environmental Protection Agency's powers could provide legal ammunition for challenges to financial regulations envisioned by the Securities and Exchange Commission and other agencies. The SEC is regarded by legal analysts as an obvious target for challenges employing the logic in the EPA case. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [LAT](#)

WSJ: [EDITORIAL] A Court for the Constitution, Editorial Board, July 1, 2022, 6:45 PM

A funny thing happened on the way to the supposedly partisan Supreme Court finishing its term: It ruled for the Biden Administration on immigration. Somehow that case isn't making the dastardly hit list of those eager to declare that the Court is now "illegitimate," but the Justices applied the law regardless of the policy and decided for the executive branch.

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WSJ: [EDITORIAL] The Supreme Court Upholds Biden's Border Blunder, Editorial Board, July 1, 2022, 6:38 PM

Progressives upset with the Supreme Court's recent rulings are quick to call it partisan. But then how do they explain the Court's decision to uphold a Biden immigration policy despite valid concerns about chaos at the border? In *Biden v. Texas* on Thursday, the Court voted 5-4 to uphold the President's decision to cancel the Remain in Mexico policy. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [New Yorker](#)

NYT: [EDITORIAL] The Supreme Court Sabotages Efforts to Protect Public Health and Safety, Editorial Board, July 1, 2022, 3:01 PM

On Thursday, the Supreme Court's conservative majority, with its 6-3 ruling in the case of *West Virginia v. Environmental Protection Agency*, curtailed the power of the agency to protect the environment, and specifically to require the reductions in emissions that are urgently necessary to limit global warming. The court's ruling constrains any effort to tighten restrictions on carbon dioxide emissions from power plants. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Justice Thomas rises: A monumental Supreme Court term's rightward shift shows no sign of slowing, Bill Mears and Shannon Bream, July 2, 2022, 6:52 AM

Justice Clarence Thomas celebrated his 74th birthday last week with a gift he delivered himself — authoring the majority opinion in a gun rights case that will have nationwide implications. It was the capstone to a monumental, but splintered term that saw the 6-3 conservative majority prevail on a bounty of hot-button issues and building momentum to a dramatic rightward shift that shows no sign of slowing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

AP: Experts: US Court fractures decades of Native American law, Felicia Fonseca and Lindsay Whitehurst, July 1, 2022, 3:40 PM

A U.S. Supreme Court ruling expanding state authority to prosecute some crimes on Native American land is fracturing decades of law built around the hard-fought principle that tribes have the right to govern themselves on their own territory, legal experts say. The Wednesday ruling is a marked departure from federal Indian law and veers from the push to increase tribes' ability to prosecute all crimes on reservations — regardless of who is involved. It also cast tribes as part of states, rather than the sovereign nations they are, infuriating many across Indian Country. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Tulsa World (Tulsa, OK): After Supreme Court ruling, prosecutors diving into cases involving non-tribal members victimizing tribal members, Curtis Killman, July 3, 2022, 1:50 AM

Area prosecutors say they are ready to resume filing charges in cases involving non-tribal member who victimize tribal members within their districts. District attorneys in eastern Oklahoma won back that right as a result of a Wednesday Supreme Court ruling dealing with tribal jurisdiction. The 5-4 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta clarified the McGirt v. Oklahoma case and reversed a state appellate court ruling that said Oklahoma did not have criminal jurisdiction in cases involving non-Indians who commit crimes against tribal members on reservation land. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Native News Online \(Mayetta, KS\)](#), [The Oklahoman \(Oklahoma City, OK\)](#)

ADMINISTRATION

Reuters: Biden predicts states will try to arrest women who travel for abortions, Jeff Mason and Rami Ayyub, July 1, 2022, 10:20 PM

President Joe Biden predicted on Friday that some U.S. states will try to arrest women for crossing state lines to get abortions after the Supreme Court overturned the constitutional right to the procedures nationwide. Thirteen Republican-led states banned or severely restricted the procedure under so-called "trigger laws" after the court struck down the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling last week. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Biden acknowledges there aren't enough votes to change the filibuster on abortion, John Wagner, July 1, 2022, 4:33 PM

Today, President Biden acknowledged that there are not enough votes in the Senate to make an exception in Senate filibuster rules so that Democrats could write abortion protections into law with a simple majority in the chamber. His comments came at the outset of a virtual meeting with Democratic governors in which Biden said the focus now should be on electing more supporters of abortion rights this year. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NPR](#), [US News & World](#)

Bloomberg: Harris Links Abortion and Voting Rights, Says Fight Must Go On, Akayla Gardner, July 2, 2022, 7:24 PM

Vice President Kamala Harris drew a link between states moving to outlaw abortion and those limiting voting rights, telling an audience mostly of Black women that the overturning of Roe v. Wade "requires all of us to speak up." "At least 11 states are doing both at the same time," Harris said at the annual Essence Festival in New Orleans on Saturday. "No surprise there." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [CNN](#)

Bloomberg: Hochul Pushes Biden to Embrace Abortion Services on Federal Land, Akayla Gardner and Justin Sink, July 1, 2022, 2:30 PM

New York Governor Kathy Hochul urged President Joe Biden to consider providing abortions

to the public on federal property in states that ban the procedure -- a proposal the White House has dismissed as untenable. "We'd ask that you'd consider your ability to use federal facilities," Hochul told Biden on Friday during a White House brainstorming session with Democratic governors aimed at identifying options for protecting women's access to abortion. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: **Biles, Rapinoe among Presidential Medal of Freedom recipients**, Amy Tennerly, July 1, 2022, 5:54 PM

Four-times gymnastics Olympic gold medallist Simone Biles and twice soccer World Cup winner Megan Rapinoe are among 17 people set to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest United States' civilian honour, the White House said on Friday. The honour, awarded to those who have made "exemplary contributions" to the United States, global peace or other endeavors, will be presented on July 7. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [AP](#), [Axios](#), [BuzzFeed](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [The Guardian](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [PBS](#), [Politico](#), [USA Today](#), [WSJ](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WaPo](#)

WaPo: **Biden opens door to more offshore drilling, despite earlier climate vow**, Dino Grandoni, Tyler Pager and Maxine Joselow, July 1, 2022, 9:12 PM

President Biden's administration opened the door Friday to more offshore oil and gas drilling in federal waters over the next five years, setting a potential course for future U.S. fossil fuel extraction just a day after suffering a major climate setback at the Supreme Court. The proposed program for offshore drilling between 2023 and 2028 would ban exploration off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg Law](#), [Fox](#), [LAT](#), [NYT](#), [WSJ](#)

Fox Business: **Biden tweets demand for gas stations to 'bring down' prices, gets praised by Chinese state media**, Adam Sabes, July 2, 2022, 10: 19 AM

President Biden is telling companies that are "running gas stations" to "bring down" their prices because "this is a time of war and global peril." "My message to the companies running gas stations and setting prices at the pump is simple: this is a time of war and global peril," Biden tweeted on Saturday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JULY 01, 2022

- Russia conducted a deadly missile attack in the middle of the night on sleeping residents in the Odessa region of Ukraine. At least 29 people are dead with 39 wounded, this as WNBA star Brittney Griner's trial in Moscow begins for Hashish oil vape cartridges found in her luggage. [[ABC](#), [CBS-1](#), [CBS-2](#), [NBC](#)]
- President Biden met with 10 democratic governors trying to protect abortion rights after the Supreme Court overuled Roe v. Wade. Biden told the governors, the fight, "is not over" while warning over a possible Nationwide ban on abortions if Republicans gain control of Congress. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- A portion of a CBS Investigative series, Crime without Punishment was aired. Police in Chicago use a procedure called "Exceptional Clearance" as a way of clearing a case even if justice for the families of crime victims are not served. [[CBS](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JULY 02, 2022

- The abortion battle is now taking place in States, a week after the Supreme Court's ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization. Legislators are rushing to enact laws amid legal challenges and confusion, even as both sides take the issue to the lower courts. In Texas, the Texas Supreme Court stopped abortions. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#),

[NBC](#)]

- The family of Jayland Walker and protestors are demanding answers after Walker was shot by Akron police following a car and foot chase early Monday. Walker was shot close to 60 times based on the medical examiner's preliminary summary. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- Russian forces are increasing their attacks on Civilian targets as they push for control in the Eastern Donbass region. Ukrainian forces outgunned and outnumbered are retreating from the area, even as President Biden increases the supply of missiles to Ukraine.. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- Uvalde School Police Chief Pete Arredondo announced he was stepping down as a member of the Uvalde City Council “to minimize further distractions.” Arredondo was elected to the Council just prior to the massacre at Robb Elementary. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- An investigation revealed bad management and human error as the cause of 20K gallons of jet fuel leaking into the tap water at the Pearl Harbor, Hawaii base. At least 6K Navy Families experienced vomiting, rashes, and headaches, as the Investigation noted it took eight days after the spill for someone to take charge, an “. . . unacceptable failure of on-scene leadership. . . .” [[CBS](#)]

SUNDAY MORNING TALK SHOWS

ABC This Week with Martha Raddatz

- Committee Vice Chair Liz Cheney in an interview with Jonathan Karl talks about Cassidy Hutchinson testimony and the implications of what has been happening during the Jan 6 Hearings for the country and the Republican Party. Also, the ABC teams discuss the possibility of a prosecution process for Donald Trump and the role of the DOJ on that matter. [[Watch-1](#)] [[Watch-2](#)]
- Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, talks about The Supreme Court’s decision to end the Trump era Remain in Mexico immigration policy, and the Biden’s immigration approach will be for now on. [[Watch](#)]

CBS Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan

- Member of Jan. 6 Committee and Chairman of the Intelligence Committee Congressman Adam Schiff (D-CA) discussed the Proud Boys; Former White House aide Cassidy Hutchinson's testimony; efforts to assemble the mob on the mall; possible indictment of former President Donald Trump; the Jan. 6 Committee pursuing further investigations; security threats against witnesses and Committee members; witnesses using the same attorneys and the sharing of transcripts coordinating testimony; and the murder of Journalist Shireen Abu Akleh. [[Watch](#)]

NBC Meet the Press with Chuck Todd

- The program started with the details of Cassidy Hutchinson testimony on Jan 6 Committee hearing. Also, Chuck Todd interviewed Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-Calif.), member of the January 6th Select Committee, to discuss the role of the Jan. 6 committee alongside The Department of Justice. [[Watch-1](#)] [[Watch-2](#)]
- After the results of Jan 6 Committee hearings NBC News Legal Analyst Danny Cevallos explains the different tools the DOJ could use to enrich the investigation and lead the process [[Watch](#)]

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

Daily Beast: Merrick Garland's Ex-Law Professor Says Trump Will Likely Be Indicted, Alan Halaly, July 2, 2022, 7:11 PM

A Trump indictment seems likely, according to Attorney General Merrick Garland's former law professor Laurence Tribe. The Harvard law professor made an appearance on CNN to share his thoughts on the Jan. 6 committee hearings. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

NYT: An American's Murky Path From Russian Propagandist to Jan. 6, Mike McIntire, July 3, 2022, 5:00 AM

In security footage from Jan. 6, it is easy to overlook the thin man wearing a red Trump hat who filters into the U.S. Capitol Building to record the mayhem with his phone. [...] Within 24 hours, the man, Charles Bausman, gave his recordings and commentary to a Russian television producer for a propaganda video. [[Continue Reading](#)]

San Antonio Express-News (San Antonio, TX): ISIS supporters who distributed instructions for making bombs sentenced to about two decades in federal prison, Caroline Tien, July 2, 2022, 9:30 PM (EDT)

Two men have been sentenced to about two decades in federal prison for their involvement with the terrorist organization ISIS, the U.S. Department of Justice said in a news release. Kristopher Sean Matthews, 36, of South Carolina, and Jaylyn Christopher Molina, 24, of Cost, in Gonzales County, both pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to provide material support to the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham/Syria, better known as ISIS. Molina also pleaded guilty to one count of receiving child pornography. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JAN. 6 HEARINGS

Reuters: Cheney: Jan. 6 panel could make multiple criminal referrals of Trump, Unattributed, July 3, 2022, 1:17 PM

The congressional panel investigating last year's attack on the U.S. Capitol by Donald Trump's supporters could make multiple referrals to the Justice Department seeking criminal charges against the former president, its vice chair Liz Cheney said. Cheney, in an interview aired on Sunday on ABC's "This Week" program, also said the department does not need to wait for the House of Representatives select committee to make a formal recommendation of charges to take action against Trump. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WSJ: Liz Cheney Goes All In on Jan. 6 Probe as GOP Primary Looms, Natalie Andrews, July 3, 2022, 11:27 AM

Rep. Liz Cheney has cast herself as defending democracy from the impulses of Donald Trump. In the year's most closely watched House primary, fellow Republicans in her home state could punish her for what they see as her disloyalty to the party and the former president. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

WaPo: MS-13 members killed teens based on falsehoods to get gang promotions, Salvador Rizzo, July 2, 2022, 6:35 PM

Nervously hunching in the witness stand, the former gangster recounted how he started a false rumor that led to the brutal killing of a teenager in a Fairfax County park in 2016. Moris Castro, who was 15 at the time, said he told another MS-13 member that 14-year-old Sergio Anthony Arita Triminio was talking to police, which is punishable by death under the gang's violent code. Castro did it, he said, to keep attention off his own dealings with law enforcement. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Fox](#), [WRC-NBC \(Washington, DC\)](#)

LAT: Former Rancho Mirage medical institute director sentenced for \$44-million cosmetic surgery scheme, Phill Willon, July 2, 2022, 3:31 PM (EDT)

The former director of a Rancho Mirage medical institute, who was extradited from Israel to the U.S. after fleeing the county, was sentenced to just over eight years in federal prison for a cosmetic surgery scheme that defrauded insurance companies and others out of \$44 million. Linda Morrow, 70, and her physician husband fraudulently submitted bills to insurance companies for "medically necessary" procedures that were, in fact, nose jobs, tummy tucks, breast augmentations and vaginal rejuvenations, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Herald-Mail (Hagerstown, MD): Hagerstown man admits to federal drug charges, supplying other local dealers, Dave Rhodes, July 3, 2022, 5:00 AM

A Hagerstown man has pleaded guilty to drug charges after authorities say he was using a storage facility unit in Hagerstown to weigh and package the narcotics, according to his plea agreement filed in U.S. District Court. Tamar Smith, 48, pleaded guilty on Wednesday to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin and 40 grams or more of fentanyl, according to the document, which states that Smith also admitted supplying two other Hagerstown drug dealers. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Complex Networks (New York City, NY): Former Corporate Attorney for Apple Pleads Guilty to Insider Trader, Joshua Espinoza, July 2, 2022, 7:04 PM

A corporate lawyer for Apple Inc. is facing decades in prison for insider trading. According to the United States Justice Department, 48-year-old Gene Levoff is pleading guilty to participating in a five-year scheme in which he used insider information to generate six figures in illegal profits. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Albany Herald (Albany, GA): Tifton bartender distributed meth from L.A. to south Georgia,

Unattributed, July 2, 2022, 5:59 PM

A Tifton man who was working as a bartender while brokering large amounts of methamphetamine and fentanyl pleaded guilty to distribution. Edgar Fernando Neri, aka Colocho, 21, of Tifton, pleaded guilty to distribution of methamphetamine before U.S. Senior District Judge Hugh Lawson. Neri faces a maximum of 20 years of imprisonment to be followed by at least three years of supervised release and a maximum \$1 million fine. Sentencing is scheduled for Sept. 21. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WALB-NBC \(Albany, GA\)](#)

Exponent Telegram (Clarksburg, VA): Philadelphia's 'Ant Man' — of 19th Street Enterprise — pleads guilty in West Virginia fed court, Unattributed, July 2, 2022, 4:14 PM

A Philadelphian known as “Ant Man” has pleaded guilty to role in multi-state drug trafficking ring known as the 19th Street Enterprise, according to the office of U.S. Attorney William Ihlenfeld.

Anthony Peterson, 36, pleaded guilty to a Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act conspiracy, admitting working with... [[Continue Reading](#)]

Great Falls Tribune (Helena, MT): Woman admits firearm crime in fatal shooting in Box Elder,

Unattributed, July 2, 2022, 2:24 PM (EDT)

A woman on Thursday admitted to a firearm crime after fatally shooting a man while she was in his car in Box Elder, on the Rocky Boy Indian Reservation, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office. Shaide Jo Demontiney, 19, pleaded guilty to an information charging her with use of a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Voice (Hartford, CT): East Hartford Man Charged With Attempted Human Smuggling, Nicole

Valinote, July 3, 2022, 11:00 AM

A 41-year-old Connecticut man is accused of running a business to illegally smuggle people from Brazil to the United States and extorting his clients during their journey. Fagner Chaves De Lima, of East Hartford, was charged with one count of attempted human smuggling, according to an announcement from the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts on Thursday, June 30. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KRON (San Francisco, CA): Man pleads guilty to COVID-19 relief fund fraud, Unattributed, July 3, 2022, 9:10 AM

A San Jose man has pleaded guilty to a fraudulent loan application scheme in order to get millions of dollars from programs implemented to assist businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Department of Justice Northern District of California announced on Friday. Lebnitz Tran, 41, submitted at least 27 Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) applications and at least seven Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) relief funds applications on behalf of multiple persons and business entities using false and fictitious information, the DOJ said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSB-ABC (Atlanta, GA): Georgia couple sentenced to maximum years in prison for producing child sexual assault material, Unattributed, July 3, 7:49 AM

A couple in Valdosta, Georgia, admitted to producing child sexual assault material involving multiple minor victims and was sentenced to the maximum prison term allowed by law for their crimes. Jayson E. Wright, 36, was sentenced to 30 years in prison per count consecutively, for a total of 60 years in prison, to be followed by a lifetime of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WOIO-CBS (Cleveland, OH): Drug dealer gets 327-month sentence after fentanyl kills Cuyahoga Falls resident, Avery Williams, July 2, 2022, 4:50 PM

The United States Department of Justice said a drug dealer will spend nearly three decades behind bars for

selling fentanyl that killed a Cuyahoga Falls resident. Federal court records show Devonte L. Fellows, of Cleveland, received a sentence Thursday of 327 months, which is more than 27 years. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

Axios: **Celebrity trials amplify America's war over free speech**, Sara Fischer, July 3, 2022, 7:14 AM
A spate of high-profile lawsuits is giving real legal weight to America's cultural and political debate over free speech. [...] State of play: The legal battles around free speech have “definitely been ignited,” said Kevin Goldberg, a First Amendment specialist at Freedom Forum, a free speech nonprofit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Seattle Times (Seattle, WA): **Institutionalizing her son was the only option, a mother thought. Now she's fighting to bring him home**, Unattributed, July 3, 2022, 10:00 AM (EDT)
On his 330th day in the hospital, Charlie Edgmon repeats a well-worn refrain to his mother Carmin. I just want to go home. [...] “It's never a good sign if it takes a federal lawsuit for an individual to get services that exist on paper,” said Susan Kas, an attorney with Disability Rights Washington who is representing Charlie and was involved in the original class-action suit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Northwest Arkansas Times (Fayetteville, AR): **Federal lawsuit aimed at making Benton County follow the rules, lawyer contends**, Ron Wood, July 3, 2022, 4:43 AM (EDT)
A federal lawsuit taking Benton County courts to task for how first appearance and bail hearings are conducted is about following proper legal procedures, high bonds and jail overcrowding, according to lawyers who filed the complaint. The federal lawsuit argues not appointing a lawyer to represent people who can't afford to hire one in the earliest stages of a criminal case is a violation of their constitutional rights. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fort Myers Beach Observer (Fort Myers, FL): **Federal judge rules against Fort Myers Beach in street preacher sign case**, Nathan Mayberg, July 2, 2022, 5:43 PM
A federal appeals court has granted street preacher Adam LaCroix an injunction in his case challenging the portable sign ordinance in the Town of Fort Myers, overruling a district court decision which sided in favor of the town. U.S. Court of Appeals Eleventh Circuit Judge Stanley Marcus, in a ruling published six days before the Fourth of July, declared that the town violated First Amendment protections by citing LaCroix for a violation of its prohibition on portable signs. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

Tobacco Reporter (Raleigh, NC): **Court Tosses Punitive Award Against Philip Morris**, Unattributed, July 2, 2022, 2:21 PM
A U.S. federal appeals court tossed out a \$9 million punitive-damages award awarded by a lower court against Philip Morris USA in a case filed by a woman who suffered a smoking-related illness that led to her legs being amputated, reports The Free Press. Donna Brown filed the lawsuit in 2007 in the federal Middle District of Florida, and a jury sided with her on claims for strict liability, negligence, fraudulent concealment and conspiracy to fraudulently conceal. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Roanoke Times (Roanoke, VA): **Cline: The Biden border crisis continues**, Rep. Ben Cline, July 3, 2022, 12:30 AM

I recently joined several members of the U.S. House Budget Committee on a trip to Texas to hear firsthand from Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents about the crisis that President Biden's immigration policies have created at our southern border. Visiting the border should be mandatory for every member of Congress, who need to hear from the Border Patrol agents who are tasked with containing this dangerous hole in our national security. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WGNO-ABC (New Orleans, LA): Governor commits \$564 million to border security citing Biden 'inaction' on immigration, Julian Resendiz, July 2, 2022, 6:39 PM (EDT)

Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey on Thursday signed legislation committing more than half a billion dollars to border security. [...] "Inaction by President Biden has led to the worst border crisis in over 20 years," Ducey, a Republican, said in a statement. "With this investment, we are giving our law enforcement professionals another critical resource they need to do their jobs. We are standing for the rule of law and cementing Arizona's commitment to securing our state and our nation." [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

Jackson Sun (Jackson, TN): Better Business Bureau: Regulators say Twitter deceived its users, Randy Hutchinson, July 2, 2022, 10:00 PM (EDT)

The Department of Justice and FTC have reached a settlement with Twitter over allegations that the company misrepresented what it did with data it collected from users for security purposes. The company will pay a \$150 million penalty and reform its privacy and data security practices. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WPEC-CBS (West Palm Beach, FL): FTC, Florida Attorney General file complaint to shut down COVID-19 relief scam, Garrett Phillips, July 2, 2022, 3:31 PM

Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody and the Federal Trade Commission are taking steps to shut down a grant writing service that allegedly made false promises of COVID-19 related economic relief for minority-owned small businesses. After the Attorney General and the FTC filed a joint complaint, a federal court issued a temporary restraining order against Grant Bae and its owner, Traeshonna P. Graham. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

NYT: 76 Fake Charities Shared a Mailbox. The I.R.S. Kept Approving More., David A. Fahrenthold, Troy Closson and Julie Tate, July 3, 2022, 5:00 AM

The "American Cancer Society of Michigan," state authorities say, was a fake charity. And not even a good fake. [...] "If you file something with an agency," he said, "and they approve it, do you think it's illegal?" [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

CNN: Woman who fled to Costa Rica after allegedly killing an elite cyclist has been returned to the US to face charges, officials say, Jamiel Lynch, Jeremy Grisham and Aya Elamroussi, July 3, 2022, 1:29 AM

The woman captured in Costa Rica after being accused of killing elite cyclist Anna Moriah "Mo" Wilson in Texas has been returned to the US to face murder charges, the US Marshals Service told CNN Saturday. Kaitlin Marie Armstrong, 34, is suspected of fatally shooting Wilson at an Austin home on May 11. A week

later, she was seen at New Jersey's Newark Liberty International Airport, where she boarded a flight to San Jose, Costa Rica, officials said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier (Cedar Falls, IA): Osage man found with ghost guns pleads to ammo charges, Jeff Reinitz, July 3, 2022, 8: 44 AM (EDT)

An Osage man has pleaded to charges after authorities found “ghost guns” and thousands of rounds of ammunition at a home where he was staying in February. On Monday, Kevin Curtis Simmer, 39, formerly of Mason City, pleaded to one count of felon in possession of ammunition in U.S. District Court in Cedar Rapids. Sentencing will be at a later date. [...] Later that day, officers from several agencies executed a search warrant at Simmer’s home on 340th Street. Simmer was in a shed allegedly used to manufacture and test firearms, and he armed himself with a pistol until authorities talked him into putting down the handgun and exiting, according to court records. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WALB- NBC/ABC (Albany, GA): Coffee Co. physician admits participation in conspiracy to illegally distribute drugs, Unattributed, July 2, 2022, 10:55 PM

A Coffee County physician and two of his employees have admitted to participating in a drug trafficking conspiracy that distributed massive amounts of addictive controlled substances from a pain management clinic. Dr. Wallace Steven Anderson, 68, awaits sentencing after pleading guilty to Conspiracy to Unlawfully Distribute and Dispense Schedule IV Controlled Substances, according to David H. Estes, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia. [...] The case was investigated under the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) operation. OCDETF identifies, disrupts, and dismantles the highest-level criminal organizations that threaten the United States using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency approach. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fall River Reporter (Fall River, MA): Local man who lived with his three young children sentenced to prison after storing over a thousand counterfeit pills in child’s backpack, Ken Palva, July 2, 2022, 2:28 PM

A Thai national who stored more than a thousand counterfeit Adderall pills containing methamphetamine and/or fentanyl in a child’s backpack inside the apartment he shared with his three young children has been sentenced to more than seven years in federal prison, announced United States Attorney Zachary A. Cunha. Davith Hoy, 42, was arrested in March 2021, and pleaded guilty on March 16, 2022, to conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine; possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine; and possession with intent to distribute fentanyl. [...] According to court documents, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agents surveilled Hoy as he allegedly met with Beauchamp and delivered the pills. On March 19, 2021, ATF agents searched a residence Hoy shared with his three young children and discovered a large quantity of fentanyl and methamphetamine pills that Hoy stored inside a child’s Teenage Ninja Mutant Turtles backpack. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

NBC: Thousands of federal inmates still await early release under Trump-era First Step Act, Erik Ortiz, July 3, 2022, 4:30 AM (EDT)

Thousands of nonviolent federal prisoners eligible for early release under a promising Trump-era law remain locked up nearly four years later due to inadequate implementation, confusion and bureaucratic delays, prisoner advocacy groups, affected inmates and former federal prison officials say. [...] The Department of Justice was tasked with carrying out the law through the federal Bureau of Prisons, but the bureau director, Michael Carvajal, a Trump administration holdover, announced his retirement in January amid criticism of a

crisis-filled tenure marked by agency scandals. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Buffalo News (Buffalo, NY): Judge approves release of Louis Ciminelli, other 'Buffalo Billion' defendants, Jerry Zremski, July 2, 2022, 9:08 PM

As expected, a federal judge has approved the release of Louis Ciminelli and the other “Buffalo Billion” defendants in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision this week to hear their appeals. Agreeing with a request from the defendants’ lawyers, U.S. District Court Judge Valerie Caproni signed an order late Friday allowing for their release. However, Caproni’s order was not made public until Saturday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

US SUPREME COURT

AP: Ruling could dampen government efforts to rein in Big Tech, Matt O'brien, July 3, 2022, 11:50 AM
The Supreme Court’s latest climate change ruling could dampen efforts by federal agencies to rein in the tech industry, which went largely unregulated for decades as the government tried to catch up to changes wrought by the internet. [...] The Federal Trade Commission, in particular, has been pursuing an aggressive agenda in consumer protection, data privacy and tech industry competition under a leader appointed last year by President Joe Biden. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

AP: Abortion ruling puts spotlight on gerrymandered legislatures, David A. Lievb, July 3, 2022, 9:04 AM

In overturning a half-century of nationwide legal protection for abortion, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that *Roe v. Wade* had been wrongly decided and that it was time to “return the issue of abortion to the people’s elected representatives” in the states. Whether those elected officials are truly representative of the people is a matter of debate, thanks to another high court decision that has enabled control of state legislatures to be skewed to the right or left. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: U.S. Supreme Court asks Maryland to bar protests at justices' homes, Jonathan Landay, July 2, 2022, 3:07 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court’s top security officer has asked Maryland Governor Larry Hogan to enforce laws barring picketing outside the Maryland homes of high court justices, saying protests and “threatening activity” have increased. Supreme Court Marshal Gail Curley made the request in a July 1 letter to Hogan, noting that Maryland law prohibits people from intentionally assembling “in a manner that disrupts a person’s right to tranquility in the person’s home.” [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [AP](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Breitbart](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [HuffPost](#), [NY Post](#), [NYT](#), [Politico](#), [USA Today](#), [Washington Times](#), [WTOP-FM \(Washington, DC\)](#)

WaPo: Trust in Supreme Court falters after Roe decision, Yvonne Wingett Sanchez, Patrick Marley and Matthew Brown, July 3, 2022, 9:52 AM

For most of her life, Marshelle Barwise viewed the U.S. Supreme Court as soberly dedicated to protecting the rights of all Americans, especially those who aren’t White men. Then the court overturned *Roe v. Wade*. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: Gridlock in Congress Has Amplified the Power of the Supreme Court, Adam Liptak, July 2, 2022, 4:00 PM

On the last day of a turbulent term that included rulings on what the Constitution has to say about abortion, guns and religion, the Supreme Court issued another sort of decision, one that turned on the words of the Clean Air Act. Without “clear congressional authorization,” the court said, the Environmental Protection Agency was powerless to aggressively address climate change. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: Maryland, Virginia govs respond to letter from Supreme Court marshal calling on them to protect justices, Andrew Mark Miller and Shannon Bream, July 2, 2022, 8:07 PM

The Republican governors of Virginia and Maryland have responded to a letter from the Supreme Court's top-ranking security official calling on them to utilize police and law enforcement to prevent picketing at the homes of justices. "The governor agrees with the Marshal that the threatening activity outside the Justices' homes has increased," Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin spokesperson Christian Martinez said in response to a letter from Supreme Court Marshal Gail Curley calling on the governor to "enforce state law" that prohibits picketing outside the homes of the justices. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Guardian: Next up: voting rights, as US supreme court set to tear up more protections, Sam Levine, July 3, 2022, 5:00 AM

The final days of the US supreme court's term offered a clear look at the way its new 6-3 conservative majority is bluntly using its power to reshape American life, but its next term is also set to hear cases that could prove equally, or even more, consequential. "This really is the 'Yolo' [you only live once] court," said Leah Litman, a law professor at the University of Michigan who closely follows the court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NPR: What the Supreme Court's EPA ruling will mean for the agency's goals, Michel Martin, July 2, 2022, 4:42 PM

Earlier this week, on the final day of an enormously consequential term, the U.S. Supreme Court delivered a major setback to the Biden administration's efforts to address the climate crisis. In a 6-to-3 decision, the conservative members of the court ruled that the Environmental Protection Agency does not have the authority to regulate the carbon emissions of power plants. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Winston-Salem Journal (Winston-Salem, NC): Byron Williams: 'Originalism' elevates an 18th century elite, Byron Williams, July 2, 2022, 8:30 PM (EDT)

The Supreme Court has long been defined by its chief justice, hence the Warren Court, the Rehnquist Court, as well as other notable examples throughout history. But the current Supreme Court no longer bears the nom de plume "Roberts Court," named for Chief Justice John Roberts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

The Tulsa World (Tulsa, OK): After Supreme Court ruling, prosecutors diving into cases involving non-tribal members victimizing tribal members, Curtis Killman, July 3, 2022, 1:50 AM

Area prosecutors say they are ready to resume filing charges in cases involving non-tribal member who victimize tribal members within their districts. District attorneys in eastern Oklahoma won back that right as a result of a Wednesday Supreme Court ruling dealing with tribal jurisdiction. The 5-4 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta clarified the McGirt v. Oklahoma case and reversed a state appellate court ruling that said Oklahoma did not have criminal jurisdiction in cases involving non-Indians who commit crimes against tribal members on reservation land. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Native News Online \(Mayetta, KS\)](#), [The Oklahoman \(Oklahoma City, OK\)](#)

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

WaPo Minnesota legalizes cannabis edibles, catching some Republicans off guard, Bryan Pietsch July 3, 2022, 4:30 AM

A Minnesota law went into effect Friday legalizing edibles containing small amounts of THC, the component in

cannabis that provides a high, apparently surprising some Republicans, at least one of whom said he voted for the provision unknowingly. The law permits the sale of edibles and beverages containing up to 5 milligrams of hemp-derived THC per serving. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTVZ-NBC (Bend, OR): OLCC implores congressional delegation to make safe cannabis industry banking a top priority, Unattributed, July 2, 2022, 3:38 PM (EDT)

Outdated federal barriers to banking services continue to severely impact the legal cannabis industry in Oregon and nationwide, state cannabis regulators said Friday. The problem isn't just about the convenience of engaging in daily banking transactions like any other business, but is a direct safety issue, as cannabis businesses are known to have large amounts of cash. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

WSJ: Biden Faces Fresh Domestic Challenges After Europe Summits, Alex Leary and Tarini Parti, July 3, 2022, 5:30 AM

President Biden returned from Europe with a deal to expand the NATO alliance and plans for the biggest U.S. military footprint in the continent since the Cold War. But awaiting him back home was a host of domestic challenges, including intraparty frustration with his response to the Supreme Court's ruling overturning abortion rights, continuing economic worries and questions about the fate of his legislative agenda. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Harris Links Abortion and Voting Rights, Says Fight Must Go On, Akayla Gardner, July 2, 2022, 7:24 PM

Vice President Kamala Harris drew a link between states moving to outlaw abortion and those limiting voting rights, telling an audience mostly of Black women that the overturning of Roe v. Wade "requires all of us to speak up." "At least 11 states are doing both at the same time," Harris said at the annual Essence Festival in New Orleans on Saturday. "No surprise there." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [CNN](#)

Fox Business: Biden tweets demand for gas stations to 'bring down' prices, gets praised by Chinese state media, Adam Sabes, July 2, 2022, 10:19 AM

President Biden is telling companies that are "running gas stations" to "bring down" their prices because "this is a time of war and global peril." "My message to the companies running gas stations and setting prices at the pump is simple: this is a time of war and global peril," Biden tweeted on Saturday. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Financial Times: Biden administration split on whether to remove China tariffs, Demetri Sevastopulo, July 1, 2022, 11:55 PM

As President Joe Biden debates whether to lift Trump-era tariffs on Chinese imports, his cabinet is split over a politically fraught issue that could influence the November congressional midterm elections. When he entered office, Biden suggested that he was in no rush to remove the tariffs that Donald Trump had placed on more than \$300bn of Chinese goods during his trade war with Beijing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JULY 02, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with Whit Johnson

CBS: Weekend News with Adriana Diaz

NBC: Nightly News with Jose Diaz-Balart

- Thousands of travelers are stranded at airports with at least 600 flights canceled in the last 24 hours with at least 3K more flights delayed. A record 2.5 Million passengers were screened by the TSA, while 42 Million people are expected to travel by car this weekend. The threat of severe weather, high gas prices, staffing shortages ground stops, and a computer glitch contribute to the travel chaos. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Fifty million Americans are on alert for powerful storms in the Northeast, even as Tropical Storm Colin hovers off the Carolina coast. In the West red flag warnings with dry gusty conditions posing a fire danger. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Chris Darnell, 40, the driver of the Shockwave Jet Truck, died after crashing at the The Battle Creek Field of Flight Air Show and Balloon Festival in Battle Creek, MI. Darnel drove a semi truck powered by jet engines which rolled over several times, while racing two planes, [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The abortion battle is now taking place in States, a week after the Supreme Court's ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization. Legislators are rushing to enact laws amid legal challenges and confusion, even as both sides take the issue to the lower courts. In Texas, the Texas Supreme Court stopped abortions. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- A 30y/o woman was the victim of another shark attack in the Florida Keys, this after 17/o Addison Bethea, underwent surgery to repair the devastating damage to her lower extremities after surviving a shark attack in Keaton Beach, FL. Shark sightings have been reported in California, Long Island, and Cape Cod. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The family of Jayland Walker and protestors are demanding answers after Walker was shot by Akron police following a car and foot chase early Monday. Walker was shot close to 60 times based on the medical examiner's preliminary summary. [[ABC](#), [NBC](#)]
- Russian forces are increasing their attacks on Civilian targets as they push for control in the Eastern Donbass region. Ukrainian forces outgunned and outnumbered are retreating from the area, even as President Biden increases the supply of missiles to Ukraine.. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Uvalde School Police Chief Pete Arredondo announced he was stepping down as a member of the Uvalde City Council "to minimize further distractions." Arredondo was elected to the Council just prior to the massacre at Robb Elementary. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- An investigation revealed bad management and human error as the cause of 20K gallons of jet fuel

leaking into the tap water at the Pearl Harbor, Hawaii base. At least 6K Navy Families experienced vomiting, rashes, and headaches, as the Investigation noted it took eight days after the spill for someone to take charge, an “. . . unacceptable failure of on-scene leadership. . . .” [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- Prestonsburg Police officers William Petry, Ralph Frasure, and Jacob Chaffins died as a result of the deadly shooting in Allen, Kentucky as they attempted to serve a warrant. Suspect 49 y/o Lance Storz is facing multiple charges in the shooting. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Cities across the country are canceling fireworks this weekend as they deal with wildfire concerns and supply chain issues. Inflation is playing a role in the shorter fireworks show times. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Yellowstone National Park reopened all entrances, three weeks after a one in 500 year flood closed the North loop. Two of the entrances will be for foot traffic only. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- An Upstate New York power plant using Natural gas to power computers around the clock to mine for cryptocurrency, is at the center of an Environmental controversy. Officials are trying to shut the power plant down citing climate change concerns. [[NBC](#)]

SUNDAY MORNING TALK SHOWS

ABC This Week with Martha Raddatz

- Committee Vice Chair Liz Cheney in an interview with Jonathan Karl talks about Cassidy Hutchinson testimony and the implications of what has been happening during the Jan 6 Hearings for the country and the Republican Party. Also, the ABC teams discuss the possibility of a prosecution process for Donald Trump and the role of the DOJ on that matter. [[Watch-1](#)] [[Watch-2](#)]
- Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, talks about The Supreme Court’s decision to end the Trump era Remain in Mexico immigration policy, and the Biden’s immigration approach will be for now on. [[Watch](#)]

CBS Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan

- Face the Nation began with an interview with Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas discussing the implications of the Supreme Court ruling the Biden administration can end “remain in Mexico” policy; immigrants remaining in Mexico as immigration enforcement proceedings continue; reports of thousands of people traveling to the US border to enter the US; the Biden Administration messaging of “do not come”; security for Supreme Court Justices; and far right groups. [[Watch](#)]
- Member of Jan. 6 Committee and Chairman of the Intelligence Committee Congressman Adam Schiff

(D-CA) discussed the Proud Boys; Former White House aide Cassidy Hutchinson's testimony; efforts to assemble the mob on the mall; possible indictment of former President Donald Trump; the Jan. 6 Committee pursuing further investigations; security threats against witnesses and Committee members; witnesses using the same attorneys and the sharing of transcripts coordinating testimony; and the murder of Journalist Shireen Abu Akleh. [\[Watch\]](#)

NBC Meet the Press with Chuck Todd

- The program started with the details of Cassidy Hutchinson testimony on Jan 6 Committee hearing. Also, Chuck Todd interviewed Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-Calif.), member of the January 6th Select Committee, to discuss the role of the Jan. 6 committee alongside The Department of Justice. [\[Watch-1\]](#) [\[Watch-2\]](#)
- After the results of Jan 6 Committee hearings NBC News Legal Analyst Danny Cevallos explains the different tools the DOJ could use to enrich the investigation and lead the process [\[Watch\]](#)

Fox News Sunday with Mike Emanuel

- Fox News Sunday began with a report on President Biden's overseas trip meeting with European allies to discuss ongoing support to Ukraine; high gas prices here to stay; and the Administration promising to preserve abortion admonishing the Supreme Court; and the President balancing foreign and domestic priorities. [\[Watch\]](#)
- National Security Council Strategic Communications Coordinator John Kirby discussed the goal for Ukraine; President Biden working on bringing gas prices down; Biden's upcoming travel plans to the Middle East for the GCC; Inflation and the possibility of a recession; criticisms of the Supreme Court; Brittney Griner; the Remain in Mexico Policy and its impact on the crisis at the border; and Kirby's new role at the White House. [\[Watch-1\]](#) [\[Watch-2\]](#)

AFTERNOON HEADLINES

- "The Pro-Life Generation': Young Women Fight Against Abortion Rights" [\[NYT\]](#)
- "Texts, web searches about abortion have been used to prosecute women" [\[WaPo\]](#)
- "Americans Have Had It With Inflation" [\[WSJ\]](#)
- "Roe vs Wade is dead. Will a new 'sisterhood of strangers' help guide women into the future?" [\[LAT\]](#)

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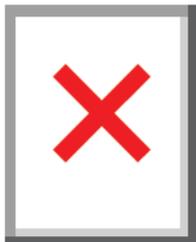
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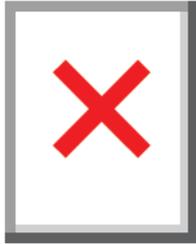


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It was Rep. Liz Cheney (R-Wyo.) rather than President Joe Biden who emerged as the face of the opposition to Trump this week.
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■ D R I V I N G T H E D A Y

GOOD NEWS (EXCEPT FOR PETS) — [“Fireworks Come Roaring Back This Summer,”](#) per the NYT

TODAY'S TOP READS

It's a slow news day as we hit the halfway point of this holiday weekend, but a good one to catch up on three big summer storylines that will continue to reverberate long after Independence Day: the rise of Rep. **LIZ CHENEY** (R-Wyo.), the Supreme Court's historic term

and Russia's occupation of eastern Ukraine:

1. CHENEY — You would expect last week to have been dominated by President **JOE BIDEN**. The Supreme Court set back the liberal policy agenda by decades — on abortion, gun control, the separation of church and state and climate change — while the Jan. 6 committee presented its most compelling evidence that **DONALD TRUMP** may be criminally responsible for the attack on the Capitol.

At the end of the week, the court said it would take up a gerrymandering case from North Carolina that [voting rights advocates fear could completely upend election laws](#) in America by endorsing a once-fringe legal doctrine known as the independent state legislature theory (ISLT).

But it was Cheney rather than Biden who emerged as the face of the opposition to Trumpism. She pushed the Jan. 6 committee to hold an extra hearing featuring its blockbuster witness on Tuesday in Washington, flew to Southern California to speak at the Reagan Library to condemn Trump's grip on the GOP on Wednesday, was back in Wyoming for a primary debate on Thursday, and today is on ABC's "This Week" for her first interview since the hearings started.

[WSJ's Natalie Andrews captures how it's all playing](#) in Cheney's home state: "The race serves as the marquee test of whether vocal anti-Trump lawmakers can survive in today's Republican Party, pitting supporters of the former president against a persistent and unapologetic critic with little patience for Mr. Trump's false claim the election was stolen."

In an interview with Jonathan Karl on "This Week," Cheney made some news on whether Trump should be prosecuted and her own 2024 plans.

On whether the hearings "demonstrated that Donald Trump needs to be prosecuted":

"Ultimately, the Justice Department will decide that; I think we may well as a committee have a view on that. ... If you just think about it from the perspective of what kind of man knows that a mob is armed, and sends the mob to attack the Capitol and further incites that mob when his own vice president is under threat, when the Congress is under threat? ... It's very chilling, and I think, certainly, we will continue to present to the American people what we found."

She also said that it's still possible that the committee will make a criminal referral.

On her presidential aspirations: "I haven't made a decision about that yet. And I'm obviously very focused on my reelection, I'm very focused on the Jan. 6 committee, I'm very focused on my obligations to do the job that I have now, and I'll make a decision about '24 down the road. But I think about it less in terms of a decision about running for office and more in terms of, you know, as an American and as somebody who's in a position of public trust now, how do I make sure that I'm doing everything I can to do the right thing? To do what I know is right for the

country and to protect our Constitution.”

2. SCOTUS — [NYT’s Adam Liptak makes several notable points this morning](#) about what’s going on behind the scenes at the Supreme Court as justices become more secluded and less collegial with one another:

— **Covid protocols and new security = a more isolated court:** “Always cloistered and remote, the court is now impenetrable.”

— **Retreating from public:** “The release of the decision in the abortion case highlighted another way in which the court has withdrawn from public scrutiny. For unexplained reasons, the justices have stopped announcing their decisions from the bench, abandoning a tradition that is both ceremonial and illuminating.”

— **Less collegial:** “[T]here is every reason to think that the leak, the investigation it prompted, the controversy over Justice **CLARENCE THOMAS’s** failure to recuse himself from a case that intersected with his wife’s efforts to overturn the election and the justices’ very real security concerns have made the court an unhappy place.”

— **All of which is bad for the liberal minority:** “A less collegial court seems like it could be especially problematic for the three liberal justices. There are now five Republican-appointed justices who are even more conservative than [Chief Justice **JOHN] ROBERTS**. If the court is a less collaborative place, I would imagine it gives the justices in the minority — both the liberals and, in some cases, Roberts — less ability to shape decisions.”

More weekend step-backs from the Times, the Post, and the AP:

— [“Gridlock in Congress Has Amplified the Power of the Supreme Court,”](#) by Liptak

— [“With sweep and speed, Supreme Court’s conservatives ignite a new era,”](#) by WaPo’s Robert Barnes

— [“‘Revolutionary’ high court term on abortion, guns and more,”](#) by AP’s Mark Sherman

3. UKRAINE — Is it the end of the line in Luhansk? Russia claimed today to have fully captured Lysychansk, the Ukrainian region’s last city to be taken over. Ukrainian forces said they still controlled the city (though the Russian advance has looked inexorable of late). [More from CNN](#)

Related read: [“Russian strikes with older Soviet weapons pushed up the civilian death toll in recent weeks, Ukraine says,”](#) by NYT’s Valerie Hopkins, Daniel Victor and Ivan Nechepurenko

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SUNDAY BEST

— **Rep. ADAM KINZINGER** (R-Ill.) on whether new witnesses have come forward to the Jan. 6 committee since **CASSIDY HUTCHINSON's** testimony, on CNN's "State of the Union": "Yes. Again, I don't want to get into who or any of those details, and it's not even just Cassidy — by the way, she's been inspiring for a lot of people — this happens every day. Every day, we get new people that come forward and say, 'Hey, I didn't think maybe this piece of a story that I knew was important, but now that you guys are — like, I do see this plays in here.' ... There will be way more information, and stay tuned."

— **Rep. ZOE LOFGREN** (D-Calif.) on reporting that DOJ prosecutors were surprised by Hutchinson's testimony, on NBC's "Meet the Press": "We're not an arm of the Department of Justice. We're a legislative committee. They have subpoena power. They could subpoena Ms. Hutchinson. I'm surprised they had not done so. ... What are they doing over there? They have a much greater opportunity to enforce their subpoenas than our legislative committee does."

— **HHS Secretary XAVIER BECERRA** on his message to congressional Dems frustrated with the Biden administration on abortion, on "Meet the Press": "I tell them, 'Give us some good ideas.' We're going to explore everything we can. And I also would ask them to please pass a law."

Good Sunday morning. Thanks for reading Playbook. Drop us a line: [Rachael Bade](#), [Eugene Daniels](#), [Ryan Lizza](#).

TOP-EDS: A roundup of the week's must-read opinion pieces.

Voting rights and ISLT ...

- **Leah Litman, Kate Shaw and Carolyn Shapiro** on *Moore v. Harper* in WaPo: ["A new Supreme Court case threatens another body blow to our democracy"](#)

- **Thom Hartmann's** thread about ISLT that lit up the Twitter left: [“The Nightmare Scenario SCOTUS is Plotting For the 2024 Election Takeover”](#)
- **Michael Luttig's** [Twitter thread on how he thinks the case should be decided](#)

Jan. 6 ...

- **Norm Eisen** in the NYT: [“Cassidy Hutchinson Changes Everything”](#)
- **Andrew C. McCarthy** in WaPo: [“Prosecuting Trump could do more harm than good”](#)
- **Peggy Noonan** in the WSJ: [“The Courage of Jan. 6 Witness Cassidy Hutchinson: She showed more guts than any of Trump's men. Her testimony strengthens the case for prosecution.”](#)
- **Matt Labash:** [“American Judas: How Mark Meadows betrayed his country with an ass-kiss”](#)

SCOTUS ...

- **Nicholas Tomaino** in the WSJ: [“The Conservative Supreme Court Has Arrived”](#)
- **Jamelle Bouie** in the NYT: [“Will Reactionaries Impose a Red-State Social Order on the Rest of Us?”](#)
- **Simon Lazarus** in The New Republic: [“The Supreme Court Appoints Itself to Be America's Regulatory Czar”](#)
- **John Fund** in the N.Y. Post: [“Supreme Court strikes a blow on bureaucrats”](#)

Politics ...

- **David Axelrod** for CNN: [“Democrats may be playing with fire this primary season”](#)
- **Perry Bacon Jr.** in WaPo: [“Maybe the Democrats aren't doomed in November”](#)
- **Mike Shields** in the WSJ: [“Hispanic Republicans Have Democrats Seeing Red in Texas”](#)

Fourth of July ...

- **Jack N. Rakove** in the WSJ: [“What Remains of Thomas Jefferson?”](#)
- **Jedediah Britton-Purdy** in the NYT: [“Democrats Need Patriotism Now More Than Ever”](#)

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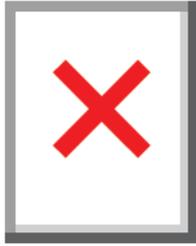


BIDEN'S SUNDAY — The president has nothing on his public schedule.

VP KAMALA HARRIS' SUNDAY — Harris is in Los Angeles and has nothing on her public schedule.

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Po sh recruits go through medical exercises in a training ed by the I no s Nat ona Guard on Sunday, as the U.S. and Po and
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■ P L A Y B O O K R E A D S

7 THINGS FOR YOUR RADAR

1. SCOTUS VS. STATES: In letters made public Saturday, the Supreme Court marshal asked Maryland and Virginia leaders to stop protesters from demonstrating outside justices' homes in the D.C. suburbs, where the conservatives who overturned *Roe v. Wade* have been the subject of sustained demonstrations. **GAIL CURLEY** wrote that local laws prohibited such protests. But some state and county officials retorted that such ordinances were likely unconstitutional, infringing on First Amendment rights if demonstrators were standing on public property. [More from ABC](#)

MICHAEL RICCI, spox for Maryland Gov. **LARRY HOGAN**: “Had the marshal taken time to explore the matter, she would have learned that the constitutionality of the statute cited in her letter has been questioned by the Maryland Attorney General’s Office.”

2. HARRIS SPEAKS: The VP excoriated the Supreme Court abortion ruling on stage at the Essence Festival of Culture in New Orleans on Saturday, saying it constituted an inappropriate overreach of the government into people’s lives. “The people trying to attack our rights are trying to make people feel small and feel lonely and different because they want you to believe you don’t have power and that you’re out there by yourself,” Harris said in a conversation with actress **KEKE PALMER**. “We’re not going to let that happen.” [More from The Advocate](#)

3. CASH DASH: Georgia is bracing for new numbers that will likely show **STACEY ABRAMS** creaming Gov. **BRIAN KEMP** in fundraising, and the incumbent is rushing to keep up with his Democratic challenger, [Brittany Gibson reports](#). His campaign is working with multiple fundraising consultants and increasingly looking out of state for help in what’s shaping up to be a tight race.

Former Georgia GOP Chair JOHN WATSON: “When you’re in a gunfight, you don’t care where your ammo was manufactured, you just need it.”

4. QUITE THE TRAJECTORY: [“An American’s Murky Path From Russian Propagandist to Jan. 6,”](#) by NYT’s Mike McIntire: “[**CHARLES**] **BAUSMAN**’s path in some ways tracks a broader shift on the political right that embraces misinformation and sympathy toward Russia while tolerating an increasingly emboldened white nationalism. For its part, the Kremlin has sought to court conservatives in the United States and sow discord through a network of expats, collaborators and spies.”

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5. THE PARK SLOPE PRIMARY: White, well-educated voters in expensive brownstone spots like Boerum Hill could be the key deciding blocs in the chaotic open-seat primary spanning several neighborhoods in Manhattan and Brooklyn, [Joe Anuta reports](#). The crowded race featuring Rep. **MONDAIRE JONES**, **BILL DE BLASIO** and several other top-flight contenders could hinge on these high-turnout zones — though many of these residents could be on vacation in August.

6. WHAT'S NEXT ON THE LEFT: After the end of *Roe*, the path ahead for abortion-rights supporters looks fractured and difficult, two big new stories from [NYT's Kate Zernike](#) and [WaPo's Annie Linskey, Mike DeBonis, Marianna Sotomayor and Tyler Pager catalog](#). Mostly playing defense, they're taking to the courts to try to stop new abortion restrictions laws or ballot initiatives. And the groups are also placing fresh emphasis on local elections, aiming to flip Republican-held state legislatures or other key local offices. On Capitol Hill, meanwhile, Democrats are divided over the value of "show votes" to force some Republicans into uncomfortable positions on bills that won't pass.

Oregon Gov. KATE BROWN to WaPo: "What's most important is that we turn all of this anger and anxiety into action. And that means turning out the votes."

On the flip side: ["The Pro-Life Generation': Young Women Fight Against Abortion Rights,"](#) by NYT's Ruth Graham in Dallas: "Many American women mourned the Supreme Court decision to overturn *Roe*, but for others it is a moment of triumph and a matter of human rights."

7. KFILE STRIKES AGAIN: Michigan GOP secretary of state nominee **KRISTINA KARAMO** said in 2020 that "demonic possession is real" and "having intimate relationships with people who are demonically possessed or oppressed — I strongly believe that a person opens themselves up to possession," [CNN's Em Steck and Andrew Kaczynski reveal](#) in a deep dive into her podcast. Karamo, an election denier now running to oversee elections, also spoke out repeatedly and vigorously against abortion: "The child sacrifice is a very satanic practice, and that's precisely what abortion is. And we need to see it as such."

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Tom Cotton is heading to [Iowa and New Hampshire this summer](#).

Cory Booker is [giving up all added sugar](#) for the rest of the summer — and challenging Americans to join him.

Jeff Bezos is [feuding with the White House](#) again.

OUT AND ABOUT — SPOTTED at **Lally Weymouth's** Hamptons party Saturday night: **Martha Stewart, Wilbur and Hilary Ross**, British Ambassador **Karen Pierce** and **Charles Roxburgh, Katharine Weymouth, Gerard Baker, Robert Kraft, Adrienne Arsht, Margaret Carlson, Kevin Rudd** and **Therese Rein**, Rep. **Lee Zeldin** (R-N.Y.), **John Catsimatidis**, Italian Ambassador **Mariangela Zappia, Jane Harman, Steve Clemons** and **Josh Dawsey**.

ENGAGED — **Robbie Ottley**, a JD candidate at the University of Georgia School of Law, proposed to **Alicia Bissonnette**, legislative assistant to Rep. Kim Schrier (D-Wash.), in Alicia's hometown of Bellingham, Mass., on Saturday. The proposal happened in the gazebo at the Bellingham Town Common, which was built while Alicia's dad Bill was a town selectman. The couple met on Bumble in 2019. [Pic ... Another pic](#)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Rep. **Glenn Grothman** (R-Wis.) ... **Julian Assange** ... **Kristen Morgante** of Purple Strategies ... **Peter Sherman** of DDC Public Affairs ... **Nick Baldick** of Hilltop Public Solutions ... AFP's **Shaun Tandon** ... POLITICO's **Heidi Vogt** and **Allie Bice** ... **Rina Shah** ... Washington Examiner's **Naomi Lim** ... CNN's **Lindy Royce-Bartlett** ... former Sen. **Lamar Alexander** (R-Tenn.) ... **Adam Goldberg** ... **Kate McCarty** ... **Mary Yatrousis** of Rep. John Larson's (D-Conn.) office ... **Cameron Morabito** ... WaPo's **Lally Weymouth** ... **Don "Stew" Stewart** ... **Barbara Lee** of the Barbara Lee Family Foundation ... **Rick Powell** ... **Maya Serkin** ... PBS NewsHour's **Julia Griffin** ... **Sandra Lee** ... **Gloria Allred** ... **Tom Shaw** of Rokk Solutions

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

CNN: [VIDEO] Law professor who taught Merrick Garland predicts he will indict Trump,
Unattributed, July 2, 2022, 7:11 AM

Laurence Tribe, a Harvard Law professor who taught Attorney General Merrick Garland, predicts that Garland will indict former President Donald Trump for his role in the January 6 insurrection.

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US ATTORNEYS

Journal (Martinsburg, WV): U.S. Attorney Ihlenfeld visits Martinsburg Rotary, talks

threats and targets in West Virginia, Emily Keefer, July 1, 2022, 11:20 PM

U.S. Attorney William Ihlenfeld III, of the Northern District of West Virginia, addressed the Rotary Club of Martinsburg on Thursday. A former Rotarian himself, Ihlenfeld has prosecuted financial crimes, drug cartels, public corruption, money laundering, terrorism and the recent espionage case involving a U.S. Navy engineer and his wife arrested in Jefferson County last year and to be sentenced in August in federal court in Martinsburg. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSPA-CBS (Spartanburg, SC): Federal prosecutors and postal inspectors in SC work to stop mail crimes, Jason Raven, July 1, 2022, 06:44 PM

Members of the US Attorney's Office observed National Postal Worker Day in South Carolina along with the US Postal Service Friday morning. They called a news conference to recognize the men and women of the US Postal Service, including those with the USPS Inspection Service and the Office of Inspector General who investigate crimes related to mails. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

WSJ: U.S. Releases Oil Tanker That Sailed From Russian Port, Anna Hirtenstein, July 1, 2022, 10:40 AM

The U.S. allowed an oil tanker from a Russian port to unload its cargo in New Orleans, concluding that it hadn't breached sanctions. The Daytona tanker sailed from Russia's Taman peninsula in the Black Sea to Louisiana carrying fuel oil and vacuum gasoil. It was detained by U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency week, according to people familiar with the matter and a U.S. Coast Guard official. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: Julian Assange Files Fresh Appeal Against Extradition to U.S., Aruna Viswanatha and Max Colchester, July 1, 2022, 10:12 AM

Julian Assange has appealed his extradition from the U.K., prolonging legal wrangling over whether the WikiLeaks founder should be sent to the U.S. amid growing questions about the Biden administration's appetite to pursue him over leaking classified material. [...] Mr. Assange faces a potential 10-year prison sentence for each of the 17 Espionage Act counts he is charged with, and up to five years in prison for the hacking count. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: 11 key points from 6 insurrection hearings, Zachary B. Wolf, July 2, 2022, 8:01 AM

As Americans pause to celebrate their Independence Day, it's worth taking a step back to consider the totality of what we've learned about the attempted insurrection that tried to undo it. The broad outlines of former President Donald Trump's incitement of the US Capitol riot on January 6, 2021, and his efforts to undo the 2020 election he lost were evident to anyone following his since-unplugged Twitter feed. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: Chicago man, Athanasios Zoyganeles, pleads guilty to taking part in Jan. 6, 2021 Capitol riot, Unattributed, July 1, 2022, 7:51 PM

A Chicago man pleaded guilty Friday to taking part in the Capitol riot on Jan. 6 of last year. Court records confirmed that Athanasios Zoyganeles pleaded guilty to parading, demonstrating, or picketing in a Capitol building. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WFLD-Fox \(Chicago, IL\)](#)

CNN: Everything you need to know about the federal investigation into January 6, Chris Cillizza, July 1, 2022, 11:13 AM

Everyone, by now, is at least aware of the fact that a House select committee is investigating the January 6 riot at the US Capitol. That committee -- through its public hearings -- has drawn scads of attention. Less high profile is the ongoing Justice Department investigation into the insurrection at the US Capitol. That investigation has already led to more than 800 arrests of those who participated in the riot but, of late, has also turned up the heat on major players in Trumpworld -- like attorney John Eastman and former Justice Department official Jeffrey Clark. [[Continue Reading](#)]

HuffPost: 4th Sexiest Farmer In Western Kentucky Faces 30 Days For Entering Capitol, Ryan Grenoble, July 1, 2022, 4:49 PM

A man previously best known for placing fourth in a “sexy farmer” contest in Kentucky faces 30 days in prison for his participation in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, according to a sentencing recommendation filed in federal court. Jordan Revlett agreed to a plea deal in January on one count of “parading, demonstrating, or picketing in a Capitol Building,” which carries a maximum sentence of six months in jail, far higher than what prosecutors asked for. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: ‘Fairly exceptional’: Capitol riot suspect remains at large 1 year after FBI raid, Staci DaSilva, July 1, 2022, 12:02 PM

A Florida fugitive remains at large one year after the raid of his family’s north Lakeland property. The orders from the FBI boomed from a megaphone before the sun came up that morning in 2021. Joshua Doolin, Olivia Pollock, Joseph Hutchinson III and Michael Perkins were arrested during that raid, on charges connected to the Capitol riot on Jan. 6. They are out on bond, awaiting trial. Meanwhile, Jonathan Pollock, now 23, has evaded the FBI. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WLNS-CBS \(Lansing, MI\)](#)

Detroit Metro Times (Detroit, MI): FBI arrests Traverse City man accused of ‘violent assault’ on police at U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, Steve Neavling, July 1, 2022, 12:20 PM

A Traverse City man was arrested by the FBI on Thursday for allegedly using a police shield to push back law enforcement officers during the Jan. 6, 2021, siege on the U.S. Capitol. Luke Michael Lints, 27, was charged with a felony count of civil disorder and several misdemeanors. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Booth Newspapers \(Grand Rapids, MI\)](#), [WILX-NBC \(Onondaga, MI\)](#)

KSAT-ABC (San Antonio, TX): Gonzales man sentenced for providing support to ISIS and child pornography, Unattributed, July 1, 2022, 3:50 PM (EDT)

A Gonzales County man was sentenced to 18 years in federal prison for conspiring to provide material support to the foreign terrorist organization Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham/Syria, also known as ISIS. Jaylyn Christopher Molina, also known as Abdur Rahim, 24, is accused of conspiring with a South Carolina man to provide services to ISIS by administering a chat group to share pro-ISIS propaganda and instructions on firearms training and bomb-making. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WILX-NBC (Onondaga, MI): Michigan man charged for role in Capitol riot, Jake Draugelis, July 1, 2022, 1:14 PM (EDT)

A Michigan man has been arrested and charged in connection with the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the

U.S. Capitol. Prosecutors say Luke Michael Lints, 27, of Traverse City was charged Thursday in a criminal complaint filed in the District of Columbia with civil disorder, a felony, and related misdemeanor offenses. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JAN. 6 HEARINGS

NYT: Jan. 6 Witness Anthony Ornato Is at the Center of a Battle Over Credibility, Maggie Haberman and Zolan Kanno-Youngs, July 1, 2022, 7:22 PM

Anthony M. Ornato had left his role as the Secret Service agent in charge of President Donald J. Trump's protective detail in late 2019 when the culture of internal strife that Mr. Trump fostered throughout his term left the president's top advisers frantically searching for a candidate to fill a key role: deputy White House chief of staff for operations. [...] Now, Mr. Ornato is at the center of a dispute over events during the riot at the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. He is both a witness to key developments and a figure in what is either a legitimate battle over credibility or, in the view of some critics, an attempt to muddy the devastating account of the actions of Mr. Trump and his aides provided to the House Jan. 6 committee this week by Cassidy Hutchinson, another former White House aide. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] Prosecuting Trump could do more harm than good, Andrew C. McCarthy, July 1, 2022, 3:39 PM

I have long been opposed to the idea of prosecuting Donald Trump, fearing that such a step would polarize the country and set a dangerous precedent. I worry about the implications of having the current administration go after its predecessor and chief political opponent. But the testimony of former White House aide Cassidy Hutchinson has caused me to rethink that premise and at least consider whether prosecution may be warranted. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

AP: California man will plead guilty in cannabis pen fraud, Unattributed, July 1, 2022, 11:37 PM

A Southern California man who once competed on the Philippines national decathlon team has agreed to plead guilty to bilking investors out of more than \$28 million with a phony scheme to market cannabis vape pens, federal prosecutors announced Friday. David Joseph Bunevacz, 53, of Calabasas, agreed on Wednesday to plead guilty at a later date to securities and wire fraud. He could face up to 20 years in federal prison when he is sentenced in Los Angeles, the U.S. attorney's office said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Feds: Tacoma woman lied about having MS to defraud friends, Unattributed, July 1, 2022, 11:23 PM

Federal prosecutors say they will recommend no more than 27 months in prison for a Washington state woman who defrauded friends and acquaintances of more than \$600,000 by falsely telling them she needed money for tuition, multiple sclerosis treatment and other causes. Sabrina Taylor pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in Seattle on Friday to one count of wire fraud. The 40-year-old admitted that beginning in 2013 she lied about her health, employment status and education to get money from her victims, including some she met on online using shared interests such as Japanese anime, comic books or video games. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: EXPLAINER: How will R. Kelly sentence impact other trials?, Michael Tarm, July 1, 2022, 10:59 PM

R. Kelly could be in his 80s before the singer is free again, based on a 30-year prison term imposed this week by a New York federal judge for parlaying his fame to sexually abuse young fans, including some who were children. And if the 55-year-old loses at three related trials in coming months, he could be staring at decades more behind bars. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#)

Reuters: R. Kelly sues Brooklyn jail for putting him on suicide watch, Jonathan Stempel, July 1, 2022, 9:29 PM

R. Kelly on Friday sued the Brooklyn jail that has housed him since his racketeering and sex crimes conviction, saying it wrongly put him on suicide watch after he received a 30-year prison sentence despite knowing he was not suicidal. In a complaint filed in Brooklyn federal court, the 55-year-old multiplatinum R&B singer said officials at the Metropolitan Detention Center ordered the watch after his June 29 sentencing "solely for punitive purposes" and because he was a "high-profile" inmate. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Forbes](#)

Reuters: Georgetown's ex-tennis coach gets 2-1/2 years in prison in U.S. college scandal, Nate Raymond, July 1, 2022, 11:47 AM

A former Georgetown University tennis coach was sentenced on Friday to 2-1/2 years in prison for helping children of wealthy parents get into the school in exchange for nearly \$3.5 million in bribes as part of a vast college admissions fraud scheme. Gordon Ernst, Georgetown's former head tennis coach, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Indira Talwani in Boston after pleading guilty in October to conspiracy and bribery charges arising from the U.S. college admissions scandal. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Al Jazeera](#), [Law360](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

WaPo: Amtrak, truck driver's widow file dueling lawsuits seeking accountability in collision, Unattributed, July 1, 2022, 7:29 PM

As federal safety investigators work to determine the factors that contributed to this week's deadly train collision with a dump truck in Missouri, dueling lawsuits filed by Amtrak and BNSF Railway and by the truck driver's widow are seeking accountability and damages in federal and state courts. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: 'Tiger King' star charged with animal trafficking and money laundering, Lateshia Beachum, July 1, 2022, 6:09 PM

Bhagavan "Doc" Antle of Netflix's wildly popular Tiger King docuseries could be finding himself in a cage of his own, adding to the string of misfortune for some featured subjects of the series who shot to fame and then notoriety. Antle, 62, and four others — Andrew Jon "Omar" Sawyer, Meredith "Moksha" Bybee, Charles Sammut and Jason Clay — have been indicted on 10 counts of trafficking wildlife animals such as cheetahs, lemurs and chimpanzees. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CBS: San Jose resident Lebnitz Tran pleads guilty to \$3.6M COVID funds fraud, Unattributed, July 1, 2022, 2:14 PM

A San Jose man accused of submitting multiple fake applications for small business COVID relief funds - obtaining more than \$3.6 million in fraudulent payments that funded a luxury lifestyle - pleaded guilty to criminal charges, authorities said Friday. A federal grand jury charged Lebnitz Tran last year with six counts of wire fraud and one count of bank fraud. Under a plea agreement Tran pleaded guilty to two of the wire fraud counts; if he complies with the plea agreement, the

remaining counts will be dismissed, said a press statement from U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California Stephanie Hinds. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: **Judge Halts Cheat Code Sales In 'Destiny 2' IP Feud**, Jasmin Jackson, July 1, 2022, 6:16 PM

A Washington federal judge on Friday temporarily blocked a software company's sales of video game cheat codes in a copyright and trademark suit lodged by Bungie Inc., the developer of multiplayer game "Destiny 2," determining Bungie will likely succeed on claims that the codes ... [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Times: **Baltimore man pleads guilty to federal arson charge, still faces state prosecution**, Matt Delaney, July, 2022, 4:42 PM

Federal prosecutors have secured a guilty plea from the Baltimore man who last year burned down the home where his former girlfriend and two other people were living, in a prosecution that followed a remarkably light initial sentence from the state. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland said that Luther Moody Trent, 21, of Baltimore, pleaded guilty to malicious destruction of property by fire for the arson he carried out in the predawn hours on May 21, 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Middletown Press (Middletown, CT): **Hartford man faces 10 years in prison for illegal gun possession, federal officials say**, Liz Hardaway, July 1, 2022, 11:11 PM

A Hartford man pleaded guilty in federal court to illegally possessing a handgun, according to the U.S. Attorney's office. Eric White, 31, of Hartford, faces up to 10 years in prison. He is scheduled to be sentenced Sept. 30, U.S. Attorney Vanessa Roberts Avery said in a news release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Telegraph Herald (Dubuque, IA): **Monticello therapist who sexually assaulted boy sentenced to 11 years**, Unattributed, July 1, 2022, 7:02 PM

A Monticello woman who sexually assaulted an underage boy was sentenced today to more than 11 years in federal prison. Miranda Breeden, 46, was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Cedar Rapids to 11 years and three months in prison after previously pleading guilty to one count of enticement of a minor. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KCCI-CBS \(Des Moines, IA\)](#)

San Antonio Express-News (San Antonio, TX): **San Antonio man sentenced to more than 19 years in prison for child pornography**, Jacob Beltran, July 1, 2022, 6:50 PM

A San Antonio man was sentenced to more than 19 years in prison for child pornography. Louis Anthony Soucie, 59, pleaded guilty to one count of receipt of child pornography March 22. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Cincinnati Enquirer (Cincinnati, OH): **Greene County man sentenced to nearly 10 years in prison in ODNR officer shooting**, Brook Endale, July 1, 2022, 6:17 PM

A Green County man who pleaded guilty to shooting an Ohio Department of Natural Resource officer while illegally hunting deer was sentenced to nearly a decade in prison, according to a release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Ohio. The shooting happened on Dec. 20, 2020. In April of 2021, Brian R. Liming, 45, of Jamestown, Ohio, was indicted by a federal grand jury and arrested by ATF agents. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Daily Hodl (Los Angeles, CA): **DOJ Announces Charges Against Solana-Based NFT**

Developer for Alleged Rug Pull Scheme, Unattributed, July 1, 2022, 6:02 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is pressing charges against a Solana (SOL) non-fungible token (NFT) developer who allegedly pulled the rug on investors. According to a new press release, the DOJ is charging Vietnamese national Le Anh Tuan with one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and one count of conspiracy to commit international wire fraud in connection with the Baller Ape Club, an NFT investing community. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Columbus Dispatch (Columbus, OH): **Columbus woman sentenced to 8 years for leading kidnapping effort of ex-boyfriend**, A. Kevin Corvo, July 1, 2022, 5:56 PM

A 39-year-old Columbus woman July 1 was sentenced to eight years in prison for leading a failed conspiracy that twice attempted to kidnap her ex-boyfriend and his girlfriend, according to a news release from the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney's Office Southern District of Ohio. Denia I. Avila, 39, of Columbus was sentenced to 96 months in prison, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WXYZ-ABC (Detroit, MI): **Lawsuit filed after new US Attorney is recused from Gov. Whitmer kidnap case**, Michael Martin, July 1, 2022, 8:52 PM

An attorney for one of the men charged in the alleged plot to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Michigan seeking to get a copy of an internal office memo. Adam Fox, Barry Croft, Daniel Harris, Brandon Caserta, Kaleb Franks and Ty Garbin were all arrested in October of 2020 and charged with conspiracy to kidnap for allegedly planning to kidnap Whitmer at her vacation home. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KSTP-ABC (Saint Paul, MN): **2 women indicted on allegations of defrauding millions in pandemic relief funds**, Kyle Brown, July 1, 2022, 6:22 PM

Two women are facing federal charges for their alleged roles in a scheme to defraud millions of dollars in COVID-19 relief funds from multiple states, including Minnesota, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced. Indictments filed in U.S. District Court on Friday claim 39-year-old Tequisha Solomon of Las Vegas and 35-year-old Takara Hughes of Maplewood filed false applications for pandemic-related unemployment benefits and small business loans for themselves and on behalf of others. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KXAS-NBC (Fort Worth, TX): **Rowlett Man Who Stalked and Murdered His Ex-Girlfriend Pleads Guilty, DOJ Says**, Unattributed, July 1, 2022, 6:21 PM

A Rowlett man who cyberstalked his ex-girlfriend and shot and stabbed her to death in the midst of a custody dispute pleaded guilty last week to two violent federal crimes, according to the Department of Justice. Andrew Charles Beard, 35, pleaded guilty on June 22. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KFYR-NBC (Bismarck, ND): **New Town man to see six years in prison for federal sexual abuse charges**, Erika Craven, July 1, 2022, 6:17 PM

A U.S. District Judge has sentenced a New Town man to 6 years in prison for federal sexual abuse charges. Nelson White Tail Jr., 26, pleaded guilty in March to sexual abuse of a child for incidents that occurred in 2013 and 2014. Tuesday, Judge Daniel Traynor sentenced him to six years with credit for time served for his first felony charge, and five years for his second felony charge that will run concurrent to the first charge. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KIMT-CBS (Mason City, IA): **Guns and drugs send northeast Iowa man to federal prison**, Mike Bunge, July 1, 2022, 6:00 PM

A Northeast Iowa man is sent to federal prison for drugs and guns. Kaleb James Huffman, 23 of Fayette, pleaded guilty in December 2021 to possession of a firearm by a drug user. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KIWA-FM (Sheldon, IA): Milford Man Pleads Guilty to Meth Distribution; Awaits Sentencing, Scott Van Aartsen, July 1, 2022, 5:57 PM

A Milford man faces at least ten years in jail and a fine of ten million dollars after he pleaded guilty to the distribution of meth. This week, 46-year-old Justin Haubrich of Milford pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KIFI-ABC (Idaho Falls, ID): Mountain Home man sentenced for federal drug, gun charges, Unattributed, July 1, 2022, 5:49 PM (EDT)

A Mountain Home man was sentenced to 100 months in federal prison for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and for unlawful possession of a firearm. According to statements made in court, on March 15, 2021, James Doud, 60, was stopped by Elmore County Sheriff's deputies for traffic violations in Mountain Home, Idaho. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSNB-NBC (Superior, NB): Doniphan woman to federal prison for meth crime, Unattributed, July 1, 2022, 5:34 PM

A Doniphan woman is headed to federal prison for a meth possession conviction. The U.S. Attorney announced Friday that Tess Kleinknecht, 31, was convicted of possession with intent to distribute. A federal judge Friday sentenced Kleinknecht to six years and five months in federal prison, after which she will be on probation for four years. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KNBC-NBC (Los Angeles, CA): Ex-Rancho Mirage 'Dr.'s Wife' Sentenced to Federal Prison for \$44M Cosmetic Surgery Fraud, Unattributed, July 1, 2022, 5:21 PM (EDT)

A former Coachella Valley resident who was deported from Israel after she and her then-doctor husband fled there to escape criminal prosecution was sentenced Friday to more than eight years in federal prison for her role in a scheme that bilked insurers out of \$44 million for unnecessary cosmetic surgeries. Linda Morrow, 70, formerly of Rancho Mirage, was sentenced in Los Angeles by U.S. District Judge Josephine Staton, who also ordered her to pay more than \$14 million in restitution. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KESQ- ABC \(Palm Springs, CA\)](#)

Hawaii News Now-CBS/KGMB/NBC/KHNL (Honolulu, HI): INJURED IOWA WOMAN FIRST AMTRAK PASSENGER TO FILE LAWSUIT FOLLOWING FATAL MISSOURI DERAILMENT, Unattributed, July 1, 2022, 5:19 PM (EDT)

National railroad disaster attorneys at Saltz Mongeluzzi & Bendesky PC today filed what is believed to be the first lawsuit on behalf of a passenger injured in Monday's fatal, mass-casualty Amtrak train derailment in Mendon, Missouri. The complaint alleges negligence in the design of the railroad crossing which lacked basic safety features like warning lights and gates which have been in use for more than a century. The complaint also alleges that the train was oversold resulting in cattle car conditions. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WFLD-Fox (Chicago, IL): 3 Chicago men federally charged with violent armed carjackings, Unattributed, July 1, 2022, 5:19 PM

The U.S. Attorney's Office has announced federal charges against three Chicago men accused of violent carjackings. The incidents happened in April and May of this year. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KETV-ABC (Omaha, NB): Omaha man sentenced to 10 years in prison for transporting child pornography, Unattributed, July 1, 2022, 5:05 PM

A 34-year-old Omaha man was sentenced Friday in federal court to 10 years in prison for transporting child pornography, according to the Department of Justice. James Long will also have five years of supervised release and was ordered to pay \$102,000 in restitution to the victims. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KLFY-CBS (Lafayette, LA): Abbeville man gets 3.5 years in federal prison for gun charges, Scott Lewis, July 1, 2022, 4:57 PM (EDT)

An Abbeville man will spend over three years in federal prison after pleading guilty to a gun charge from 2020. Xzavier Dyson, 23, of Abbeville, will serve 42 months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release on a charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, according to U.S. Attorney Brandon Brown. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WDSU-NBC (New Orleans, LA): Louisiana man facing 7 charges of dog fighting ventures, Unattributed, July 1, 2022, 4:20 PM

A Louisiana man is facing up to 35 years in prison for possessing and receiving dogs for the purpose of having dogs participate in animal fighting. According to court documents, David Guidry III, 47, is facing up to seven charges and could face up to five years per charge if convicted. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WBMA-ABC (Birmingham, AL): Sylacauga man convicted of use of firearm, attempted robbery of credit union in 2019, Caleb Turrentine, July 1, 2022, 4:11 PM

Dameon LaShawn Nix, 32, of Sylacauga, was convicted after a jury trial of attempted robbery and of using a firearm during a crime of violence, according to a release Thursday from U.S. Attorney Prim F. Escalona and FBI Special Agent in Charge Johnnie Sharp, Jr. Evidence presented at trial revealed that on May 28, 2019, Nix entered the Coosa Pines Federal Credit Union in Sylacauga and shot a pistol three times into the ceiling. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WHOP-CBS (Hopkinsville, KY): Three men indicted by federal grand jury on firearms offenses, Unattributed, July 1, 2022, 3:48 PM

Three men, two from Hopkinsville and a third formerly of Christian County, have been indicted by a federal grand jury with firearms related offenses. According to a news release from the U.S. Attorney of the Western District of Kentucky's Office, 43-year-old Shaun Powers of Hopkinsville was indicted for possession of a firearm by a prohibited person, illegal possession of a machine gun, and possession of an unregistered firearm, that is, a weapon made from a shotgun having a barrel length of less than 18 inches. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KZRG (Joplin, MO): Miami Man pleads guilty to multiple drug and firearms violations, Steve Smith, July 1, 2022, 3:19 PM

A man arrested three times since 2019 for methamphetamine and firearms violations pleaded guilty Monday in federal court, announced U.S. Attorney Clint Johnson. 50-year-old Richard Alan Stewart of Miami pleaded guilty to three counts of Felon in Possession of Firearms and Ammunition; three counts of Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute; Carrying a Firearm During and in Relation to a Drug Trafficking Crime; Carrying, Using, and Brandishing a Firearm During and in Relation to a Drug Trafficking Crime; and Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KNWA-NBC (Rogers, AR): Springdale man sentenced to over 27 years in federal prison for drug trafficking and firearms possession, C.C. McCandless, July 1, 2022, 3:05 PM (EDT)

On July 1, a Springdale man was sentenced yesterday to 330 months in prison followed by five years of supervised release and ordered to pay \$10,000 in fines on one count of possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense. According to a press release, the Honorable Judge Timothy L. Brooks presided over the sentencing hearing in the United States District Court in Fayetteville. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KELO-CBS (Sioux Falls, SD): Co-conspirators sentenced on federal drug charges, Marissa Lute, July 1, 2022, 2:56 PM (EDT)

A Pierre man and Fort Pierre woman will spend years in federal prison after pleading guilty to drug charges. According to court documents, 44-year-old Shannon Spears will spend over 10 years in prison with five years of supervised release, and 45-year-old John Klein will spend 20 years in prison for distributing large amounts of meth in South Dakota. He will also have five years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WAND-NBC (Decatur, IL): Man sentenced to 17.5 years for child pornography, Unattributed, July 1, 2022, 2:35 PM (EDT)

A Campus, Illinois man was sentenced to 17.5 years in prison for possession of child pornography. Dakota Flint, 23, was convicted of aggravated criminal sexual assault and predatory criminal sexual assault. Flint also must register as a sex offender. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WICS-ABC (Springfield, IL): Springfield woman, son sentenced for marijuana money laundering conspiracy, Unattributed, July 1, 2022, 2:10 PM

A Springfield mother and her son were sentenced for marijuana and money laundering conspiracy. Jennifer Fisher, 50, was sentenced to 14 months in prison and fined \$10,000 for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute marijuana and conspiracy to commit money laundering. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WDTV-CBS (Weston, WV): Man pleads guilty to multi-state drug trafficking enterprise, Unattributed, July 1, 2022, 1:55 PM

A Pennsylvania man pleaded guilty to his role in a multi-state organized drug trafficking enterprise that included West Virginia, officials said. Anthony Peterson, 36, of Philadelphia, pleaded guilty to one count of "RICO Conspiracy," United States Attorney William Ihlenfeld announced. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Patch (Woodbridge, VA): Woodbridge Man Pleads Guilty To Possessing 14,500 Fentanyl Pills, Liam Griffin, July 1, 2022, 1:41 PM

A man from Woodbridge pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute fentanyl on Thursday. Authorities said the man was arrested in December 2021 after police officers found thousands of fentanyl pills in his hotel room. The U.S. Attorney's Office identified the man as 24-year-old Keyshone Stephan Hogan. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WXIN-Fox (Indianapolis, IN): Man sentenced to 5 years after leading Hamilton County deputies on high-speed chase, Joe Hopkins, July 1, 2022, 11:02 AM (EDT)

A man who led Hamilton County deputies on a high-speed chase while on probation was

sentenced to nearly five years in federal prison for unlawful gun possession, the U.S. Department of Justice announced Friday. Brenton Preston, age 25, was sentenced Thursday to 57 months in prison after he pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

AP: Ex-Louisiana officer pleads guilty in excessive force case, Unattributed, July 1, 2022, 10:44 PM

A former north Louisiana police officer pleaded guilty Friday to kicking a man in the face as he lay on the ground with his hands behind his back during an arrest in 2020, federal prosecutors said. Jared Desadier, 44, of Monroe, entered the plea before U.S. District Judge Elizabeth Foote to a charge of deprivation of rights under color of law, U.S. Attorney Brandon B. Brown's office said in a news release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Man pleads guilty to making threats of racial violence, Unattributed, July 1, 2022, 7:06 PM

A Mississippi man has pleaded guilty to charges that he tried to buy an assault rifle after making racist threats online. The man pleaded guilty Thursday afternoon in U.S. District Court in Oxford to charges stemming from threats he made on a white supremacist website in late 2020. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Payroll Firm Beats Ex-Sales Worker's Gender Bias Case, Rachel Stone, July 1, 2022, 7:52 PM

A Tennessee federal court found in favor of a human resources and payroll service provider over a former sales associate's gender discrimination lawsuit Friday, ruling the ex-worker hadn't shown her firing... [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: 7th Circ. Upholds Walmart ADA Loss Over Employee's Firing, Lauraann Wood, July 1, 2022, 6:05 PM

The Seventh Circuit said Thursday it wouldn't disturb an Illinois jury's finding that Walmart unlawfully fired a deaf and blind cart attendant, ruling the retail giant is simply trying to rehash... [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Abortion Pills Face Mississippi Ban Without Ruling, Lawyers Say, Ian Lopez, July 1, 2022, 5:31 PM

Mississippi is on track to block access to abortion pills by July 7 without the intervention of a federal court, according to attorneys trying to keep alive a generic mifepristone manufacturer's legal battle against a state health official. "Absent judicial intervention, as of July 7, 2022, nearly all abortions in Mississippi will be banned, including medicated abortions," Latham & Watkins LLP attorneys wrote in a letter on behalf of their client GenBioPro Inc. filed Thursday with the US District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: The Onion, Owner Defeat Ex-Female Officer's Bias, Reprisal Suit, Patrick Dorrian, July 1, 2022, 3:55 PM

The Onion Inc.'s former chief resource officer lacks proof that her role was diminished and she received a lower severance offer than a male officer she said was similarly situated after the satirical digital media company was acquired in 2019 by private equity group Great Hill Partners LP, a Manhattan federal judge ruled. Katherine Pontius Ebel also failed with her allegations that

she was subjected to retaliation after Great Hill created G/O Media Inc. to run The Onion and Gizmodo Media Group, which it acquired in the same deal from Univision, the US District Court for the Southern District of ...[\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Alpena News (Alpena, MI): Millions demanded in federal lawsuit against Onaway schools, Julie Riddle, July 2, 2022, 1:51 AM

An Onaway parent is demanding millions of dollars after Onaway Area Community Schools staff excluded her from school property and police accused her of illegally recording a conversation between school officials. Erin Chaskey filed a federal civil rights action in late June asking for \$20 million in compensation for abuse she claims she suffered at the districts' hands.[\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Richmond Times-Dispatch (Richmond, VA): Chesterfield teacher aid loses appeal over disabled student's groping, Mark Bowes, July 1, 2022, 4:47 PM

A Chesterfield County special education instructional assistant who was repeatedly groped by an 8-year-old developmentally disabled student failed to show that the invasive touching was based on sex and violated federal workplace harassment law, a federal appeals court ruled this week. In a unanimous decision, a three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed an earlier dismissal in U.S. District Court in Richmond of plaintiff Regina Webster's lawsuit against the Chesterfield School Board. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CIVIL LAW

AP: Trump social media firm subpoenaed by feds, stock regulators, Bernard Condon, July 2, 2022, 12:25 AM

Donald Trump's social media company and some of its employees received subpoenas from both a federal grand jury and securities regulators, according to a public disclosure Friday, possibly delaying or even killing a deal promising a cash infusion needed to take on Twitter. Trump Media & Technology Group received subpoenas from a grand jury in New York and the Securities and Exchange Commission, according to a securities document filed by Digital World Acquisition Corp. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

AP: Air France-KLM latest airline to settle US mail allegations, Unattributed, July 1, 2022, 11:26 PM

Federal officials said Friday that Air France-KLM agreed to pay \$3.9 million to settle civil allegations that it falsified information about deliveries of international mail that it was hired by the U.S. Postal Service to deliver. The Justice Department said the airline company contracted with the post office to pick up mail at six locations in the United States, as well as at Defense Department and State Department locations overseas for delivery. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: D.C. judge scolds Meta lawyers for brief with 'excessive footnotes', Jacqueline Thomsen, July 1, 2022, 6:39 PM

A federal judge in Washington, D.C., ordered attorneys for Meta Platforms on Friday to refile a brief after he found they violated a court rule against "excessive footnotes." U.S. District Judge James Boasberg, who has a track record of enforcing the rule, chided the lawyers from Kellogg, Hansen, Todd, Figel & Frederick. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: Abortion drug maker says Mississippi can't ban pill despite Supreme Court ruling, Brendan Pierson, July 1, 2022, 2:02 PM

The maker of a drug used in medication abortions has told a federal judge that the U.S. Supreme Court's recent ruling eliminating the nationwide right to abortion does not allow Mississippi to stop it from selling the pills in the state. GenBioPro Inc, which makes a generic version of the drug mifepristone, said in a Thursday filing in Jackson, Mississippi federal court that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's approval of the drug should override any state ban. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: Nursing home that diverted vaccines to rich donors pays \$1.7 million, Isaac Stanley-Becker, July 1, 2022, 10:09 AM

The text message from the chief executive of MorseLife Health System, a luxury nursing home in West Palm Beach, Fla., was unambiguous.[...] Eighteen months later, MorseLife has agreed to pay \$1.75 million to settle claims that it defrauded a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention program that sought to steer limited vaccine doses to the most vulnerable Americans in late 2020 and early 2021, according to the Justice Department, which released excerpts of the text messages. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Palm Beach Post \(West Palm Beach, FL\)](#)

Law360: 7th Circ. Won't Stop Obama Presidential Center Construction, Clark Mindock, July 1, 2022, 5:44 PM

Work on former President Barack Obama's presidential center in Chicago can continue after the Seventh Circuit said Friday the federal government had no duty to consider the environmental impacts for other potential locations, as it doesn't have that power. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Philip Morris Gets Ex-Smoker's \$17.2 Million Jury Award Slashed, Martina Barash, July 1, 2022, 3:50 PM

A former smoker from Florida who obtained a judgment of more than \$17.2 million against Philip Morris USA Inc. failed to prove fraud and must have her award cut to about \$4.6 million, the Eleventh Circuit said Thursday. A recent decision of the Florida Supreme Court requires tobacco plaintiffs to show they specifically relied on cigarette makers' health misrepresentations in order to succeed on fraud claims, Judge Gerald Bard Tjoflat said for the unanimous appellate panel. Donna Brown, who sued over her use of Marlboros, didn't do that, Tjoflat said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WJHL-CBS/ABC (Johnson City, TN): Prominent whistleblower group steps into JC police allegations, seeks additional information from people, Jeff Keeling, July 1, 2022, 9:33 PM

A prominent non-profit that aids whistleblowers is helping Kateri "Kat" Dahl in building two U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) whistleblower cases the former federal attorney filed regarding her firing and other alleged actions by the Johnson City Police Department (JCPD). Whistleblower Aid founder and chief disclosure officer John Tye a former government whistleblower himself told News Channel 11 Friday he helped Dahl make "lawful disclosures" to the DOJ's Office of Inspector General and the Public Integrity Section of its Civil Rights Division. [[Continue Reading](#)]

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Reuters: As business booms for people smugglers using trucks in Texas, risks grow, Ted Hesson, Laura Gottesdiener and Kristina Cooke, July 1, 2022. 1:26 PM

Months before dozens of migrants died inside a sweltering tractor-trailer this week that had slipped through a Border Patrol checkpoint on a Texas highway, another truck driver was making

the same journey carrying 52 migrants. Roderick DeWayne Chisley was stopped on December 17, 2021, driving a stolen rig on the I-35 highway, which runs north from Laredo to San Antonio. [...] Human smuggling by tractor-trailer has increased exponentially in the past decade, according to Craig Larrabee, an acting special agent in charge with the investigative arm of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Facebook Evidence Justly Squashed Asylum Case, BIA Says, Nicole Rosenthal, July 1, 2022, 6:45 PM

A Cameroonian man lost his bid for asylum after the U.S. Board of Immigration Appeals ruled that Facebook pictures posted while he was allegedly hiding from political adversaries without internet access... [[Continue Reading](#)]

Richmond Times-Dispatch (Richmond, VA): Customs shifts oversight of Virginia ports, airports to Baltimore, Michael Martz, July 1, 2022, 5:27 PM

Virginia further cemented its image as a mid-Atlantic state with the transfer of its maritime ports and airports to the oversight of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Baltimore instead of Atlanta. The shift, made during a ceremony on Friday in Norfolk, represents the first time in the homeland security agency's nearly 20-year history that it has transferred jurisdiction from one field office to another. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KVII-ABC/CW Plus. (Amarillo, TX): CBP: 37 migrants found in 5 vehicles that attempted to avoid DUI checkpoint in Deming, Fallon Fischer, July 2, 2022, 11:13 AM (EDT)

A total of 37 migrants were discovered in five different vehicles during a DUI checkpoint in Deming, New Mexico on June 24, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). New Mexico State Police authorities were conducting a temporary DUI traffic checkpoint on Highway 26 when officials saw vehicles trying to go around the checkpoint inspection, CBP stated in a news release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KVIA-ABC/CW Plus (El Paso, TX): Human smugglers locked migrants in toolboxes with no means of escape along El Paso sector, officials say, Kerry Mannix, July 1, 2022, 8:56 PM

U.S. Customs and Border Protection said Friday that agents from the U.S. Border Patrol El Paso Sector have intercepted 25 human smuggling events, rescuing 170 migrants, in the past week. This contributes to a total of more than 590 human smuggling incidents that have been intercepted by U.S. Border Patrol agents of the El Paso Sector since the start of the 2022 fiscal year. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSWB-Fox (San Diego, CA): Liquid meth discovered in gas tank during Border Patrol stop, Hope Sloop, July 1, 2022, 7:58 PM (EDT)

Officers with the United States Customs and Border Protection said Friday that they discovered liquid meth inside the gas tank of a vehicle stopped at an immigration checkpoint in Salton City. The arrest happened around 5:20 a.m. on July 1 when officers pulled over a 2003 Chevrolet Silverado at a checkpoint on State Route 86. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [KYMA-CBS/NBC \(Yuma, AZ\)](#)

ANTITRUST

Reuters: Indicted aerospace managers contest DOJ's no-hire antitrust charges, Mike Scarcella, June 30, 2022, 2:31 PM

Defense lawyers for six indicted aerospace executives and managers on Wednesday urged a Connecticut federal judge to dismiss novel criminal antitrust charges alleging they participated in a scheme to restrict employee hiring and recruitment. The defendants, including a former manager at Raytheon Technologies Corp subsidiary Pratt & Whitney, were charged in December 2021 for their alleged roles in a long-running criminal conspiracy. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPO: With few options, Democrats turn to FTC to protect abortion data, Cristiano Lima and Aaron Schaffer, July 1, 2022, 8:58 AM

President Biden and Democratic lawmakers are urging the Federal Trade Commission to take greater steps to protect data related to abortions – a tacit acknowledgment that their hands are largely tied to respond to the privacy risks posed by the fall of *Roe v. Wade*. Biden is preparing a letter that will urge the agency to “bar unfair or deceptive practices related to the reporting, sharing, or sale of sensitive health-related information,” according to Bloomberg News – a bid to minimize how much data is available to law enforcement prosecuting abortions. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Forbes: FTC Goes After PBMs, Warns Of Legal Action, Joshua Cohen, July 2, 2022, 8:48 AM

Last month, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) voted unanimously (5-0) to examine rising list prices of insulin, but also to probe possible anti-competitive practices by pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) with respect to the use of rebate arrangements. Rebates are payments from drug manufacturers to PBMs in exchange for moving market share towards preferred products on the formulary. The FTC cites instances in which cheaper generics and biosimilars are excluded from PBM formularies, as this may violate competition and consumer protection laws. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Forbes: Major League Baseball’s Antitrust Exemption Once Again Faces Scrutiny On Capitol Hill, Christian Red, July 2, 2022, 7:00 AM

It was the oddest of odd couples on Capitol Hill in late 2001.[...] Earlier this month, Jonathan Kanter, the Assistant Attorney General for the Department of Justice’s Antitrust Division, signed a request which asked a federal court to limit baseball’s antitrust exemption, according to multiple reports. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Judge Says Stock Loan Antitrust Class Should Be Certified, Katryna Perera, July 1, 2022, 5:13 PM

A federal magistrate judge has called for the partial certification of a proposed class of investors who accused major banks including JPMorgan and Goldman Sachs of colluding to kill competition in the stock loan market, saying that the class meets all the necessary requirements.. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Monthly Merger Review Snapshot, Matthew Perlman, July 1, 2022, 4:51 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice moved to block a defense contractor deal while the Federal Trade Commission forced the abandonment of two hospital system mergers and reached settlements with a private equity firm over a pair of veterinary chain acquisitions. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Nasdaq Stock Market (New York City, NY): Booz Allen Disagrees With U.S. DoJ's Characterization Of Proposed EverWatch Deal, Unattributed, June 30, 2022, 10:47 PM (EDT)

Booz Allen Hamilton Holding Corp. (BAH) said Thursday that it strongly disagreed with the U.S. Department of Justice's characterization of the proposed \$440 million, approximately 500-person EverWatch Corp transaction. Booz Allen believe the acquisition would bring together two companies with complementary capabilities to support its collective national security interests and would enhance competition overall in an industry that is highly competitive. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Technology: Justice seeks to stop Booz Allen's Everwatch acquisition, Nick Wakeman and Ross Wilkers, June 30, 2022, 10:00 PM

Booz Allen Hamilton's acquisition of Everwatch is being challenged by the Justice Department, which has filed a lawsuit to block that \$440 million transaction because of antitrust concerns. Booz Allen has been a long-time provider of signals intelligence modeling and simulation services to the National Security Agency. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Meat and Poultry (Kansas City, MO): Sanderson Farms acquisition by Cargill, Continental Grain delayed, Ryan McCarthy, June 30, 2022, 9:59 PM

In a recent 8-K filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Sanderson Farms acknowledged that the company's proposed joint venture would not be completed during the first half of 2022. The agreement between Continental Grain Co., and Cargill to acquire Sanderson Farms for \$4.5 billion was first announced in August 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FedScoop (Washington, DC): Department of Justice sues Booz Allen to block proposed EverWatch acquisition, Nihal Krishan, June 30, 2022, 9:55 PM

The Justice Department filed an antitrust lawsuit Wednesday to block technology consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton from a proposed acquisition due to fears that the merger could create a monopoly bidder for National Security Agency defense contracts. The Justice Department filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland alleging that Booz Allen's proposed acquisition of EverWatch, a subsidiary of EC Defense Holdings, would directly threaten competition for government contracts that provide operational modeling and simulation services to the NSA. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FCW (Vienna, VA): DOJ sues to block spy tech deal, Adam Mazmanian, June 30, 2022, 8:55 PM

The Department of Justice filed a civil antitrust lawsuit on Wednesday to block Booz Allen Hamilton's planned acquisition of signals intelligence vendor EverWatch because of competition concerns. The two firms were rivals in a planned National Security Agency services procurement called Optimal Decision. "The two companies are the only competitors for this project, and if the merger is not quickly blocked, NSA and American taxpayers likely will be harmed in the form of higher prices, lower quality, and less innovation for this crucial service," the Justice Department stated in its filing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Just Food: Sanderson Farms warns of further delay to under-scrutiny Wayne Farms merger, Andy Coyne, June 30, 2022, 8:45 PM

US poultry major Sanderson Farms has advised the market its planned merger with local peer Wayne Farms is likely to be further delayed. The move was intended to follow the sale of Sanderson Farms to agri-food giant Cargill and investor Continental Grain Co. but that deal is being examined by the US government over concerns about what it might mean for competition in the sector. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Business Journal (Arlington, VA): DOJ sues to block Booz Allen's acquisition of EverWatch, Drew Hansen, June 30, 2022, 3:29 PM (EDT)

The Justice Department alleges the deal would stifle competition for some signals intelligence work with the NSA. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Defense News (Tysons, VA): Booz Allen acquisition of defense firm EverWatch would harm NSA, US says, Colin Demarest, June 30, 01:48 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice filed an antitrust lawsuit against information technology consulting company Booz Allen Hamilton to block a planned acquisition, citing fears the purchase could harm the National Security Agency. In a complaint filed June 29 in a Maryland federal court, the U.S. alleged that the merger of Booz Allen and EverWatch Corp. would eliminate competition, harm taxpayers, and result in lower quality, less innovative services. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ExecutiveGov (Washington, DC): DOJ Files Lawsuit Against Booz Allen for Alleged Antitrust Violations in EverWatch Buy, Charles Lyons-Burt, June 30, 2022, 10:02 AM

The U.S. Department of Justice has filed a lawsuit against Booz Allen Hamilton in an effort to reverse the company's March-announced acquisition of data science, intelligence and cybersecurity contracting company EverWatch Corp. The civil antitrust lawsuit, which was published on Wednesday, alleges that the McLean, Virginia-headquartered firm strategically agreed to buy EverWatch to limit competition for an operational modeling and simulation services contract from the National Security Agency. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Defense Daily (Rockville, MD) : Justice Department Sues To Block Booz Allen's Acquisition Of EverWatch, Cal Biesecker, June 30, 2022, 8:49 AM

The Department of Justice on Wednesday said it is moving to block Booz Allen Hamilton's [BAH] proposed acquisition of the software and analytics company EverWatch, alleging the deal would eliminate competition for an intelligence community customer. A statement issued by the department Wednesday evening said that the two companies are the only competitors for an operational modeling and simulation services contract in support of the National Security Agency (NSA) and warned that even the acquisition agreement alone reduces competition because a new request for proposals is imminent. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTOP-FM (Washington, DC): DOJ sues to block Booz Allen's EverWatch acquisition, Jeff Clabaugh, June 30, 2022, 8:31 AM

The Department of Justice has filed an antitrust lawsuit to block Booz Allen Hamilton's planned acquisition of Reston, Virginia-based government cybersecurity contractor EverWatch. The DOJ contends the acquisition would eliminate competition between the only two competitors for a critical national security support service. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

Bloomberg Law: Martha's Vineyard Wind Project Suit Stumbles Over Notice Failure, Maya Earls, July 1, 2022, 2:36 PM

The owner of multiple solar facilities in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and other states failed to send a timely notice before proceeding with his legal challenge to the Vineyard Wind Project, a Massachusetts federal court ruled. Thomas Melone, who sued individually and on behalf of Allco Renewable Energy Ltd. and Allco Finance Ltd. asked the US District Court for the District of

Massachusetts to set aside the federal government's approvals of the offshore project near Martha's Vineyard. The approvals violated the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act and Endangered Species Act, among other federal environmental laws, according to the complaint. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Construction Co. Must Face Georgia Wetlands Pollution Suit, Clark Minddock, July 1, 2022, 1:58 PM

A construction company can't dodge potential responsibility for the dumping of dredge material into coastal Georgia wetlands without adequate permissions, despite its claims the violations occurred before the company became involved. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Wyoming Tribune Eagle (Cheyenne, WY): Groups sue over U.S. lease sale, Nicole Pollack, July 1, 2022, 6:06 PM (EDT)

A dozen environmental groups filed two separate lawsuits on Wednesday challenging the federal oil and gas lease sale underway in Wyoming. The sale is the state's first under President Joe Biden. Both lawsuits were filed less than a day after the Bureau of Land Management finalized its offerings. BLM is selling the rights to use roughly 170 parcels spanning about 144,000 acres across the West. The bulk of the prospective leases 123 parcels and close to 120,000 acres are in Wyoming. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

CBS: North Bay woman sentenced for embezzling from employers, tax evasion, Unattributed, July 1, 2022

A Petaluma woman has been sentenced to federal prison after pleading guilty to embezzling hundreds of thousands of dollars from her employers, along with tax evasion. According to U.S. Attorney Stephanie Hinds' office, 48-year-old Stephanie Simontacchi was sentenced to 29 months in prison in connection with the schemes. Simontacchi has also been ordered to pay \$821,525.52 in restitution. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Top Federal Tax Cases Of 2022: Midyear Report, David van den Berg, July 1, 2022, 1:54 PM

Tax regulations' compliance with administrative law was a major theme in notable federal tax decisions in the first half of 2022, while the U.S. Supreme Court revived a law firm's day-late... [[Continue Reading](#)]

WWL-CBS (New Orleans, LA): Former lawyer from DA Jason Williams' private law firm charged with tax crimes, David Hammer, July 1, 2022, 5:15 PM

Orleans District Attorney Jason Williams goes to trial on federal tax-fraud charges two weeks from Monday. Today, one of the DA's former employees was in federal court, facing his own tax charges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

AP: FBI subpoenas Republican Arizona Senate president's records, Bob Christie and Jonathan J. Cooper, July 1, 2022, 6:48 PM

FBI agents looking into events surrounding former President Donald Trump's efforts to overturn

his 2020 election loss have subpoenaed Arizona Senate President Karen Fann, who orchestrated a discredited review of the election. A second Republican senator who has aggressively promoted the lie that Trump lost because of fraud, Kelly Townsend, also received a subpoena last week, Senate spokeswoman Kin Quintero confirmed. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [NBC](#), [WaPo](#)

WSJ: Suspect in Cyclist's Killing Arrested in Costa Rica After 43 Days on the Run, Alyssa Lukpat, July 1, 2022, 3:18 PM

The woman suspected of fatally shooting an elite cyclist in May was arrested in Costa Rica after 43 days on the run, according to police and federal authorities. [...] Officers from the U.S. Marshals Service, the Homeland Security Department and the State Department, working with authorities in Costa Rica, located and arrested Ms. Armstrong on Wednesday at a hostel on a Costa Rica beach, the agency said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Fox: Texas man arrested after making 'terrorist threat' toward Supreme Court, Adam Sabes, July 1, 2022, 9:08 PM

A man in Texas was arrested after he allegedly made a "terrorist threat" toward the Supreme Court following the decision to overturn Roe v. Wade. Mikeal Archambault, 20, was arrested on June 25 by The Colony Police Department in Texas after allegedly making a "terrorist threat" toward the Supreme Court online on Twitter. [...] "TCPD was contacted by the FBI regarding on-line Twitter threats toward the Supreme Court. In conjunction with the FBI, TCPD Criminal Investigative Division conducted an investigation and obtained probable cause for an arrest warrant. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CBS](#)

KHON-Fox/CW (Honolulu, HI): Are you a victim? FBI looking for 'Cryptoqueen', Chelsee Yee, July 1, 2022, 10:53 PM (EDT)

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is offering a \$100,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of Ruja Ignatova, who's better known as the "Cryptoqueen." Ignatova is on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted Fugitives list: accused defrauding investors of billions of dollars in a scheme that began around 2014. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KSHB-NBC (Kansas City, MO): FBI educates businesses on how to avoid cyberattacks during Fourth of July weekend, Bryant Maddrick, July 1, 2022, 7:37 PM (EDT)

The FBI reports cyberattacks are on the rise and now the agency is educating businesses on what to look out for to avoid becoming a victim. "We're just seeing it continue to be a profitable way for cyber criminals to victimize people and get money," said Charles Dayoub with the FBI. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

AP: Judge: Arizona violates prisoners' rights with poor care, Jacques Billeaud, July 1, 2022, 11:14 PM

A judge ruled Arizona has been violating the constitutional rights of incarcerated people in state-run prisons by providing them with inadequate medical and mental health care, saying the state has known about the problem for years but refused to correct its failures. In a blistering verdict Thursday, U.S. District Judge Roslyn Silver concluded the state's inaction showed it is acting with "deliberate indifference" to the risks of inadequate care and said the state has adopted a health care system for prisoners that has led to preventable deaths. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

US SUPREME COURT

AP: ‘Revolutionary’ high court term on abortion, guns and more, Mark Sherman, July 2, 2022, 12:55 AM

Abortion, guns and religion – a major change in the law in any one of these areas would have made for a fateful Supreme Court term. In its first full term together, the court’s conservative majority ruled in all three and issued other significant decisions limiting the government’s regulatory powers. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: Green investors to step up pressure on U.S. utilities after court ruling, Ross Kerber, July 1, 2022, 4:50 PM

Activist investment leaders who have urged U.S. companies to cut carbon emissions said on Friday they expect more such efforts following a milestone U.S. Supreme Court ruling on Thursday that diminished the power of federal environmental regulators. By constraining the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s authority to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from coal- and gas-fired power plants, the court put responsibility on investors looking to slow climate change, said Andrew Behar, chief executive of the nonprofit group As You Sow, which often files shareholder resolutions. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

AP: Court leaves dwindling paths for Biden’s climate mission, Ellen Knickmeyer, July 1, 2022, 4:19 PM

More than 500 days into his presidency, Joe Biden’s hope for saving the Earth from the most devastating effects of climate change may not quite be dead. But it’s not far from it. A Supreme Court ruling Thursday not only limited the Environmental Protection Agency’s ability to regulate climate pollution by power plants but also suggests the court is poised to block other efforts by Biden and federal agencies to limit the climate-wrecking fumes emitted by oil, gas and coal. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: Analysis: After abortion, conservative U.S. justices take aim at other precedents, Lawrence Hurley, July 1, 2022, 2:57 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court’s conservative majority has shown in its blockbuster abortion ruling and other high-profile decisions in recent days that it is fearless when it comes to overturning - and even ignoring - historic precedents. And the conservative justices, with a 6-3 majority, may just be getting started, even as their current term came to a close on Thursday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: Explainer: How the conservative Supreme Court is reshaping U.S. law, Lawrence Hurley and Andrew Chung, July 1, 2022, 2:57 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court’s most consequential term in decades, with blockbuster rulings on abortion, guns, religion and climate change policy, illustrated how its expanded conservative majority is willing to boldly use its power with far-reaching impacts on American society. Democratic President Joe Biden’s appointment of Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, sworn in on Thursday to replace retiring fellow liberal Justice Stephen Breyer on Thursday, does not change the court’s ideological balance, with a 6-3 conservative majority. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

LAT: [OPINION] Opinion: Has the Supreme Court become a legal ‘vending machine’ for the right?, Paul Thornton, July 2, 2022, 7:00 AM (EDT)

Good morning. I’m Paul Thornton, and it is Saturday, July 2, 2022. Let’s look back at the week in

Opinion. How much worse can it get at the U.S. Supreme Court? Last week the justices came perilously close to rock bottom with three decisions upending precedent and “deeply rooted” laws, culminating in the outright reversal of Roe vs. Wade (as opposed to simply letting the 15-week Mississippi abortion ban stand, which would have been bad enough). [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: [OPINION] Opinion A new Supreme Court case threatens another body blow to our democracy, Leah Litman, Kate Shaw and Carolyn Shapiro, July 2, 2022, 7:00 AM

When the Supreme Court overruled Roe v. Wade, the justices in the majority insisted they were merely returning the issue of abortion to the democratic process. But a case the court has announced it will hear in its October term could make that democratic process a lot less democratic. With that case, Moore v. Harper, the justices will review a North Carolina Supreme Court decision holding that the state constitution prohibits extreme partisan gerrymanders. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: With sweep and speed, Supreme Court’s conservatives ignite a new era, Robert Barnes, July 2, 2022, 6:00 AM

The avalanche of change achieved by the Supreme Court’s conservative majority this term spans the breadth of American life, and its work draws comparisons to the most momentous decisions in the court’s history. Its signature moment — erasing the constitutional right to abortion extended by the court nearly 50 years ago in Roe v. Wade — would have been enough to highlight the term. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: Spurred by the Supreme Court, a Nation Divides Along a Red-Blue Axis, Jonathan Weisman, July 2, 2022, 5:00 AM

Pressed by Supreme Court decisions diminishing rights that liberals hold dear and expanding those cherished by conservatives, the United States appears to be drifting apart into separate nations, with diametrically opposed social, environmental and health policies. Call these the Disunited States. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: Supreme Court marshal asks Md. leaders to enforce anti-picketing laws, Jasmine Hilton and Ann E. Marimow, July 2, 2022, 12:07 AM

The Supreme Court’s chief security officer has penned letters requesting that top Maryland officials direct police to enforce laws “that squarely prohibit picketing at the homes of Supreme Court Justices” following weeks of protests outside their houses in Montgomery County. In two separate letters reviewed by The Washington Post, one addressed to Gov. Larry Hogan (R) and another to Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich (D), Supreme Court Marshal Gail Curley says protests and “threatening activity” has increased since May at justices’ homes in Maryland. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: Democracy advocates raise alarm after Supreme Court takes election case, Colby Itzkowitz and Isaac Stanley-Becker, July 1, 2022, 7:05 PM

Voting rights advocates expressed alarm Friday, a day after the U.S. Supreme Court said it will consider a conservative legal theory giving state legislatures virtually unchecked power over federal elections, warning that it could erode basic tenets of American democracy. The idea, known as the “independent legislature theory,” represents to some theorists a literal reading of the Constitution. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WSJ: [EDITORIAL] A Court for the Constitution, Editorial Board, July 1, 2022, 6:45 PM

A funny thing happened on the way to the supposedly partisan Supreme Court finishing its term: It ruled for the Biden Administration on immigration. Somehow that case isn't making the dastardly hit list of those eager to declare that the Court is now "illegitimate," but the Justices applied the law regardless of the policy and decided for the executive branch. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: [EDITORIAL] The Supreme Court Upholds Biden's Border Blunder, Editorial Board, July 1, 2022, 6:38 PM

Progressives upset with the Supreme Court's recent rulings are quick to call it partisan. But then how do they explain the Court's decision to uphold a Biden immigration policy despite valid concerns about chaos at the border? In *Biden v. Texas* on Thursday, the Court voted 5-4 to uphold the President's decision to cancel the Remain in Mexico policy. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [New Yorker](#)

WSJ: Supreme Court Climate Ruling Adds Obstacles to SEC Policies, Jan Wolfe, Amara Omeokwe, and Andrew Ackerman, July 1, 2022, 5:30 PM

The Supreme Court's decision to curb the Environmental Protection Agency's powers could provide legal ammunition for challenges to financial regulations envisioned by the Securities and Exchange Commission and other agencies. The SEC is regarded by legal analysts as an obvious target for challenges employing the logic in the EPA case. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [LAT](#)

WSJ: [OPINION] The Conservative Supreme Court Has Arrived, Nicholas Tomaino, July 1, 2022, 4:28 PM

Josh Hawley of Missouri came to bury originalism, not to praise it and he was wrong. "It represents the end of the conservative legal movement," he said on the Senate floor two years ago, referring to a decision by Justice Neil Gorsuch that redefined "sex discrimination" to protect gay and transgender employees. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: [EDITORIAL] The Supreme Court Sabotages Efforts to Protect Public Health and Safety, Editorial Board, July 1, 2022, 3:01 PM

On Thursday, the Supreme Court's conservative majority, with its 6-3 ruling in the case of *West Virginia v. Environmental Protection Agency*, curtailed the power of the agency to protect the environment, and specifically to require the reductions in emissions that are urgently necessary to limit global warming. The court's ruling constrains any effort to tighten restrictions on carbon dioxide emissions from power plants. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: A Transformative Term at the Most Conservative Supreme Court in Nearly a Century, Adam Liptak, July 1, 2022, 12:11 PM

The Supreme Court moved relentlessly to the right in its first full term with a six-justice conservative majority, issuing far-reaching decisions that will transform American life. It eliminated the constitutional right to abortion, recognized a Second Amendment right to carry guns outside the home, made it harder to address climate change and expanded the role of religion in public life. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Justice Thomas rises: A monumental Supreme Court term's rightward shift shows no sign of slowing, Bill Mears and Shannon Bream, July 2, 2022, 6:52 AM

Justice Clarence Thomas celebrated his 74th birthday last week with a gift he delivered himself authoring the majority opinion in a gun rights case that will have nationwide implications. It was the capstone to a monumental, but splintered term that saw the 6-3 conservative majority prevail

on a bounty of hot-button issues and building momentum to a dramatic rightward shift that shows no sign of slowing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fox: Politico issues correction after falsely claiming Clarence Thomas promoted COVID vaccine-aborted fetus theory, Joseph A. Wulfsohn, July 1, 2022, 7:37 PM

Politico issued a correction after critics called out media outlets for erroneously attributing a theory about the COVID vaccine to Justice Clarence Thomas. On Thursday, the Supreme Court announced that it would not hear a case challenging New York's vaccine mandate. In 2021, a group of anonymous healthcare workers filed a lawsuit against the state claiming that taking the vaccine would violate their religious beliefs. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CNN: Supreme Court makes it clear there's a red America and a blue America, Ariane de Vogue, July 2, 2022, 12:08 AM

The US Supreme Court ended its most explosive term in decades this week deeply split along ideological lines, surfacing two different visions of America and the Constitution. The nine justices, in the cases that most captured the country's attention, mirrored the rest of the nation at a perilous moment as they issued opinions with irreconcilable views on reproductive health, religion, gun rights and the environment. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: The Sharpest Dissents From The Supreme Court Term, Cara Bayles, July 1, 2022, 5:18 PM

Most of this term's U.S. Supreme Court dissents came from its left-leaning justices, who accused the conservative majority of voting politically, flouting decades of precedent and harming the legitimacy of the... [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: US Court Ruling May Take 70,000 Truckers Off Road, Spur Jams (1), Ana Monteiro, July 1, 2022, 5:07 PM

A US Supreme Court decision that could force California's 70,000 truck owner-operators to stop driving is set to create another choke point in already-stressed West Coast logistics networks, a truckers' organization said. "Gasoline has been poured on the fire that is our ongoing supply-chain crisis," the California Trucking Association said in a statement following the Supreme Court's decision to deny a judicial review of a decision of a lower court, a process known as certiorari. [[Continue Reading](#)]

New Yorker: What Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson Can Do on a Radical-Right Court, Amy Davidson Sorkin, July 1, 2022, 5:44 PM

The swearing-in ceremony that, on Thursday, elevated Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court was a spectacle of both power and powerlessness. Her constitutional oath, which is required of all federal officials, was administered by Chief Justice John Roberts. He is supposed to be a leader for the Court, but he doesn't seem to have much sway with its five conservative or, to be more accurate, radical-right members. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Supreme Court's Term of Tumult Ends With Guns, Roe, Protests (1), Greg Stohr, July 1, 2022, 4:11 PM

The US Supreme Court moved boldly in its first full term with three Donald Trump appointees, delivering far-reaching rulings on guns, religion and federal regulatory power along with a historic decision that eliminated the constitutional right to abortion. It was a term laden with tumult: the

unprecedented leak of a draft abortion opinion, signs of friction among the justices, an alleged assassination attempt, and public anger that culminated with protesters arrested outside a fenced-in court as the newest justice was inside being sworn in. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg Law: [AUDIO] Blockbuster Term Ends, Jackson Joins and Makes History (PODCAST), Kimberly Strawbridge Robinson and Lydia Wheeler, July 1, 2022, 3:04 PM

The US Supreme Court is finished with its blockbuster term but the focus is already shifting to the next one, with Ketanji Brown Jackson now sworn-in as the first Black woman justice. Jackson comes aboard following a supercharged nine months that included her confirmation to replace the now-retired Stephen Breyer. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg Law: Goodwin Walls Off Jackson's Brother-in-Law From High Court Cases, Roy Strom, July1, 2022, 2:49 PM

Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson's brother-in-law will not receive income from his law firm Goodwin Procter's work on cases in the US Supreme Court, the firm told the court Thursday. William Jackson is a partner in Goodwin's Washington office, where he focuses on health care and life sciences litigation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bloomberg Law: High Court Urged to Allow SEC Judge Challenges in District Court, Jennifer Bennett, July 1, 2022, 2:28 PM

People challenging the constitutionality of the SEC's in-house judges should be able to go straight to federal district court without completing an internal agency review process first, a CPA told the US Supreme Court. Michelle Cochran in her Thursday opening brief asked the high court to affirm an appellate decision in her favor, where the en banc US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ruled that federal district courts have jurisdiction to hear structural constitutional challenges to the Securities and Exchange Commission's administrative law judges. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

US News & World: Supreme Court Standing Slips as Politics Creeps Onto the Bench, Susan Milligan, July 1, 2022, 2:00 PM

There's something calculatingly reassuring about the matching black robes donned by members of the Supreme Court. The jurists may have come from different backgrounds and been appointed by presidents of different parties and ideologies. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

JUDICIAL NOMINEES & APPOINTMENTS

Bloomberg Law: Biden's Possible Pick of Anti-Abortion Judge Outrages Left (1), Madison Alder, July1, 2022, 5:13 PM

Rep. John Yarmuth (D-Ky.) said he was completely blindsided by White House plans to nominate anti-abortion Republican Chad Meredith to a federal trial court seat in his state. The possibility of nominating Meredith stunned progressives unhappy about the pace of Biden judicial nominations. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

AP: Experts: US Court fractures decades of Native American law, Felicia Fonseca and Lindsay Whitehurst, July 1, 2022, 3:40 PM

A U.S. Supreme Court ruling expanding state authority to prosecute some crimes on Native American land is fracturing decades of law built around the hard-fought principle that tribes have the right to govern themselves on their own territory, legal experts say. The Wednesday ruling is a marked departure from federal Indian law and veers from the push to increase tribes' ability to prosecute all crimes on reservations regardless of who is involved. It also cast tribes as part of states, rather than the sovereign nations they are, infuriating many across Indian Country.

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WaPo: [OPINION] Opinion The Supreme Court strikes again — this time at tribal sovereignty, Gregory Ablavsky and Elizabeth Hidalgo Reese, July 1, 2022, 7:00 AM

The 5-to-4 decision, released Wednesday, blunts the effects of the court's 2020 ruling in *McGirt v. Oklahoma*, which reinforced that much of Oklahoma was, legally, Indian country, where many crimes were beyond the reach of the state and its laws. With its new, sweeping ruling, the court reinstates a piece of Oklahoma's pre-*McGirt* power over this territory by upending the law on reservations throughout the country. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Wash. Tribe Loses Latest Bid For Federal Recognition, Caleb Symons, July 1, 2022, 7:36 PM

A federal judge in Washington, D.C., rejected the Pilchuck Nation's latest attempt to gain formal recognition, saying the Washington State tribe has not exhausted its nonlegal options because it never sought that status through an official process overseen by the Bureau of Indian..[\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Free Press (Mankato, Minnesota): Supreme Court members bent on stripping rights, Maggie Dimock North Mankato, July 2, 2022, 6:04 AM

Following the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, the U.S. Supreme Court has decided to further strip us of our rights this absolutely must stop. One of the acts on their chopping block is the Indian Child Welfare Act (1978). This act protects indigenous children from being taken away, such as they were during the Sixties Scoop, and helps maintain tribal sovereignty (which is the law of the land and codified in the Constitution). [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Tahlequah Daily Press (Tahlequah, OK): POLITICAL ROUNDUP: Legislators agree Castro-Huerta may worsen divisions, Brian D. King, July 1, 2022, 3:51 PM

On June 29, the U.S. Supreme Court scaled back its 2020 *McGirt v. Oklahoma* decision by ruling in favor of Oklahoma in *Castro-Huerta v. Oklahoma*. The move has prompted local lawmakers and party and tribal leaders to address what effects the ruling will have within the Cherokee Nation reservation. The ruling will require that crimes committed by non-Native Americans on tribal land be tried in state courts, rather than tribal courts.[\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KFGO (Fargo, ND): ND Native Vote, former U.S. Attorney: SCOTUS ruling violates tribal sovereignty, Tasha Carvell, July 1, 2022, 12:09 PM

Among the controversial decisions issued recently by the U.S. Supreme Court, one that didn't get as much attention was *Oklahoma vs. Castro-Huerta*, which ruled the state could prosecute non-Native people who commit crimes against Native victims on tribal land. But Native rights advocacy groups and a former U.S. attorney say the ruling is one of grave concern. Nicole Donaghy is the director of North Dakota Native Vote. She says the decision undermines over a century of legal precedent and fears it will lead to the erosion of tribal sovereignty in other areas such as environmental regulation and child welfare. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

Cannabis Business Times: **Midyear Cannabis Update: 4 Industry Trends to Watch**, Melissa Schiller, July 1, 2022, 4:27 PM

It's been another eventful year for the cannabis industry, from the House passing the Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement (MORE) Act for the second time, to a federal appeals court ruling that delta-8 THC is legal under the 2018 Farm Bill, to lawmakers once again failing to approve banking reform. Here, Jonathan Havens, co-chair of Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr's Cannabis Law Practice and chair of the firm's Food, Beverage and Agribusiness Practice, shares the biggest developments he's seen so far in 2022, as well as which industry trends stakeholders should watch during the second half of the year. [[Continue Reading](#)]

High Times: **North Carolina Gov. Signs Bill Marking Legal Hemp Permanent**, Thomas Edward, July 1, 2022, 4:25 PM

Hemp is now permanently legal in North Carolina thanks to a bill signed into law by the state's governor. The legislation was one of three measures signed on Thursday by Gov. Roy Cooper, a Democrat. As written, the bill will permanently remove hemp from the state's list of controlled substances, which brings North Carolina in line with federal law. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WCAX-CBS (Burlington, VT): **When will there be legalization of Cannabis nationwide?**, Adam Sullivan, July 2, 2022, 6:37 AM

The Chair of Vermont's Cannabis Control Board says legalization at the federal level is inevitable. Currently, 37 states have legalized the use of medical marijuana and the United States House has passed a "Safe Banking" bill several times. It gives protections to federally chartered banks connected to the industry. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KOIN-CBS (Portland, OR): **Cannabis businesses targeted for cash, OLCC makes congressional plea**, Gabby Urenda, July 1, 2022, 6:43 PM (EDT)

The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission sent a letter to each of Oregon's congressional representatives calling for the urgent need to take away federal barriers that prevent legal cannabis businesses from acquiring banking services. According to an announcement by OLCC, outdated federal barriers to banking continue to severely impact the legal cannabis industry in Oregon and nationwide. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

Reuters: **Biden predicts states will try to arrest women who travel for abortions**, Jeff Mason and Rami Ayyub, July 1, 2022, 10:20 PM

President Joe Biden predicted on Friday that some U.S. states will try to arrest women for crossing state lines to get abortions after the Supreme Court overturned the constitutional right to the procedures nationwide. Thirteen Republican-led states banned or severely restricted the procedure under so-called "trigger laws" after the court struck down the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling last week. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: **Kerry: Despite setbacks at home, US to make climate goals**, Ellen Knickmeyer, July 1, 2022, 6:10 PM

U.S. climate envoy John Kerry said Friday that setbacks for President Joe Biden's climate efforts at home have "slowed the pace" of some of the commitments from other countries to cut climate-wrecking fossil fuels, but he insisted the U.S. would still achieve its own ambitious climate goals in time. [...] Kerry, Biden's climate negotiator abroad, said he had not talked to foreign counterparts since the Supreme Court ruling, which some climate scientists called a gut punch and a disaster. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: Biles, Rapinoe among Presidential Medal of Freedom recipients, Amy Tennery, July 1, 2022, 5:54 PM

Four-times gymnastics Olympic gold medallist Simone Biles and twice soccer World Cup winner Megan Rapinoe are among 17 people set to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest United States' civilian honour, the White House said on Friday. The honour, awarded to those who have made "exemplary contributions" to the United States, global peace or other endeavors, will be presented on July 7. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [ABC](#), [AP](#), [Axios](#), [BuzzFeed](#), [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [Fox](#), [The Guardian](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [PBS](#), [Politico](#), [USA Today](#), [WSJ](#), [Washington Examiner](#), [WaPo](#)

Reuters: Palestinians pin scant hope on Biden visit after setbacks under Trump, Nidal Al-Mughrabi and Ali Sawafta, July 1, 2022, 3:28 PM

As the United States strives to boost defence ties between Israel and Arab states, Palestinians await with increasing gloom the first visit of President Joe Biden after what they see as a string of broken promises by Washington. Requests for the reopening of the U.S. consulate in Jerusalem, closed by former President Donald Trump, or lifting the classification of the Palestine Liberation Organization as a terrorist organisation have gone unheard, Palestinians say. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: Manchin, Sinema dash Biden hopes for filibuster change on abortion rights, Trevor Hunnicutt, Nandita Bose and Andrea Shalal, July 1, 2022, 2:59 PM

President Joe Biden on Thursday proposed that U.S. senators remove a legislative roadblock to restoring abortion rights that were taken away by the Supreme Court last week, a suggestion that was shot down by aides to key Democratic lawmakers. Biden's proposal to temporarily lift the Senate "filibuster" was rejected by aides to Democratic senators Kyrsten Sinema and Joe Manchin. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: Biden opens door to more offshore drilling, despite earlier climate vow, Dino Grandoni, Tyler Pager and Maxine Joselow, July 1, 2022, 9:12 PM

President Biden's administration opened the door Friday to more offshore oil and gas drilling in federal waters over the next five years, setting a potential course for future U.S. fossil fuel extraction just a day after suffering a major climate setback at the Supreme Court. The proposed program for offshore drilling between 2023 and 2028 would ban exploration off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Bloomberg Law](#), [Fox](#), [LAT](#), [NYT](#), [WSJ](#)

WSJ: [OPINION] Joe Biden Wants to Nuke the Filibuster (Again), Potomac Watch, July 1, 2022, 6:43 PM

The President is calling for an "exception" to the Senate's filibuster to codify abortion rights, and he previously said the same thing about voting legislation. Doesn't he think Republicans will return the favor when they retake power? Plus, the Supreme Court ends its term with rulings on the "Remain in Mexico" policy and Native American reservations in Oklahoma. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WaPo: Biden acknowledges there aren't enough votes to change the filibuster on abortion, John Wagner, July 1, 2022, 4:33 PM

Today, President Biden acknowledged that there are not enough votes in the Senate to make an exception in Senate filibuster rules so that Democrats could write abortion protections into law with a simple majority in the chamber. His comments came at the outset of a virtual meeting with Democratic governors in which Biden said the focus now should be on electing more supporters of abortion rights this year. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NPR](#), [US News & World](#)

WSJ: U.S.-China Competition Zeroes In on Growth, Lingling Wei, July 1, 2022, 3:11 PM

Two leaders who both face domestic economic challenges are shifting some of the focus of their Great Power competition to a race over whose country's growth is stronger. Over the past month, President Biden twice publicly stated that the U.S. economy might grow faster this year than China's for the first time since 1976. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: Hochul Pushes Biden to Embrace Abortion Services on Federal Land, Akayla Gardner and Justin Sink, July 1, 2022, 2:30 PM

New York Governor Kathy Hochul urged President Joe Biden to consider providing abortions to the public on federal property in states that ban the procedure -- a proposal the White House has dismissed as untenable. "We'd ask that you'd consider your ability to use federal facilities," Hochul told Biden on Friday during a White House brainstorming session with Democratic governors aimed at identifying options for protecting women's access to abortion. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NPR: [AUDIO] Biden's Climate Response, Transparency For Health Insurers, Brittney Griner Trial, July 2, 2022 7:27 AM

The Supreme Court's ruling on the EPA alters the Biden Administration's climate strategy. (0:57) Health insurers must now publicize the prices they pay hospitals and doctors' offices for services. (4:52) And, the trial in Russia that will decide Brittney Griner's fate is underway. The WNBA star has been detained for more than four months. (8:43) [[Listen](#)]

Washington Examiner: Biden's border messaging can't compete with cartel-hyped reality of 1M migrant releases, Anna Giaritelli, July 2, 2022, 5:15 AM

The Biden administration's "do not come" message to migrants abroad isn't achieving results nearly a year and a half later. For nearly 18 months, President Joe Biden has been unable to convince migrants outside the United States not to cross the southern border illegally but not for lack of trying, the White House has argued. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Suicide Hotline 'Won't Work Well' Without State Help, HHS Says, Ian Lopez, July 1, 2022, 2:41 PM

The Biden administration's national suicide hotline rollout will need state governments to play a strong hand to be a success, Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra said Friday. July 16 is the date the US National Suicide Prevention Hotline will begin its shift to its new 988 number. [[Continue Reading](#)]

San Diego Union-Tribune: [EDITORIAL] OPINION] Opinion: Supreme Court's EPA ruling will hamper U.S. climate emergency response. But there is hope., Editorial Board, July 1, 2022, 6:54 PM (EDT)

Day in and day out, the evidence that the climate emergency has arrived keeps piling up. Wildfire threats, rising sea levels, extreme heat, shrinking ice masses at the poles and water shortages are all expected to intensify for decades to come. [[Continue Reading](#)]

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- Forty-eight Million people are expected to travel this July 4th holiday weekend despite pandemic aftershocks, record high gas prices, higher airfares, fewer flights, and staffing shortages. Severe weather caused a ripple effect on flights with more than 5K flights delayed and another 500 canceled. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- This holiday weekend , more than 50 million Americans are threatened by severe weather across the country. Severe thunderstorms are expected across Washington, New York and Boston; tropical disturbances are expected for North Carolina and Louisiana and a storm front draping across the Great Lakes is moving towards the North East with heat, humidity, large hail, damaging winds, and tornado warnings. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Prestonsburg Police officers William Petry, and Ralph Frasure, as well as a police canine were killed while others were wounded when Lance Storz used a rifle to fire multiple rounds at officers at his residence in Allen, Kentucky, as police attempted to serve a warrant. Storz surrendered after negotiations that included Storz's family members and was arraigned Friday morning by a judge in Pike County. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Russia conducted a deadly missile attack in the middle of the night on sleeping residents in the Odessa region of Ukraine. At least 29 people are dead with 39 wounded, this as WNBA star Brittney Griner's trial in Moscow begins for Hashish oil vape cartridges found in her luggage. [[ABC](#), [CBS-1](#), [CBS-2](#), [NBC](#)]
- President Biden met with 10 democratic governors trying to protect abortion rights after the Supreme Court overruled Roe v. Wade. Biden told the governors, the fight, "is not over" while warning over a possible Nationwide ban on abortions if Republicans gain control of Congress. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Addison Bethea survived a shark attack in 5 feet of water while fishing for scallops at Keaton Beach, Florida . Addison was saved by her brother, firefighter Rhett Willingham, pulled off the 9 ft. shark and applied a tourniquet to stem her bleeding. Officials advise using common sense, swimming in groups, avoiding swimming at night, and taking lifeguard warnings seriously. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]

- Six weeks after the mass shooting in Uvalde, Texas family members continue to look for answers. Officials insist they have no answers as the investigation of the shooting continues. [[ABC](#)]
- A portion of a CBS Investigative series, Crime without Punishment was aired. Police in Chicago use a procedure called “Exceptional Clearance” as a way of clearing a case even if justice for the families of crime victims are not served. [[CBS](#)]

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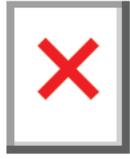
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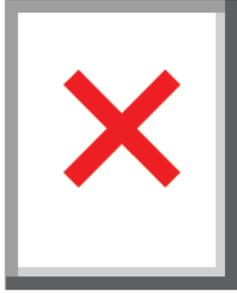
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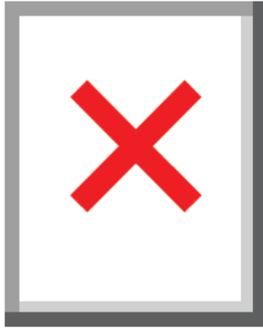
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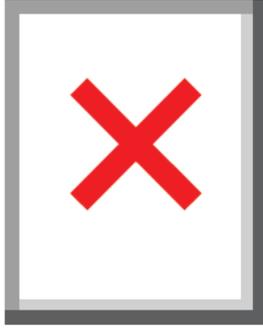
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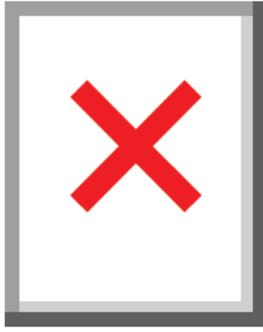
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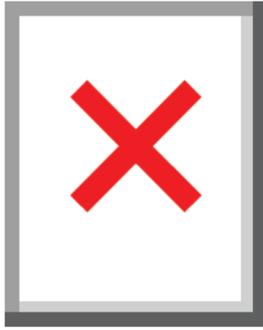
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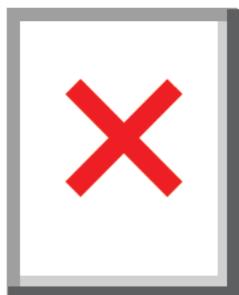
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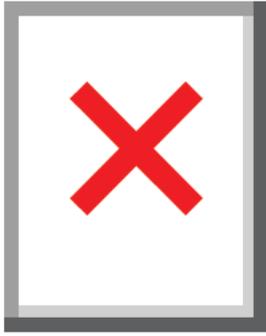


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Situational awareness: Rep. Liz Cheney (R-Wyo.) will face off in a primary debate against her Trump-backed opponent and three other challengers tonight at 9pm ET. [C-SPAN stream](#).

1 big thing: Attack-resistant Dems



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Republican strategists have discovered a problem: Personal attacks on two of the most vulnerable Democratic senators are falling flat because of their likability, *Axios Atlanta's Emma Hurt and Axios Phoenix's Jeremy Duda report*:

- Sen. Raphael Warnock (D-Ga.) is the pastor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Ebenezer Baptist Church.
- Sen. Mark Kelly (D-Ariz.) is a former astronaut and the husband of former Rep. Gabby Giffords, a gun control activist who survived an assassination attempt in 2011.

Why it matters: In a broadly unfavorable national environment for Democrats, control of the Senate may rest on a pair of incumbents with two of the most compelling backstories in politics.

- That's prompted the GOP to change tack: The National Republican Senatorial Committee is now spending

most of its money trying to tie Warnock and Kelly to President Biden and his dismal [approval rating](#).

- "Whatever you think of them as people — you may like Mark Kelly, you may like Raphael Warnock — they have interesting stories, personal biographies," Chris Hartline, the NRSC's director of communications, told Axios. "But the reality is they both went to Washington and became part of the problem."

Flashback: Republicans in Georgia unsuccessfully sought to [portray](#) Warnock as a "radical liberal socialist" in the 2020-21 special election, while also targeting his personal history by dredging up [old sermons](#) and taking a [2002 arrest out of context](#).

- In Arizona, Republicans hit Kelly over his [business record](#)— in [one NRSC ad](#), an animated astronaut dances as a narrator accuses Kelly of taking money from dangerous Chinese companies.
- That "attempt to sort of portray them as too liberal, extreme, shady cronies and whatever else, didn't cut through," Hartline acknowledged.

This year, the NRSC and other national Republican groups, including Senate leadership-aligned One Nation, are making a concerted effort to spend earlier in the cycle and hammer Democrats for supporting Biden at every opportunity.

- NRSC's [latest anti-Warnock ad](#) acknowledges his "inspirational" personal story but targets his record as a senator voting with Biden 95% of the time.
- [Ads against Kelly](#) seek to undermine his nonpartisan persona and tie him to Biden on inflation and [illegal immigration](#).

The other side: Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee communications director David Bergstein said Kelly and Warnock's identities transcend the national climate — pointing out that the two candidates both outperformed Biden in the last election.

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2. New juice for DeSantis '24

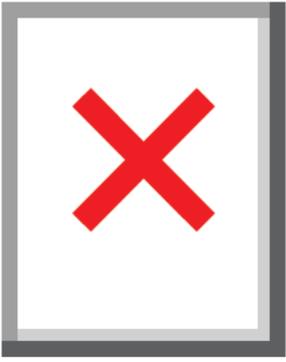


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A new political group led by a veteran Republican strategist is plotting to jump-start a potential presidential bid by Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis with a legally extraordinary attempt to beef up his donor contact list, *Axios' Lachlan Markay has learned*.

Why it matters: Ed Rollins' group, Ready for Ron, says it plans to gather the names and contact information of more than 1 million DeSantis supporters nationwide by the end of the year — then provide that potent political asset, free of charge, to the DeSantis camp.

- Campaign finance experts say its proposed tactics are legally questionable, and, if accepted by federal regulators, would remake how candidates "test the waters" before runs at public office.

Driving the news: Ready for Ron, which [Rollins founded in May](#), is gathering petition signatures urging DeSantis to run for the White House — boosted by digital and TV ads and plans for other promotions via billboards, blimps and even skywriting.

- Ready for Ron told the FEC it expected to collect names, ZIP codes, email addresses and phone numbers for nearly 60,000 people by the end of June, and "well over a million" by the end of the year.
- If DeSantis doesn't run, the group says it will give the information to the 2024 Republican presidential nominee.

The intrigue: Ready for Ron's proposed approach would test the bounds of campaign finance laws.

- Ordinarily, any independent group that wants to give such a list to a candidate must either report it as an in-kind contribution or receive a fair market value payment.
- Ready for Ron told the FEC neither should be required, as the petition it plans to share with the DeSantis camp would merely be a public communication in support of DeSantis' candidacy — and thus unbound by campaign contribution limits.

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3. McConnell's reconciliation threat

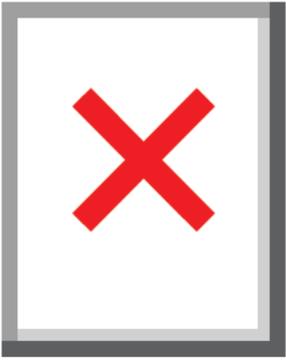


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In a tweet that ricocheted from Washington to Wall Street, Senate Minority Leader McConnell (R-Ky.) declared his intent to hold hostage a major China competition bill that he and 18 other GOP senators voted for last June, *Axios Hans' Nichols reports*.

- "Let me be perfectly clear: there will be no bipartisan USICA as long as Democrats are pursuing a partisan reconciliation bill," McConnell said, referring to the bill's Senate acronym.

Context: Senate Majority Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) and Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) have been making quiet progress on rescuing parts of President Biden's Build Back Better agenda and cobbling together a smaller package on climate, energy and taxes.

- A spate of headlines over the last 24 hours led to speculation that a deal could be close — until McConnell's aggressive intervention.

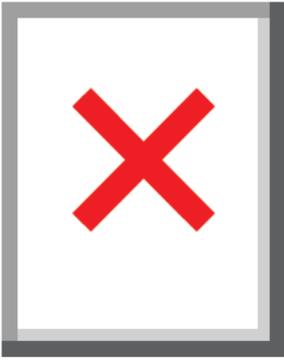
What they're saying: "Senate Republicans are literally choosing to help China out compete the U.S. in order to protect big drug companies," White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said in a statement.

- "We are not going to back down in the face of this outrageous threat."



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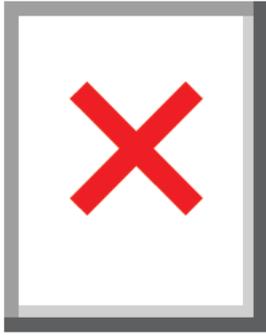


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4. Mapped: Which districts are Googling "abortion"



Data: Google Trends. Map: Jacques Schrag and Will Chase/Axios

"Abortion" landed in the top five most-Google'd midterm topics in every single congressional district in America the week the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, *Axios' Stef Kight writes from our interactive [midterms dashboard](#)*.

- Five districts had "abortion" as their No. 1 most-searched issue: Arizona's 1st, California's 16th and 32nd, Massachusetts' 5th and Maine's 1st. All are rated solid Democratic districts by [FiveThirtyEight](#) except for Arizona's 1st, which leans Republican.

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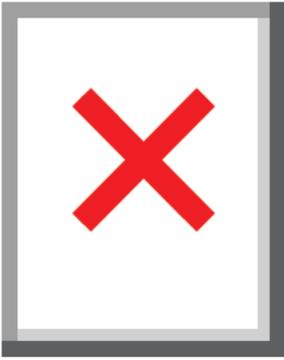


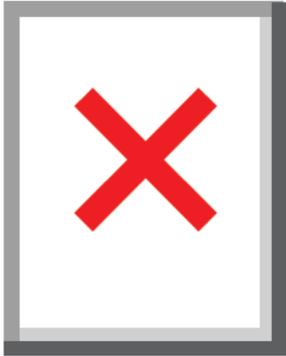
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Rep. Judy Chu (D-Calif.) was among more than 180 people arrested by Capitol Police for blocking an intersection near the Supreme Court during an abortion rights protest.

- Chu is the lead author of a bill to codify Roe v. Wade, which House Democrats plan to pass for a second time as part of a series of symbolic measures.

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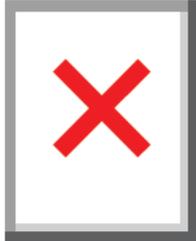
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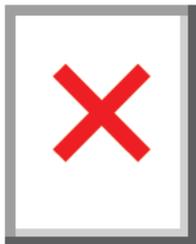


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Cassidy Hutchinson, former top aide to Mark Meadows, has been the source of a series of extraordinary revelations during the Jan. 6 committee hearings. Alex Wong/Getty Images



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DRIVING THE DAY

HEARING NUMBER SIX — On Monday afternoon, the House Jan. 6 committee, which was supposed to be on a hiatus for the next two weeks, abruptly announced it would be holding a hearing today at 1 p.m. “to present recently obtained evidence and receive witness testimony.”

The star witness is expected to be CASSIDY HUTCHINSON, a former executive assistant to

ex-chief of staff **MARK MEADOWS** who has testified three times behind closed doors, in February, March and May.

Hutchinson knows a lot. Before, on, and after Jan. 6, she had close proximity to both Meadows and then-President **DONALD TRUMP**.

“**Almost all, if not all, meetings Mr. Trump had, I had insight on,**” she told the committee in March.

She has been the source of a series of extraordinary revelations:

- **Burning documents:** Hutchinson “told the panel investigating the Capitol attack that she saw Meadows incinerate documents after a meeting in his office with Rep. **SCOTT PERRY** (R-Pa.),” who was working closely with the White House to invalidate the results of the 2020 election, [POLITICO’s Betsy Woodruff Swan and Kyle Cheney reported in May](#).
- **Violence:** Hutchinson testified that she remembered a Secret Service agent “coming in and saying that we had intel reports saying that there could potentially be violence on the 6th.” The agent and Meadows huddled privately for five minutes to discuss the threats, she said.
- **Illegal plan:** Hutchinson told the committee that the White House Counsel’s office, during a meeting with Meadows and **RUDY GIULIANI** and others, advised that the scheme to have alternate electors meet and cast votes for Trump was not legal.
- **Early start:** She testified that “Mr. Giuliani, several of Mr. Giuliani’s associates, Mr. Meadows, Members of Congress,” were discussing a fake electors plan during Thanksgiving 2020.
- **GOP House members as co-conspirators:** Hutchinson has given detailed testimony about a number of House Republicans who were involved with pressuring former VP **MIKE PENCE** to reject electors during the joint session of Congress and encouraging protesters to march on the Capitol Jan. 6.
- **Pardons:** She is the key source for the revelation that six House Republicans sought pardons from Trump for their roles in the events of Jan. 6.
- **“Hang Mike Pence!”:** She reportedly confirmed that Trump told Meadows on Jan. 6 that Trump agreed with the infamous chant of rioters who wanted to kill the vice president.
- **Martial law:** In an extraordinary excerpt of her testimony that has been released, Hutchinson said that conversations about seizing voting machines, appointing **SIDNEY POWELL** as a special counsel and “invoking martial law” were stopped because “it became clear that there would be mass resignations, including lawyers in the White House Counsel’s Office.”

All of this has become known in recent months from information revealed in litigation, leaks to reporters, and video snippets of Hutchinson’s testimony played during two of the committee’s public hearings. Hutchinson was always going to be a crucial witness, and seemed likely to go public in one of the committee’s July hearings.

What's *not* known is why the committee is rushing her out into public today. [POLITICO recently reported](#) that Hutchinson switched lawyers. Her previous counsel, **STEFAN PASSANTINO**, the Trump White House's chief ethics lawyer, had ties to Trump world. Her new attorney, **JODY HUNT** of Alston Bird, was the chief of staff to **JEFF SESSIONS** when the former attorney general recused himself from the Russia investigation, which ruptured his relationship with Trump.

Hunt's DOJ background has led to some speculation that today's hearing is somehow related to the department's recently stepped up activity on Jan. 6-related matters. Last week, FBI agents acting on behalf of the DOJ I.G.'s office [seized the phone of lawyer JOHN EASTMAN](#) , and investigators raided the home of former DOJ official **JEFFREY CLARK**.

While the news of Hutchinson's appearance [eventually leaked out last night](#) — [see our story here](#) — even some members of the committee were in the dark about the urgency of the meeting. It's possible there's more to the hearing than just her. There could be additional witnesses, and the recent evidence the committee referred to might come from [the footage obtained from documentary filmmaker ALEX HOLDER](#), some new tips that have come to the committee's attention, or new [Trump White House documents that the National Archives has agreed to hand over](#).

Hutchinson began her time at the White House as an intern. She probably couldn't have known that job would end up with her being [compared to JOHN DEAN](#) , but she went into her White House service with a sense of duty. "I am confident I will be an effective leader in the fight to secure the American dream for future generations," [she told her college paper in 2018](#), "so they too will have the bountiful opportunities and freedoms that make the United States great."

Good Tuesday morning. Thanks for reading Playbook. Drop us a line if you know more about today's hearing: [Rachael Bade](#), [Eugene Daniels](#), [Ryan Lizza](#).

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PRIMARY DAY — [Steve Shepard breaks down everything](#) you need to know about the primaries today in Colorado, Illinois, Mississippi, New York, Oklahoma and Utah:

“Democrats have a lot riding on Tuesday’s primaries. The Republican primaries, that is.

“Facing hurricane-force electoral headwinds in November, Democrats have launched an unprecedented effort to meddle in GOP nominating contests across the country, elevating extreme candidates and attacking Republican hopefuls they view as greater threats in the general election.

“Tuesday’s races feature four races in which Democratic candidates or groups are seeking to influence Republican primary voters, including a more-than-\$30-million effort in the Illinois governor’s race. There are also multi-million-dollar campaigns to boost far-right Republican statewide candidates in Colorado, the one-time swing state where then-President Donald Trump was trounced two years ago.

“Plenty of other big-ticket primaries on Tuesday don’t involve inter-party meddling, including two member-versus-member congressional races in Illinois and a handful of Republican incumbents taking heat for voting to investigate the Jan. 6 attacks at the Capitol. There’s also the tabloid-fodder GOP race for New York governor, a Republican pile-up for a Senate seat in safely red Oklahoma and a handful of open House races splitting both parties’ establishment and confrontational wings.”

Related read: [“Abortion central in first post-Roe primaries,”](#) by AP’s Nicholas Riccardi

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BIDEN'S TUESDAY — The president has already met with German Chancellor **OLAF SCHOLZ**, French President **EMMANUEL MACRON** and British PM **BORIS JOHNSON** and delivered remarks at the final session of the G-7 summit. He's now on his way to Madrid. Still to come (all times Eastern):

— **9:10 a.m.:** President **JOE BIDEN** will arrive in Spain.

— **10 a.m.:** Biden will have a bilateral meeting with Spanish President **PEDRO SÁNCHEZ** at the Palace of Moncloa to talk Ukraine/Russia.

— **11:30 a.m.:** Biden will meet with King **FELIPE VI** of Spain at the Royal Palace of Madrid.

— **2:05 p.m.:** The Bidens will attend a dinner with other world leaders at the Royal Palace.

Press secretary KARINE JEAN-PIERRE and national security adviser **JAKE SULLIVAN** will gaggle on Air Force One on the way to Madrid.

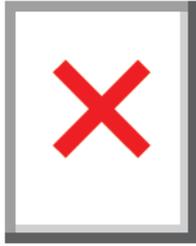
VP KAMALA HARRIS' TUESDAY — The VP has nothing on her public schedule.

THE HOUSE is out. The Jan. 6 committee will hold its latest hearing at 1 p.m.

THE SENATE is out.

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PHOTO OF THE DAY



Vice President Kamala Harris shakes hands with Budget Director Janet Yellen after swearing Yellen in as ambassador to Ukraine as Yellen's husband Nicholas Higgins, a foreign service officer, looks on at the White House on Monday. Tasos Katopoulos/Getty Images

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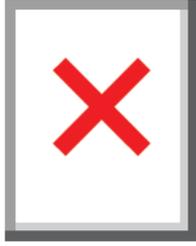
ABORTION FALLOUT

TENSIONS ON THE LEFT — Progressives on the Hill are growing frustrated with the White House on abortion, urging more aggressive and immediate action after the Supreme Court ruling, [report Burgess Everett, Sarah Ferris, Adam Cancryn and Jonathan Lemire](#). Though “[i]t’s not a full Democratic pile-on yet,” members of Congress are meeting with administration staffers and urging Biden to take a more vigorous leadership role on the issue — along with specific policy moves. The White House says there isn’t much they can do.

Rep. PRAMILA JAYAPAL (D-Wash.): “[Biden] made a strong statement the day of. I would have liked to see some more specific actions rolled out ... We all knew this was coming.”

— **WaPo’s Yasmeen Abutaleb, Cleve Wootson Jr. and Marianna Sotomayor** [have a similar story](#) on angry Democrats saying the party needs to get bolder. “We are dealing with one side that is undermining the very essence of what it means to be a country that roots itself in this philosophy of equal protection under the law,” Rev. **WILLIAM BARBER** says. “You cannot battle that if folks on the other side are always moderating, modulating and compromising. It’s not the age we’re in.”

DYNAMICS ON THE RIGHT — Former VP Mike Pence is planning to make abortion a big focus of his potential 2024 campaign, calling for a nationwide ban and traveling to individual states to advocating for antiabortion legislation, [WaPo’s Hannah Knowles and Josh Dawsey report](#). But not everybody thinks that’s prudent: “One Republican strategist, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to be more candid, said the presidential primary may push GOP candidates further to the right on abortion in ways that could hurt them in the general election.”



Abort on rights protesters demonstrate outside Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito's home on Monday in Alexandria, Virginia. Getty Images

AROUND THE COUNTRY ... Cue the lawsuits. Here are just some of the latest legal developments as action shifts to the states:

- A judge temporary blocked **Louisiana's** new abortion ban, [per The Times-Picayune](#).
- The same happened in **Utah**, [per The Salt Lake Tribune](#).
- A judge allowed **South Carolina's** six-week abortion ban to take effect, [per The Post and Courier](#).
- **California** lawmakers put abortion on the November ballot, voting to create a constitutional amendment guaranteeing abortion rights, [per KCRA](#).
- A judge heard arguments over **Florida's** new abortion restriction just a few days before it's scheduled to take effect, [per the Tallahassee Democrat](#).

ALL POLITICS

2022 SIREN — This is how bad it's getting for Democrats: They're worried about holding their Senate seats in Washington state and Colorado. [Natalie Allison reports this morning](#) that a GOP poll had Sen. **PATTY MURRAY** (D-Wash.) leading a Republican challenger by just 5 points, and Murray has pumped \$1 million into recent TV ads. Murray is slamming opponent **TIFFANY SMILEY** on abortion and linking her to McConnell, but Smiley's polling shows voters are still more focused on inflation. Meanwhile in Colorado, Dems are trying to elevate a far-right candidate in today's GOP primary as they worry about the general-election threat from a moderate Republican. Internal polling shows Sen. **MICHAEL BENNET** (D-Colo.) could be in for a close race.

2024 WATCH — The White House is frustrated by the constant whispers about whether he should step aside in 2024, as Biden bulks up his political operation for a reelection bid and dismisses his doubters, [NYT's Jonathan Martin and Zolan Kanno-Youngs report](#). Sen. **BERNIE SANDERS'** (I-Vt.) vow not to challenge Biden in 2024 earned him dinner at the White House the very next night. Biden world sees him as the party's best bet to take down Trump once again, and they're making moves to assure control of the DNC. But not everybody has jumped on board: Sen. **JOE MANCHIN** (D-W.Va.) wouldn't tell the reporters whether he'd back Biden — or consider a third-party run of his own.

CEDRIC RICHMOND: There's "a wing in our party who wanted a different candidate and I'm sure they'd love to have their candidate back in the mix again."



THE WHITE HOUSE

HARRIS SPEAKS — The VP [sat down with CNN's Dana Bash for a rare on-camera one-on-one interview](#), in which she vowed to keep fighting for abortion rights but threw cold water on the idea of using federal lands to provide abortion access. As for the centrist senators who felt betrayed by Justices **NEIL GORSUCH** and **BRETT KAVANAUGH** overturning *Roe v. Wade*? “I never believed them,” Harris said of the justices. “I didn’t believe them. That’s why I voted against them.” *More from the interview:*

- **Harris emphasized that inflation** continues to be the administration’s No. 1 priority.
- **She praised predecessor Mike Pence** for refusing to overturn the 2020 election, as the Jan. 6 committee hearings have laid out.
- **No uncertainty about 2024:** “Joe Biden is running for reelection, and I will be his ticket mate.”

NOMINATION WOES — Harris County, Texas, Sheriff **ED GONZALEZ** announced he’s withdrawing from consideration as ICE director after more than a year in which Congress didn’t act on his nomination. The move prolongs the period in which the agency has lacked a Senate-confirmed leader; the last one was during the Obama administration. [Gonzalez warned in a series of tweets](#) that “the paralyzing political gridlock ... threatens far more than our nation’s border. Frankly, the dysfunction threatens America’s heart and soul.” [He told WaPo’s Maria Sacchetti](#) that he’d considered withdrawing for a while due to the delay, but was waiting for an investigation to clear him of a domestic abuse matter first (which it did).

TRUMP CARDS

TO TELL THE TRUTH SOCIAL — Reuters’ Helen Coster and Julia Love [have a big special](#)

[report on Truth Social](#), which they find has struggled to take off as a social media platform largely due to politics: It's hard to build a big tech company when you hate Big Tech. "[I]ts managers have sought to avoid potential corporate partners and employees perceived as politically liberal in a Silicon Valley-based industry that skews left," the investigation finds, while "[m]any engineers and tech firms won't consider working with a Trump company." The result has been troubles with the Apple Store, with Android phones, with attracting necessary talent, with following technological best practices and more.

THE PANDEMIC

HAPPENING TODAY — An FDA advisory panel will meet to discuss the matter of updating Covid-19 vaccines to better target new strains, "with an eye to a rollout of updated vaccines to be administered in the autumn," [Stat's Helen Branswell previews](#).

BEYOND THE BELTWAY

AWFUL NEWS — Authorities discovered a tractor trailer in San Antonio with at least 46 migrants inside dead from the heat, out of nearly 100 trapped in the vehicle. Police said three people were in custody. Politicians of all stripes quickly cast the apparent human smuggling catastrophe in terms favorable to their immigration positions. [More from the San Antonio Express-News](#)

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Gavin Newsom's California gubernatorial campaign is reserving ad time on Fox News in Florida on July 4, [per Medium Buying](#).

Harry Wilson, a New York GOP gubernatorial candidate, called rival **Lee Zeldin** and an aide "scumbags" [in a group text that he accidentally sent](#) to ... Zeldin.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez will appear on tonight's "Late Show with **Stephen Colbert**."

Tucker Carlson interviewed **John Eastman**, and [called his situation](#) a "reminder to anyone who didn't vote for **Joe Biden** to erase your texts and emails every single day."

John Hinckley will have his first TV interview this morning [at 7 a.m. with CBS' Major Garrett](#).

More than two years after they were first disrupted, White House tours will return to full force July 19, [the administration announced Monday](#).

IN MEMORIAM — Michael Stenger, the former Senate sergeant-at-arms who resigned after the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection, [died Monday](#).

FIRST IN PLAYBOOK — Erin Heeter, press secretary for Sen. Joe Manchin ([D-W.Va.](#)), was elected president of the Senate Press Secretaries Association. Also tapped for the executive board: **Jake Abbott, Caroline Anderegg, Ty Bofferding, Tom Brandt, Stacey Daniels, Roy Loewenstein, Jenna Valle-Riestra, Natalie Yezbick and Lillie Zeng**.

WHITE HOUSE ARRIVAL LOUNGE — Rachel Thomas is now on a White House detail as senior comms adviser for policy. She most recently has been deputy assistant secretary of Education for comms.

TRANSITIONS — Jack Kalavritinos has been appointed executive director of the Coalition Against Socialized Medicine. He most recently founded JK Strategies, and is a Trump HHS and FDA alum. ... **Marina Chafa** will be comms director for Rep. Cori Bush (D-Mo.). She most recently has been comms assistant for Sen. Ed Markey (D-Mass.). ... **Roman Gabriel** is now SVP and head of public policy at Lincoln Financial. He most recently was VP and deputy head of external affairs at Prudential Financial, where he spent almost two decades. ...

... **Kara (Wheeler) Adame** is now head of the office of federal affairs at Protective Life. She most recently was head of the Washington office for Mutual of Omaha. ... **Elizabeth “Libby” Coffin** is now principal-in-charge of the office of government affairs and public policy at KPMG LLP. She most recently was VP for corporate and commercial government relations at Raytheon Technologies. ... **Katie Beirne Fallon** has been named head of comms, public affairs and policy at Fidelity Investments. She currently is EVP and chief global impact officer at McDonald's, and is an Obama White House alum.

WEEKEND WEDDINGS — Democratic consultant **Mark Spengler** and architect **Eduardo Sardiña** got married at their home in Helena, Mont., on June 18 with their families, followed by a week with friends on Swan Lake near Glacier National Park. [Pic](#) ... [Another pic](#) ... **SPOTTED: Danielle and Steve Arlowe, Dave Barmore and Patrick Phillippi, Dave Brown and Ben Baum, Jonathan Collard, Chris and Kristin Cordingley, Todd Malan and Dave DeSantis, and Michael Paese**.

— **Alexis Kleinman**, branded content editor at Axios and a HuffPost and NYT alum, and **Chris Mezias**, a research scientist at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, got married Saturday in the

Catskills in Hunter, N.Y. They met on Bumble. [Pic](#)

— **Liana Baker**, managing editor of the U.S. deals team at Bloomberg News, and **Jeffrey Kleeblatt**, executive director in legal and compliance at Morgan Stanley, got married Sunday at the Edgewood Country Club in River Vale, N.J. The couple met on JSwipe in late 2015 after both having ski photos on their profiles and soon discovered they lived across the street in Midtown Manhattan. [Pic by Andrew Todes](#) ... **SPOTTED: Lauren Hirsch, Lauren Tara-Capra, Ed Hammond, Katie Roof, Jon Harari, Scott Deveau, Kiel Porter, Elizabeth Fournier, Leslie Mechanic, Sean Marcantonio, Liz Coffin-Karlin and Jessica DiNapoli.**

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Midday today, the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol announced a hearing “to present recently obtained evidence and receive witness testimony.” This is a surprise, and it was not until late tonight that reporters confirmed with their sources that the witness will be Cassidy Hutchinson, an aide to former president Trump’s chief of staff Mark Meadows. Hutchinson was the person who revealed that congress members had asked for pardons.

Legal analyst Asha Rangappa tweeted that she will be watching to see if Hutchinson can testify that Trump, Meadows, or members of Congress either knew about or planned violence for January 6 to pressure Pence. “If so, it brings them into crosshairs of seditious conspiracy,” she wrote.

While we have been focused on the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* more news has come out about the attempt of Trump and his allies to overturn the government.

Indeed, scholar of authoritarianism Ruth Ben-Ghiat today noted that there is a relationship between the insurrection and the radical Supreme Court decisions coming out. Justice Clarence Thomas has been writing opinions and footnotes that are to the right even of the rest of the radical court, and today he suggested he would like the court to revisit the 1964 *New York Times v. Sullivan* decision that provides some protection to media outlets from being sued for defamation by requiring a plaintiff to prove the outlet acted with “actual malice.” Thomas wants to make it easier to sue media outlets because, he wrote, the “*New York Times* and its progeny have allowed media organizations and interest groups ‘to cast false aspersions on public figures with near impunity.’”

Ben-Ghiat tweeted that “[s]elf-protection (and protection for corrupt family members) is

a huge driver of authoritarian behaviors. He feels threatened and will try and change the legal order to avoid scrutiny. Radicalized people no longer care about ‘how it looks’ to outsiders.”

In this particular case, Thomas’s beef is with the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) for calling out Coral Ridge Ministries Media, Inc., as a “hate group” because of its opposition to homosexuality and gay rights. The SPLC identifies as hate groups any groups that “have beliefs or practices that malign or attack an entire class of people, typically for their immutable characteristics.” “SPLC’s ‘hate group’ designation lumped Coral Ridge’s Christian ministry with groups like the Ku Klux Klan and Neo-Nazis,” Thomas complained, and that hurt their ability to raise money.

Recent stories about the attempt to overturn the election include, most notably, *Politico*’s report of last Monday that British filmmaker Alex Holder filmed the Trump family from September 2020 through to mid-January 2021 to record for posterity their actions during the historic election. Apparently, this was a family project, and a number of the people on the campaign did not know.

Last Thursday, the January 6 committee interviewed Holder. It has also subpoenaed the tape and the raw footage.

There are continuing signs that the attempt to overturn the Democratic victory in 2020 and install Trump in office swept in more lawmakers than the committee identified last Thursday. When news broke last Tuesday that Wisconsin senator Ron Johnson, a Republican, had tried to hand off slates of false electors from Michigan and Wisconsin to then Vice President Mike Pence at the Joint Session of Congress on January 6, Johnson initially passed it off as the work of an unnamed intern and called it a “non-story.”

Two days later, Johnson changed his tune, saying that the office of Representative Mike Kelly (R-PA) had sent the fake slates of electors and that Johnson, his chief of staff, and Trump-affiliated lawyer Jim Troupis had coordinated through text messages to figure out how to get the fake ballots to Pence. Kelly’s office promptly said Kelly “has not spoken to Sen. Johnson for the better part of a decade, and he has no knowledge of the claims Mr. Johnson is making related to the 2020 election.”

Meanwhile in Colorado, Tina Peters, an election official from Mesa County who has been charged with crimes for her role in trying to overturn the results of the election, on Friday told Nick Corasaniti and Alexandra Berzon of the *New York Times* that Lauren

Boebert (R-CO) encouraged her “to go forward” with stealing and sharing voter information. That information, allegedly obtained through identity theft and illegal breach of computers, later turned up on a right-wing website and at a symposium organized by Mike Lindell, the owner of the MyPillow Company and a leading Trump supporter, alleging voter fraud. A press secretary for Boebert calls the claims false.

Today we also learned that the Department of Justice last week seized the phones of John Eastman, the man who wrote the infamous memo outlining plans for Pence to steal the election. In a lawsuit trying to get the phones released and all that was on them deleted, Eastman’s lawyers explained that federal prosecutors had stopped Eastman outside a restaurant in New Mexico on June 22. This was the same day federal agents executed a search warrant on Jeffrey Clark. Trump wanted to make Clark acting attorney general in the days before January 6 so he would work to overturn the election.

Right-wing insistence Friday night that the weekend would be characterized by “rage” as pro-choice supporters turned violent seemed designed to draw false equivalence between those who stormed the Capitol to overturn the election and those angry at the Supreme Court’s refusal to recognize a constitutional right that the American people have enjoyed for half a century and, perhaps, to justify brutality to silence those protests. In fact, aside from sporadic violence against the protesters rather than from them, the protests were peaceful.

There is another link between the recent Supreme Court decisions and the January 6 attempt to destroy our democracy that creates an unprecedented situation. If Trump is prosecuted as the leader of an attempted coup, a coup that may have included some of those who voted for Trump’s three Supreme Court nominees, what does that do to their positions on the court?

Notes:

<https://thehill.com/regulation/court-battles/3538084-clarence-thomas-signals-interest-in-making-it-easier-to-sue-media/>

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JUST IN: Justice Clarence Thomas signals interest in making it easier to sue media. Says he would revisit landmark 1964 decision in NYT v. Sullivan that makes it relatively difficult to bring successful lawsuits against media outlets for defamation <https://t.co/gVqmaPNcLE>

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

NYT: Garland says Justice Department will protect access to an abortion., Katie Benner, 9 p.m. ET June 24, 2022, 1:09 PM

Attorney General Merrick B. Garland called the Supreme Court decision to strike down the right to an abortion "a devastating blow to reproductive freedom," and he vowed to use the Justice Department's authority to protect the right to the procedure. In a detailed statement, Mr. Garland said that the decision undermines stare decisis, a longstanding doctrine that the court should respect precedents. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [Time](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

NBC: Garland signals brewing battle with GOP-led states over access to abortion pills, Daren Gregorian and Ryan J. Reilly, June 24, 2022, 9:48 PM

Attorney General Merrick Garland indicated Friday that the Justice Department would combat any Republican efforts to restrict access to abortion pills after the Supreme Court reversed Roe v. Wade, setting the stage for potential legal battles with some GOP-led states. "The Justice Department will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom," Garland said in a lengthy statement after the Supreme Court ruling. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Axios](#), [Time](#)

NYT: Abortion Pills Take the Spotlight as States Impose Abortion Bans, Pam Belluck, June 26, 2022, 3:00 AM

In the hours after the Supreme Court released its decision overturning the legal right to abortion in the United States, nearly 100 requests for appointments flowed into Just the Pill, a nonprofit organization that arranges for patients to obtain abortion pills in several states. That was about four times the usual daily number of appointment requests for the organization, and many came from patients in Texas and other states that quickly halted abortions after the court ruling. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: [EDITORIAL] Why Not Prosecute Intimidation Of Supreme Court Justices?, Editorial Board, June 24, 2022 6:41 PM

Protests erupted Friday in Washington after the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, and bigger disruptions are possible. Yet so far the Justice Department has refused to enforce federal law to keep the peace at the personal homes of the Justices. [...] We've obtained the Justice Department's reply, which is about as responsive as a wet blanket. "Your letter," it says, "suggests that some individuals may have violated federal criminal law. We appreciate having the benefit of your views on this matter. Longstanding policy and practice of the Department prevent us from discussing this information with you further or confirming or denying the initiation or existence of any investigation." The letter is signed by Peter Hyun, acting assistant attorney general. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Breitbart](#)

US SUPREME COURT

AP: Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade*; states can ban abortion, Mark Sherman, June 24, 2022, 8:39 PM

The Supreme Court on Friday stripped away women's constitutional protections for abortion, a fundamental and deeply personal change for Americans' lives after nearly a half-century under *Roe v. Wade*. The court's overturning of the landmark court ruling is likely to lead to abortion bans in roughly half the states. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#), [LAT](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

Reuters: U.S. tech industry frets about handing data to states prosecuting abortion, Jeffrey Dastin, June 24, 2022, 6:53 PM

The technology industry is bracing for the uncomfortable possibility of having to hand over pregnancy-related data to law enforcement, in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on Friday to overturn the *Roe v. Wade* precedent that for decades guaranteed a woman's constitutional right to an abortion. As state laws limiting abortion kick in after the ruling, technology trade representatives told Reuters they fear police will obtain warrants for customers' search history, geolocation and other information indicating plans to terminate a pregnancy. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Kavanaugh Gave Private Assurances. Collins Says He 'Misled' Her., Carl Hulse, June 24, 2022, 8:35 PM

During a two-hour meeting in her Senate office with the Supreme Court nominee Brett M. Kavanaugh on Aug. 21, 2018, Senator Susan Collins of Maine pressed him hard on why she should trust him not to overturn *Roe v. Wade* if she backed his confirmation. Judge Kavanaugh worked vigorously to reassure her that he was no threat to the landmark abortion rights ruling. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Abortion ruling imperils gay marriage, other freedoms, liberal justices say, Andrew Chung, June 24, 2022, 4:14 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision erasing the constitutional right to abortion provides a roadmap to end other freedoms involving marriage, sexuality and birth control, its three liberal members said on Friday, while conservative Justice Clarence Thomas urged the court to take just that path. Friday's 5-4 ruling, authored by conservative Justice Samuel Alito, overturned the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion nationwide. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Vatican praises U.S. court abortion decision, saying it challenges world, Philip Pullella, June 24, 2022, 3:45 PM

The Vatican's Academy for Life on Friday praised the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on abortion, saying it challenged the world to reflect on life issues, but also called for social changes to help women keep their children. The Vatican department also said in a statement that the defence of human life could not be confined to individual rights because life is a matter of "broad social significance". [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Disney, other U.S. companies offer abortion travel benefit after Roe decision, David Shepardson and Dawn Chmielewski, June 24, 2022, 7:23 PM

U.S. companies including Walt Disney Co and Facebook parent Meta Platforms Inc. said on Friday they will cover employees' expenses if they have to travel for abortion services after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v Wade. The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday overturned the landmark 1973 ruling that recognized a woman's constitutional right to an abortion, handing a momentous victory to Republicans and religious conservatives who want to limit or ban and, in some states criminalize, the procedure. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#)

Fox: Liz Warren says SCOTUS 'set a torch' to its last bit of legitimacy after overturning Roe V. Wade, Emma Colton, June 26, 2022, 12:22 PM

Democratic Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren said the Supreme Court torched its legitimacy after voting to overturn Roe V. Wade. "This Court has lost legitimacy. They have burned whatever legitimacy they may still have had after their gun decision, after their voting decision, after their union decision," Warren told ABC "This Week" co-anchor Martha Raddatz on Sunday morning. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Axios](#), [The Hill](#), [MSN](#)

The Hill: South Dakota governor says she will ban abortion pills prescribed online, Brad Dress, June 26, 2022, 9:31 AM

South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem (R) on Sunday said she will ban telemedicine appointments with abortion care providers who prescribe pills online in the GOP-controlled state in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision overturning Roe v. Wade. [...] Attorney General Merrick Garland on Friday said the Department of Justice will protect women's abortion rights and their ability to get the pills. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: The Chief Stands Alone: Roberts, Roe and a Divided Supreme Court, Sabrina Willmer, June 25, 2022, 7:33 AM

On a US Supreme Court dominated by an ambitious conservative wing, Chief Justice John Roberts has become a man on an island. The 67-year-old chief justice, appointed in 2005 by Republican President George W. Bush, is a conservative trying to chart an incremental course for a court that would rather take giant leaps. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NYT](#), [WSJ](#)

NYT: [OPINION] The Radical Reign of Clarence Thomas, Maureen Dowd, June 25, 2022 5:00 AM

“What is happening here?” a distraught Nancy Pelosi said on [Friday](#). It’s a good question and I can answer it, because I was there at the start of the corrosive chain of events that led to women losing control of their own bodies. I saw how America went from a beacon of modernity to a benighted outlier. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: [OPINION] Requiem for the Supreme Court, Linda Greenhouse, June 24, 2022, 9:44 PM

They did it because they could. It was as simple as that. With the stroke of a pen, Justice Samuel Alito and four other justices, all chosen by Republican presidents running on successive party platforms committed to overturning *Roe v. Wade*, erased the constitutional right to reproductive autonomy that the Supreme Court recognized more than 49 years ago. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: [Editorial] The Ruling Overturning Roe Is an Insult to Women and the Judicial System, Editorial Board, June 24, 2022, 4:42 PM

Even if we knew it was coming, the shock reverberates. For the first time in history, the Supreme Court has eliminated an established constitutional right involving the most fundamental of human concerns: the dignity and autonomy to decide what happens to your body. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: [OPINION] The Supreme Court Reclaims Its Legitimacy, David B. Rivkin Jr. and Jennifer L. Mascott, June 24, 2022, 1:54 PM

The most anxiously awaited Supreme Court decision in decades is also the least surprising. An act of institutional sabotage leaked Justice Samuel Alito’s draft opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* nearly eight weeks in advance. On Friday a five-justice majority definitively overruled *Roe v. Wade* (1973) and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* (1992), affirming states’ authority to regulate abortion. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: [EDITORIAL] The Supreme Court Puts Gun Rights Above the Human Life, Editorial Board, June 25, 2022, 10:49 AM

The Supreme Court this week embraced a vision of the Second Amendment that is profoundly at odds with precedent and the dangers that American communities face today, upending the longstanding practice of letting states decide for themselves how to regulate gun possession in public. This decision reveals the vast gulf between ideologues on the court and those Americans — ordinary people and their representatives in Congress — who want this country to be safer from guns. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NATIONAL SECURITY

***The Hill*: DHS warns in memo of ‘likely’ violent extremism following Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade*: reports**, Caroline Vakil, June 24, 2022, 8:02 PM

The intelligence branch of the Department of Homeland Security warned officials on Friday of what it says is the likelihood of domestic violent extremism in the wake of the Supreme Court’s ruling that eliminates federal-level abortion protections, multiple news outlets reported. The department’s Office of Intelligence and Analysis reportedly sent a memo to law enforcement, private sector partners, first responders and others that was obtained by Axios and CNN. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: US sees ‘profound impact’ in Russia sanctions, Unattributed, June 26, 2022, 10:22 AM

The Latest on the G-7 summit, the annual meeting of the leading democratic economies, which this year is being held in Germany’s Bavarian Alps: U.S. Secretary of State Antony

Blinken says Western sanctions on Russia over its invasion of Ukraine are having “a profound impact.” He said in an interview with CNN at the G-7 summit in Germany on Sunday that “even as (Russia) gets oil revenues with higher prices it’s unable to spend them because of the export controls.” [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: G-7 to Expand Sanctions on Moscow With Ban on Russian Gold, Alex Leary and Hardika Singh, June 25, 2022, 4:41 PM

The U.S. will join other leading countries in banning Russian gold imports, broadening a sanctions regime against Moscow as an international summit is set to begin Sunday, according to a U.S. official. The move, coming as part of the Group of Seven meeting in the Bavarian Alps, is the latest part of an effort to punish Russia for its invasion of Ukraine, the official said, noting that gold is a major Russian export commodity after energy. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Beast: Army Veteran Charged for Selling Military Secrets to China, Emily Hernandez, June 24, 2022, 9:36 PM

The U.S. Justice Department has charged a former Army pilot for selling secrets related to U.S. aircraft technology to the Chinese government for five years, according to a Thursday press release. The retired helicopter pilot, Shapour Moinian, 67, pleaded guilty in San Diego federal court to acting as an unregistered foreign agent and to lying on national security background checks. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: U.S. Army private admits plotting attack on military unit, Larry Neumeister, June 24, 2022, 5:06 PM

A U.S. Army private from Kentucky pleaded guilty Friday to charges that he plotted to murder members of his unit in an attack that he planned to carry out in 2020 on behalf of a group that promotes extreme violence to bring about the demise of Western civilization, authorities said.

Ethan Phelan Melzer, 24, of Louisville, Kentucky, entered the plea in Manhattan federal court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JAN. 6

AP: Indiana Oath Keeper member indicted on Capitol riot charges, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 3:45 PM

A federal grand jury in Washington, D.C., has indicted an Indianapolis member of the far-right Oath Keepers militia group with conspiracy and other charges for his role in the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol. The indictment unsealed Friday charges Michael Greene, 39, with conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding, obstruction of an official proceeding, conspiracy to prevent an officer from discharging any duties, entering and remaining in a restricted building or grounds and tampering with documents or proceedings, prosecutors said.

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WaPo: [OPINION] Did Trump believe his big lie? It’s irrelevant to proving his guilt., Ryan Goodman, Norman Eisen and Barbara McQuade, June 26, 2022

Former prosecutors and other experts essentially agree that proving criminal intent poses one of the biggest legal challenges to indicting former president Donald Trump for his role in the attacks on the 2020 election...Certainly, the House select committee investigating the attack on the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, is amassing evidence that Trump knew he had lost. Numerous Trump aides and lawyers have attested to this before the committee. But so what. For a number of the possible crimes the committee has identified, it doesn’t matter what Trump believed about the election. Focusing on that aspect misses the true test of criminal intent. [[Continue Reading](#)]

LAT: [OPINION] Jan. 6 hearings have become Trump's third impeachment — and a road map for prosecuting him, Doyle McManus, June 26, 2022, 7:00 AM

The House of Representatives launched its hearings on the Jan. 6 insurrection in the face of grimly low expectations. Didn't we already know what happened? After two impeachments and innumerable disclosures, was there anything new to learn about the misrule of Donald Trump? The conventional wisdom turned out to be wrong. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: Charges for Trump or others not a 'principal interest,' Jan. 6 committee's Jamie Raskin says, Tal Axelrod, June 26, 2022, 9:36 AM

Rep. Jamie Raskin, a member of the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, riot on Capitol Hill, said Sunday that criminal charges against the people involved in trying to overturn the 2020 election -- including former President Donald Trump -- were not his "principal interest" compared to understanding how the violence unfolded to avoid it being repeated. "Our democracy is on the line here. Our Constitution is at stake. Are we going to have violent assaults against our elections?" [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Insider \(New York, NY\)](#)

Washington Examiner: Schiff concedes DOJ faces 'difficult decision' on Trump despite 'powerful evidence', Daniel Chaitin, June 26, 2022, 12:36 PM

Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) conceded on Sunday that prosecuting former President Donald Trump poses a "difficult decision" for the Justice Department, despite there being enough evidence, in his view, to show criminal behavior. The Jan. 6 committee, of which Schiff is a member, has been busy with a summer slate of hearings designed to tie Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 election's results and the Capitol riot. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Judge Asks DOJ If Meadows Is Immune From Jan. 6 Subpoena, Khorri Atkinson, June 24, 2022, 7:22 PM

A D.C. federal judge is seeking clarity from the U.S. Department of Justice whether former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows is entitled to any level of immunity from a subpoena... [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Forbes](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

Reuters: Ghislaine Maxwell seeks to curb accusers' testimony at sentencing, Jonathan Stempel, June 24, 2022, 7:32 PM

Ghislaine Maxwell urged a U.S. judge not to admit testimony from four female accusers at her sentencing next Tuesday for aiding the financier Jeffrey Epstein's sexual abuse of underage girls. In a Friday letter to Circuit Judge Alison Nathan, who presided over Maxwell's trial and will sentence the British socialite, Maxwell's lawyer Bobbi Sternheim said it would be "unduly prejudicial" to publicize the women's "victim impact statements" or consider them when imposing sentence. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP](#)

Reuters: Ghislaine Maxwell put on suicide watch, may seek sentencing delay, lawyer says, Jonathan Stempel, June 25, 2022, 9:03 PM

Ghislaine Maxwell has been put on suicide watch at a Brooklyn jail, and may seek to delay her Tuesday sentencing for aiding Jeffrey Epstein's sexual abuse of underage girls, her lawyer said on Saturday night. In a letter to the judge overseeing Maxwell's case, Maxwell's lawyer, Bobbi Sternheim, said her client is "unable to properly prepare, for sentencing," after officials at the Metropolitan Detention Center on Friday declared the suicide watch and abruptly moved Maxwell to solitary confinement. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [Guardian](#), [NY Post](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

Chicago Tribune: **R. Kelly's summer of reckoning: Convicted singer faces potentially decades in prison in New York, jury trial in Chicago**, Jason Meisner and Megan Crepeau, June 25, 2022, 6:00 AM

It's been nine months since Chicago-born R&B singer R. Kelly was last in a New York courtroom, where he was convicted by a jury after decades of allegations of sexual misdeeds. [...] Federal prosecutors have asked U.S. District Judge Ann Donnelly to sentence Kelly to more than 25 years in prison, saying his racketeering conviction was part of a "long and pervasive history of enticing children to engage in sexual activity." [[Continue Reading](#)]

KENS-CBS (San Antonio, TX): **San Antonio lawyer prepares to file first federal lawsuit related to Uvalde school shooting**, Isis Romero, June 24, 2022, 11:55 AM

As more information continues to come to light about the May mass shooting at Robb Elementary, a local attorney is preparing to file what would be the first federal lawsuit related to the massacre. Shawn Brown, based out of San Antonio, is representing two Robb students who survived the May 24 shooting. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KXAS-NBC (Fort Worth, TX): **Prosecutors Seek 15 years for Former 'Cheer' Star**, Unattributed, June 25, 2022, 5:05 PM (EDT)

A prosecutor has asked a federal judge to sentence Jerry Harris, a former star of the Netflix documentary series "Cheer," to 15 years in prison for coercing teenage boys to send him obscene photos and videos of themselves and soliciting sex from minors at cheerleading competitions. Attorneys for Harris are seeking a sentence of six years. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTSM-NBC (El Paso, TX): **Federal trial date set for Walmart Massacre shooter**, Chris Babcock, June 25, 2022, 3:38 PM (EDT)

Friday evening, more than two and a half years after a gunman entered the Cielo Vista Walmart and killed 23 shoppers and injured scores more, a trial date has been set for the Federal case. According to court documents obtained by KTSM 9 News, Patrick Crusius' federal trial will get underway on January 8, 2024, five years following the August 3, 2019 massacre. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

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The Providence Journal (Providence, RI): **Gun shop, firearms owners challenge RI's new high-capacity magazine ban in court**, Katie Mulvaney and Mark Reynolds, June 24, 2022, 5:31 PM

The state's new ban on gun magazines holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition is only a few days old but the law already faces a legal challenge. On Thursday, a Chepachet gun store and several Rhode Island gun owners filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court, asserting

that the new ban violates their constitutional rights and arguing that a federal judge should invalidate the law. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Port City Daily (Wilmington, NC): **Federal court rules transgender individuals in N.C. can correct their birth certificates**, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 6:27 PM

Thursday marks a victory in North Carolina for individuals who identify as a gender they were not born with. A court ruled transgender people can correct their birth certificates, without requiring surgery. Under the consent judgment, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and other state government officials must provide accurate birth certificates that reflect an applicant's sex, consistent with their gender identity, without having to undergo surgery. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTRK-ABC (Houston, TX): **Parents of teen shot by deputy 5 times at NRG Park sue Harris County**, Jessica Willey, June 24, 2022, 11:01 PM

The parents of a teenage girl who was shot by a Harris County Precinct 1 deputy constable in December have filed a federal lawsuit against the deputy and Harris County. [...] In it, parents Darrin Hannibal and LaSherra Tyner claim the civil rights of their daughter, Charisma Hannibal, 17, were violated when Ivory shot her on Dec. 26, 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

AP: **After Roe, Dems seek probe of tech's use of personal data**, Marcy Gordon, June 24, 2022, 4:54 PM

With the Supreme Court ending the constitutional protections for abortion, four Democratic lawmakers are asking federal regulators to investigate Apple and Google for allegedly deceiving millions of mobile phone users by enabling the collection and sale of their personal data to third parties. [...] The request for an investigation of the two California-based tech giants came Friday in a letter to Federal Trade Commission Chair Lina Khan. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [CNN](#), [WSJ](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

NYT: **Court Widens Scope of Deportations**, Miriam Jordan, June 25, 2022, 10:24 p.m

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KLAS-CBS (Las Vegas, NV): **Baby returned to California after mom is murdered in Mexico**, Salvador Rivera, June 25, 2022, 9:20 PM (EDT)

Personnel from Mexico's immigration agency on Thursday turned over to U.S. authorities a 7-month-old baby girl whose mother was found dead in Tijuana. Baby Valentine was wrapped in a pink blanket the whole time and calmly waited to be handed over to U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials at the San Ysidro Port of Entry in San Diego. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KLAS-CBS (Las Vegas, NV): **Phones assigned to released migrants can't make, take calls unless it's ICE**, Sandra Sanchez, June 25, 2022, 9:18 PM (EDT)

The Department of Homeland Security often releases migrants into the United States after strapping bulky monitors onto their ankles, but as of recent, the agency is tracking the

whereabouts of nearly 200,000 asylum-seekers using special cell phones. These are not normal cell phones in that they cannot receive or make calls other than to organizations that are approved and pre-programmed by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Daily Beast: **Christian Pregnancy Center Scorched and Vandalized After Roe Ruling**, Allison Quinn, June 25, 2022, 11:06 PM

The FBI has been called in after a blaze erupted at a Christian pregnancy center in Colorado just hours after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade on Friday. Authorities in Longmont say the fire at Life Choices center is being investigated as arson. Firefighters found the building with “fire and heavy smoke damage” in the wee hours of Saturday morning, according to a press release from Longmont Public Safety, which noted that an evidence response team from the FBI is now involved. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#)

AP: **FBI seizes disputed Basquiat artwork from Florida museum**, David Fischer, June 24, 2022, 5:42 PM

The FBI raided a Florida art museum on Friday and seized more than two dozen paintings attributed to artist Jean-Michel Basquiat following questions about their authenticity. Orlando Museum of Art spokeswoman Emilia Bourmas-Fry said in a statement that they were complying with a warrant from the FBI for access to the ‘Heroes and Monsters’ exhibit, which is now in the government’s possession. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Voice (Hasbrouck Heights, NJ): **Pair Convicted Of Kidnapping Teen From Philly, Holding Him In Leonia Apartment Stormed By FBI**, Jerry DeMarco, June 24, 2022 6:23 PM

A Leonia man and an accomplice from California were convicted of kidnapping a teenager from Philadelphia and bringing him to Bergen County, where the ringleader of their group was shot and killed during a daring and dramatic rescue by the FBI. Eduardo Castelan-Prado, 39, of Leonia, and Jose Ochoa, 32, of Moreno Valley, CA, and their unidentified partner snatched the 17-year-old victim at gunpoint from outside the restaurant where he worked last June 14, apparently to convince his father to pay a drug debt of hundreds of thousands of dollars, authorities said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

Reuters: **Biden calls U.S. Supreme Court abortion ruling 'a sad day for the court and for the country'**, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 5:19 PM

U.S. President Joe Biden on Friday criticized the U.S. Supreme Court ruling overturning the landmark Roe v. Wade decision on abortion, saying the health and life of American women are now at risk. "It's a sad day for the court and for the country," Biden said in a White House address after the ruling, which he said was taking the country back 150 years. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [AP](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

Reuters: **Biden signs gun safety bill into law, takes swipe at Supreme Court**, Trevor Hunnicutt, June 25, 2022, 10:48 AM

U.S. President Joe Biden on Saturday signed into law the first major federal gun reform in three decades, days after a decision he condemned by the Supreme Court expanding firearm owners' rights. "God willing, it's going to save a lot of lives," Biden said at the White House after signing the bill with his wife Jill by his side. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [AP](#), [Bloomberg](#), [LAT](#), [NYT](#), [WSJ](#)

ABC: Biden doesn't support expanding the Supreme Court, White House says,

Alexandra Hutzler, June 25, 2022, 3:14 PM

President Joe Biden remains unmoved on the issue of court expansion, the White House said, despite his criticism of the Supreme Court rulings handed down this week on gun rights and abortion. "That is something that the president does not agree with," White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters aboard Air Force One on Saturday when asked about such a reform. "That is not something that he wants to do." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#), [Insider \(New York, NY\)](#)

AP: Biden urges Western unity on Ukraine amid war fatigue, Zeke Miller, Darlene

Superville, and Geir Moulson, June 26, 2022, 10:41 AM

President Joe Biden and western allies opened a three-day summit in the Bavarian Alps on Sunday intent on keeping economic fallout from the war in Ukraine from fracturing the global coalition working to punish Russia's aggression. Britain's Boris Johnson warned the leaders not to give in to "fatigue" even as Russia lobbed new missiles at Kyiv. The leaders were set to announce new bans on imports of Russian gold, the latest in a series of sanctions the club of democracies hopes will further isolate Russia economically. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Biden's mission in Europe: Shore up alliance against Russia, Zeke Miller and

Darlene Superville, June 25, 2022, 5:18 PM

President Joe Biden is out to sustain the global alliance punishing Russia for its invasion of Ukraine as he embarks on a five-day trip to Europe as the 4-month-old war shows no sign of abating and its aftershocks to global food and energy supplies are deepening. Biden first joins a meeting of the Group of Seven leading economic powers in the Bavarian Alps of Germany and later travels to Madrid for a summit with leaders of the 30 NATO countries. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

Guam Daily Post (Tamuning, GU): Ethics report on San Nicolas to be submitted to DOJ, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 7:45 PM (EDT)

The House Committee on Ethics unanimously voted to send a report on Guam Del. Michael San Nicolas to the Department of Justice. According to a press release, the Investigative Subcommittee "unanimously concluded that there was substantial evidence that Delegate San Nicolas: accepted improper excessive campaign contributions; engaged in a conspiracy to hide the proceeds of the illicit campaign contributions; knowingly caused his campaign committee to file false or incomplete reports with the Federal Election Commission; and attempted to improperly influence a witness in connection with this Committee's investigation." [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JUNE 24, 2022

- The conservative-majority of the U.S. Supreme Court in a 6-3 overturned the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade, turning the issue over to the States. Abortion rights opponents declared victory while abortion rights supporters were left stunned vowing to fight the ruling. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The Supreme Court overturning of Roe v. Wade has triggered varying emotional responses pouring in from across the Country. In parts of the US, the change was immediate with patients turned away from States in which trigger laws making abortion immediately illegal. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

- Both political parties recognize the overturning of Roe v. Wade has made abortion front and center in the upcoming elections. The election of Donald Trump as President was instrumental in putting three Justices on the bench in overturning Roe v. Wade. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The Nation is divided over abortion, with the divisions even seen within the same family. Advocates of abortion argue the right to choose while opponents argue about the preservation of a life. [[ABC](#)]
- President of Planned Parenthood Alexis McGill Johnson discussed the implications of overturning Roe v. Wade. World Leaders also reacted to the abortion ruling. [[CBS](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JUNE 25, 2022

- Protests are erupting nationwide with Pro-Life and Pro-Choice advocates clashing with each other over the Supreme Court Conservative majority overruling of Roe v. Wade. President Biden warning of dire consequences of the decision, even as politicians indicate abortion as a key election issue in the upcoming elections. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#) [NBC-2](#)]
- The impact of the Roe v. Wade overruling is being felt Nationwide with fears that other rulings such as same sex marriage and contraception access may be revisited. Abortion has already been banned in eight states with 18 more states likely to ban or severely restrict abortion in the upcoming weeks. Other states are looking to make abortions readily accessible to women. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- President Biden signed the bipartisan Safer Communities Act, the first major gun safety law in 30 years, prior to leaving for his trip to Europe. This law comes after a US Supreme Court ruling, striking down State law requiring anyone seeking a concealed weapons permit show proper cause. Hours after the gun reform law was signed the last of the Uvalde victims was laid to rest. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Officials have raised the terror alert level to its highest level in Norway after a deadly terror attack in Oslo at a Pride celebration. The suspect identified as a radicalized 42 y/o Norwegian Citizen originally from Iran, killed two and wounded more than 20 others. Organizers canceled the annual Pride parade planned for today. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Ukrainians are now using the powerful rocket high precision systems against Russia, as Russia forces seize more territory in the Eastern Donbass region. Ukrainians are moving to higher defensive positions even as civilians continue to flee to safer regions, even as Western officials state Russia could be running out of certain types of ammunition. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- President Biden is meeting with other G7 leaders to discuss tough economic issues with expectations of an announcement of plans to bring down the high cost of food and the growing influence of China. Also expected from G7 leaders is an answer to how long they can support Ukraine at this pace, with the US having pledged \$6 Billion dollars in security assistance. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]

SUNDAY MORNING TALK SHOWS

ABC This Week with Martha Raddatz

- Governor Kristi Noem (R-SD) discussed the abortion trigger laws in place in South Dakota; alternative resources available for women; rights granted by the Constitution; and issues surrounding abortions. [[Watch](#)]
- Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) discussed protecting women reproductive health services; the role of the government with women deciding abortions; the need for votes to make legislative changes in the Senate; Supreme Court Justices misleading

Senators; and adding seats to the Supreme Court. [\[Watch\]](#)

CBS Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan

- Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer urged lawmakers who support abortion rights to "use every tool in their toolbox" after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. But in Michigan, she said "with the current legislature I have, there is no common ground." Gov. Gretchen also questioned the most recent Supreme Court decision on gun rights. [\[Watch\]](#)
- South Dakota is one of 13 states with so called trigger laws that locked new abortion restrictions into place after Roe v. Wade was overturned. Gov. Kristi Noem said her state will now work to bolster resources for women who will now have to carry their pregnancies to term, including with more mental health counseling and family services. [\[Watch\]](#)

NBC Meet the Press with Chuck Todd

- Rep. Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) joins to discuss the Democratic Party's role in the overturning of Roe v. Wade. Ocasio-Cortez says there must be consequences for Supreme Court justices who lie under oath. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Andrea Mitchell, Garrett Haake, Peggy Noonan and Kimberly Atkins Stohr join the Meet the Press roundtable to discuss the fallout of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade. The analysts predicted the fight over abortion would continue, in state capitals, in Washington and at the ballot box. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Calif.), member of the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol, discusses the "powerful evidence" revealed that former President Donald Trump knew he lost but continued to push claims of fraud. [\[Watch\]](#)

FOX News Sunday with Martha MacCallum

- Judiciary Committee Member Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) discussed the overruling of Roe v. Wade allowing states to decide abortion laws; the Constitutional process as a means of regulating abortion; abortion as a upcoming election issue; other upcoming election issues including gas prices, "rampant crime," and "broken borders;" and "probable backlash against efforts to intimidate Judges." [\[Watch\]](#)
- Senator Graham also discussed Justice Thomas's concurrence of reconsidering "all of this Court's substantive due process precedents. . . ."; Justice Alito's distinction between same sex marriage and contraception; state legislator elections; possible changes to rules of the Senate; the "radicalization of President Biden;" and the need for "Attorney General Merrick Garland to prosecute people intimidating the Justices." [\[Watch\]](#)

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NATIONAL SECURITY

AP: US sees 'profound impact' in Russia sanctions, Unattributed, June 26, 2022, 10:22 AM

The Latest on the G-7 summit, the annual meeting of the leading democratic economies, which this year is being held in Germany's Bavarian Alps: U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken says Western sanctions on Russia over its invasion of Ukraine are having "a profound impact." He said in an interview with CNN at the G-7 summit in Germany on Sunday that "even as (Russia) gets oil revenues with higher prices it's unable to spend them because of the export controls." [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Army private's plea shelved internet fantasy chat defense, Larry Neumeister, June 25, 2022, 4:39 PM

An Army private charged with plotting to murder members of his unit overseas with help from a secretive violent anarchist group was planning a defense calling it all an internet fantasy before pleading guilty just before trial, court records show. Plans for the defense of Ethan Phelan Melzer was revealed in court papers in the months before the Kentucky man abruptly pleaded guilty to charges Friday, eliminating the need for his July 5 trial in Manhattan federal court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: G-7 to Expand Sanctions on Moscow With Ban on Russian Gold, Alex Leary and Hardika Singh, June 25, 2022, 4:41 PM

The U.S. will join other leading countries in banning Russian gold imports, broadening a sanctions regime against Moscow as an international summit is set to begin Sunday, according to a U.S. official. The move, coming as part of the Group of Seven meeting in the Bavarian Alps, is the latest part of an effort to punish Russia for its invasion of Ukraine, the official said, noting that gold is a major Russian export commodity after energy. [[Continue Reading](#)]

JAN. 6 HEARINGS

LAT: [OPINION] Jan. 6 hearings have become Trump's third impeachment — and a road map for prosecuting him, Doyle McManus, June 26, 2022, 7:00 AM

The House of Representatives launched its hearings on the Jan. 6 insurrection in the face of grimly low expectations. Didn't we already know what happened? After two impeachments and innumerable disclosures, was there anything new to learn about the misrule of Donald Trump? The conventional wisdom turned out to be wrong. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ABC: Charges for Trump or others not a 'principal interest,' Jan. 6 committee's Jamie Raskin says, Tal Axelrod, June 26, 2022, 9:36 AM

Rep. Jamie Raskin, a member of the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, riot on Capitol Hill, said Sunday that criminal charges against the people involved in trying to overturn the 2020 election -- including former President Donald Trump -- were not his "principal interest" compared to understanding how the violence unfolded to avoid it being repeated. "Our democracy is on the line here. Our Constitution is at stake. Are we going to have violent assaults against our elections? [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Insider \(New York, NY\)](#)

Washington Examiner: **Schiff concedes DOJ faces 'difficult decision' on Trump despite 'powerful evidence'**, Daniel Chaitin, June 26, 2022, 12:36 PM

Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) conceded on Sunday that prosecuting former President Donald Trump poses a "difficult decision" for the Justice Department, despite there being enough evidence, in his view, to show criminal behavior. The Jan. 6 committee, of which Schiff is a member, has been busy with a summer slate of hearings designed to tie Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 election's results and the Capitol riot. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Hill: **Aguilar declines to say if Jan. 6 committee will call Pence to testify**, Zach Schonfeld, June 26, 2022, 11:28 AM

Rep. Pete Aguilar (D-Calif.), a member of the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021 Capitol attack, declined to say on Sunday if the panel will call former Vice President Pence to testify. "I'm not going to get into conversations about future interviews or witnesses," Aguilar told CBS "Face the Nation" moderator Margaret Brennan. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL LAW

Reuters: **Ghislaine Maxwell put on suicide watch, may seek sentencing delay, lawyer says**, Jonathan Stempel, June 25, 2022, 9:03 PM

Ghislaine Maxwell has been put on suicide watch at a Brooklyn jail, and may seek to delay her Tuesday sentencing for aiding Jeffrey Epstein's sexual abuse of underage girls, her lawyer said on Saturday night. In a letter to the judge overseeing Maxwell's case, Maxwell's lawyer, Bobbi Sternheim, said her client is "unable to properly prepare, for sentencing," after officials at the Metropolitan Detention Center on Friday declared the suicide watch and abruptly moved Maxwell to solitary confinement. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [Guardian](#), [NY Post](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

WaPo: **Baltimore lawyer sentenced for money laundering scheme**, Lee O. Sanderlin, June 25, 2022, 6:55 PM

A federal judge sentenced Baltimore defense attorney Ken Ravenell to four years and nine months in prison plus three years of supervised release Wednesday after he was convicted in December on one charge of money laundering. Federal prosecutors had asked U.S. District Judge Liam O'Grady to sentence Ravenell to eight years in prison, whereas Ravenell sought probation. Ravenell is expected to appeal. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Mitchell Daily Republic (Mitchell, SD): **Mitchell man facing 40 years in federal prison for allegedly receiving, distributing child porn**, Unattributed, June 26, 2022, 10:00 AM (EDT)

A Mitchell man is could spend as many as four decades in a federal prison after he allegedly received and distributed child pornography in South Dakota. Justin Brende, 42, of Mitchell, was indicted of the charge by a federal grand jury on June 14. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Mercury News (San José, CA): **Mysterious Bay Area criminal organization had nationwide reach, law enforcement imposter, ties to shootings and notorious murder, feds say**, Nate Gartrell, June 26, 2022,

9:00 AM

On April 13, 2020, a white Jeep Cherokee pulled up alongside a Honda containing Antioch resident Kameron Booth and one other person as it drove past the 23rd Street exit on Interstate 880, then opened fire. Mortally wounded from gunfire, Booth pulled over, stumbled to the trunk, and in desperation offered a passing motorist \$10,000 for a task: He said he had \$400,000 in cash that needed to be delivered to another person. Before he could hand over the money, Booth collapsed. Paramedics rushed him to a hospital but he died from his injuries two weeks later. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Magnolia State Live (Magnolia, MS): **Mississippi man pleads guilty to stealing identity of elderly neighbors, using their COVID-19 benefits at local casinos**, Unattributed, June 26, 2022, 6:17 AM
A Kiln man was sentenced to 30 months in prison for Covid-related wire fraud, announced U.S. Attorney Darren J. LaMarca and Homeland Security Investigations Special Agent in Charge David Denton. According to court documents, on August 3, 2020, Trevon Evans, 25, was arrested by the Hancock County Sheriff's Office in relation to two stolen vehicles. At the time of his arrest, Evans was in possession of multiple identification cards with different names. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fall River Reporter (Fall River, MA): **Former Massachusetts Paramedic Charged with Fentanyl Tampering**, Mike Silva, June 25, 2022, 5:35 PM

A former Massachusetts emergency medical technician (EMT) paramedic has been charged in connection with tampering with liquid fentanyl vials at the ambulance company at which she worked. Candice Mangan, 41, of Medford, was charged with tampering with a consumer product. She will appear in federal court in Boston at a later date. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Fall River Reporter (Fall River, MA): **Massachusetts business owner sentenced after receiving aid for business where workers were committing prostitution with customers**, Ken Paiva, June 25, 2022, 4:21 PM

The former owner of a massage parlor was sentenced Thursday in connection with filing for and obtaining fraudulent pandemic-related loans for her illicit business where workers engaged in commercial sex acts with customers. Chynna Savath, 57, of Woonsocket, R.I., was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Richard G. Stearns to three years of probation. Savath was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$34,391. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KRON-MyNetworkTV (San Francisco, CA): **Two men charged for illegal firearm trafficking**, Unattributed, June 26, 2022, 12:10 PM (EDT)

The U.S. Department of Justice charged two Oakland men for dealing firearms without a license, announced U.S. Attorney Stephanie Hinds on Friday. A federal grand jury charged Moises de Jesus Gomez and Roy Montoya for two separate indictments on June 16. Both men face a maximum 5-year sentence for alleged unlicensed gun sales from July 2021 through April 2022. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KOAM-CBS (Pittsburg, KS): **Miami, Okla. man 4 years prison, after school attack left victim quadriplegic**, Shannon Becker, June 25, 2022, 8:50 AM

A 23-year-old Miami, Okla. man was sentenced to federal prison Friday for a 2017 attack that left the victim paralyzed from the neck down. In February this year a federal jury found Jace C. Williams, of Miami, Okla. guilty of maiming in Indian Country and assault resulting in serious bodily injury in Indian Country. In a surprise attack, Williams approached the victim from behind, then used a maneuver similar to what is commonly referred to as a "suplex", Williams wrapped his arms around the victim's body, lifted him backward and slammed him head-first onto the ground. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KWTV-CBS (Oklahoma City, OK): **Miami Man Sentenced In Federal Court After Paralyzing Classmate,**

Unattributed, June 25, 2022, 7:59 PM

A U.S. District judge sentenced a Miami man to more than four years in prison for paralyzing a classmate. In 2017, 23-year-old Jace Williams went to watch a fight with classmates. Witnesses said while they were waiting for the fight to begin, Williams attacked the victim from behind, lifting and slamming him head first onto the ground. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KXAS-NBC (Fort Worth, TX): Prosecutors Seek 15 years for Former 'Cheer' Star, Unattributed, June 25, 2022, 5:05 PM (EDT)

A prosecutor has asked a federal judge to sentence Jerry Harris, a former star of the Netflix documentary series "Cheer," to 15 years in prison for coercing teenage boys to send him obscene photos and videos of themselves and soliciting sex from minors at cheerleading competitions. Attorneys for Harris are seeking a sentence of six years. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTSM-NBC (El Paso, TX): Federal trial date set for Walmart Massacre shooter, Chris Babcock, June 25, 2022, 3:38 PM (EDT)

Friday evening, more than two and a half years after a gunman entered the Cielo Vista Walmart and killed 23 shoppers and injured scores more, a trial date has been set for the Federal case.

According to court documents obtained by KTSM 9 News, Patrick Crusius' federal trial will get underway on January 8, 2024, five years following the August 3, 2019 massacre. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KLTV-ABC/Telemundo (Tyler, TX): East Texan pleads guilty to federal charges after posing as war hero, Unattributed, June 25, 2022, 3:07 PM (EDT)

A Tyler man has pleaded guilty to federal charges after claiming to be a war hero. Derek Robert Hamm, 38, pleaded guilty to wire fraud, money laundering, violating the Stolen Valor Act, using a fraudulent military discharge certificate, and being a felon in possession of firearms and ammunition. The Stolen Valor Act of 2013 makes it illegal to fraudulently wear medals, embellish rank, or make false claims of military service to obtain money, employment, property, or some other tangible benefit. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

Staten Island Advance: Landmark settlement to make 95% of NYC subways accessible for people with disabilities by 2055, Kristin F. Dalton, June 25, 2022, 8:30 PM

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CIVIL LAW

AP: Inslee seeks abortion rights amendment to state constitution, Rebecca Boone, June 25, 2022, 1:00 PM

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee said he will push for a state constitutional amendment to protect abortion rights within his state's borders, as well as laws that will make it difficult for other states to investigate whether their own residents have visited Washington for abortion care. "The right to this choice, this constitutional choice for

the last five decades, should not depend on which party is in control of our state Legislature,” said Inslee, a Democrat. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WSJ: As Roe v. Wade Protests Roll On, Abortion Providers Race Against Deadlines, Jennifer Calfas, Laura Kusisto and Ginger Adams Otis, June 26, 2022, 6:43 AM

Protests and rallies continued Saturday evening in response to the Supreme Court’s ruling that overturned Roe v. Wade and ended constitutional protections for abortion rights, while abortion providers halted services or rushed to move through appointments before state bans take effect. Abortion-rights supporters have converged at protests in cities across the U.S. since Friday’s decision. Demonstrations took place from Los Angeles to Philadelphia on Saturday, following protests Friday from Washington Square Park in New York City to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Albuquerque, N.M. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: Abortion Pills Take the Spotlight as States Impose Abortion Bans, Pam Belluck, June 26, 2022, 3:00 AM

In the hours after the Supreme Court released its decision overturning the legal right to abortion in the United States, nearly 100 requests for appointments flowed into Just the Pill, a nonprofit organization that arranges for patients to obtain abortion pills in several states. That was about four times the usual daily number of appointment requests for the organization, and many came from patients in Texas and other states that quickly halted abortions after the court ruling. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: Efforts underway to protect abortion rights as nation adjusts to Supreme Court's reversal of Roe v. Wade, Aya Elamroussi and Gregory Krieg, June 26, 2022, 4:00 AM

Efforts to protect abortion rights are underway in some states – and were ramping up among Democratic leaders and lawmakers on Sunday – following the US Supreme Court's ruling eliminating the federal constitutional right to an abortion, with Saturday marking the first full day without the nationwide protection in nearly 50 years. The impact of Friday's historic ruling that struck down a 1973 legal precedent known as Roe v. Wade was felt immediately, with at least 10 states effectively banning abortion as of Saturday night. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: South Dakota governor says she will ban abortion pills prescribed online, Brad Dress, June 26, 2022, 9:31 AM

South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem (R) on Sunday said she will ban telemedicine appointments with abortion care providers who prescribe pills online in the GOP-controlled state in the wake of the Supreme Court’s decision overturning Roe v. Wade. [...] Attorney General Merrick Garland on Friday said the Department of Justice will protect women’s abortion rights and their ability to get the pills. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

NYT: Court Widens Scope of Deportations, Miriam Jordan, June 25, 2022, 10:24 p.m

A Biden administration policy that prioritized the arrest of undocumented immigrants who are considered a threat to public safety and national security has been suspended as of Saturday, rendering millions of people vulnerable to deportation. A federal judge in Texas had ruled the prioritization policy illegal on June 10, a ruling that took effect late Friday after a federal appeals court failed to issue any decision blocking it. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Fox](#)

WSVN-Fox (Miami, FL): Border Patrol agents take 22 Cuban migrants into custody in Key West, Unattributed, June 25, 2022, 10:15 PM

Authorities stopped nearly two dozen Cuban migrants in Key West. According to U.S. Customs and Border

Protection, 22 migrants arrived on Smathers Beach, Saturday morning. Officials said the group made the journey on a fishing boat. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KIRO-CBS (Seattle, WA): Narcotics worth nearly \$2.1 million seized at Texas-Mexico crossing,
Unattributed, June 25, 2022, 9:56 PM (EDT)

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers recently seized hard narcotics worth more than \$2 million at the Juarez-Lincoln Bridge in Laredo, Texas. According to a news release, officers encountered a commercial bus arriving from Mexico on Sunday. Investigators discovered slightly more than 80 pounds of suspected methamphetamine and more than 18 pounds of suspected heroin concealed within the 2006 Motor Coach Industries bus. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KLAS-CBS (Las Vegas, NV): Baby returned to California after mom is murdered in Mexico, Salvador Rivera, June 25, 2022, 9:20 PM (EDT)

Personnel from Mexico's immigration agency on Thursday turned over to U.S. authorities a 7-month-old baby girl whose mother was found dead in Tijuana. Baby Valentine was wrapped in a pink blanket the whole time and calmly waited to be handed over to U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials at the San Ysidro Port of Entry in San Diego. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KLAS-CBS (Las Vegas, NV): Phones assigned to released migrants can't make, take calls unless it's ICE, Sandra Sanchez, June 25, 2022, 9:18 PM (EDT)

The Department of Homeland Security often releases migrants into the United States after strapping bulky monitors onto their ankles, but as of recent, the agency is tracking the whereabouts of nearly 200,000 asylum-seekers using special cell phones. These are not normal cell phones in that they cannot receive or make calls other than to organizations that are approved and pre-programmed by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KIRO-CBS (Seattle, WA): Feds seize meth worth more than \$4 million at Texas cargo facility, Kelli Dugan, June 25, 2022, 2:54 PM (EDT)

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers recently thwarted a substantial methamphetamine smuggling attempt at the Pharr International Bridge Cargo Facility in Texas. According to a news release, the officers encountered a commercial tractor-trailer arriving from Mexico, inside which they discovered 1,200 individually wrapped packages containing suspected meth. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ANTITRUST

NY Post: Sketchy TikTok ads push high-interest payday loans, Theo Wayt, June 26, 2022, 10:30 AM

A group of secretive TikTok advertisers are using sketchy tactics to push massive loans that experts say could run afoul of deceptive advertising laws, The Post has learned. Some of the ads tease "almost instant" five-figure deposits despite bad credit, while others appear to imply they are part of government "inflation programs" and use the logos of news organizations like CNN. [...] The FTC said that it does not comment on "whether it is investigating any specific company, individual, or business practice." The agency has not announced actions against any of the sites in this article, but it does frequently sue companies the agency says are falsely claiming to be affiliated with the US government. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ENVIRONMENT

Tri-City Herald (Kennewick, WA): Feds get more time to start up massive Hanford plant. Construction

began 20 years ago, Annette Cary, June 26, 2022, 6:00 AM

A federal judge has agreed to give the Department of Energy more time to start treating waste at the \$17 billion Hanford vitrification plant under construction since 2002. A federal court consent decree, as amended in 2016, had required the plant to start treatment of some of the least radioactive waste held in underground storage tanks at the Hanford site by the end of 2023. [[Continue Reading](#)]

TAX

KTSM-NBC (El Paso, TX): **El Paso man pleads guilty on \$600K+ Tax Fraud Scheme**, Unattributed, June 25, 2022, 2:54 AM

Elein Rodela Jr., 41, used to be a tax preparer in the El Paso area from 2016 to 2018. According to court documents, he put together a scheme to defraud the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Rodela filed false tax returns and then received the ill-gotten refunds. In accordance with the documents, legitimate W2 forms were used to file tax returns and later obtain the federal tax return checks in the name of non-citizens working in the U.S. [[Continue Reading](#)]

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Daily Beast: **Christian Pregnancy Center Scorched and Vandalized After Roe Ruling**, Allison Quinn, June 25, 2022, 11:06 PM

The FBI has been called in after a blaze erupted at a Christian pregnancy center in Colorado just hours after the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* on Friday. Authorities in Longmont say the fire at Life Choices center is being investigated as arson. Firefighters found the building with “fire and heavy smoke damage” in the wee hours of Saturday morning, according to a press release from Longmont Public Safety, which noted that an evidence response team from the FBI is now involved. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#)

KTVI-Fox (St. Louis, MO): **FBI St. Louis vigilant in light of Dept. of Homeland Security bulletin**, Kim Hudson, June 25, 2022, 3:03 PM (EDT)

The FBI St. Louis field remains vigilant during PRIDE St. Louis weekend in light of a Department of Homeland Security bulletin. FBI St. Louis Assistant Special Agent in Charge Mark Dargis says the bureau has not found a specific or credible threat involving the weekend’s events. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

Reuters: **Protesters at U.S. Supreme Court decry abortion ruling overturning *Roe v. Wade***, Kanishka Singh, Trevor Hunnicutt and Gabriella Borter, June 25, 2022, 9:36 PM

Hundreds of protesters descended on the U.S. Supreme Court on Saturday to denounce the justices' decision to overturn the half-century-old *Roe v. Wade* precedent that recognized women's constitutional right to abortion. The sweeping ruling by the court, with a 6-3 conservative majority, was set to alter American life, with nearly half the states considered certain or likely to ban abortion. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#)

AP: **Trudeau: US abortion ruling could mean loss of other rights**, Rob Gillies, June 25, 2022, 3:47 PM

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau warned Saturday that the U.S. Supreme Court decision to overturn a constitutional right to abortion could lead to the loss of other rights and indicated his country would continue to allow Americans to get abortions in Canada. Trudeau called the court’s decision “horrific” and voiced concern

that the ruling could someday allow a rollback of legal protections for gay relationships, including the right for same-sex couples to marry. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Guns and abortion: Contradictory decisions, or consistent?, Kate Brumback, Adam Geller, and Michael Tarm, June 25, 3:33 PM

They are the most fiercely polarizing issues in American life: abortion and guns. And two momentous decisions by the Supreme Court in two days have done anything but resolve them, firing up debate about whether the court's conservative justices are being faithful and consistent to history and the Constitution or citing them to justify political preferences. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Pope hails families, blasts 'culture of waste' after Roe, Nicole Winfield, June 25, 2022, 2:22 PM

Pope Francis celebrated families Saturday and urged them to shun "selfish" decisions that are indifferent to life as he closed out a big Vatican rally a day after the U.S. Supreme Court ended constitutional protections for abortion. Francis didn't refer to the ruling or explicitly mention abortion in his homily. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: U.S. emerges from day of protests and celebrations, Maxine Joselow and Amy B Wang, June 26, 2022, 9:53 AM

Demonstrations celebrating and protesting Friday's Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade's abortion protections continued to reverberate across the country Sunday. The demonstrations have been largely peaceful, though damage and temporary road closures were reported in some cities. More rallies were scheduled for Sunday. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#)

USA Today: School choice is sweeping America. Now, Supreme Court has given parents even more options., Ingrid Jacques, June 26, 2022, 9:00 AM

Since COVID-19 emerged in early 2020, families have had their children's education upended. [...] A new decision by the U.S. Supreme Court will surely add to this momentum. In a 6-3 ruling in Carson v. Makin on Tuesday, the court once again sided strongly with both school choice and religious freedom. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: What Does Overturning Roe v. Wade Mean? What to Know About the Supreme Court Abortion Ruling, Brent Kendall, June 25, 2022 9:41 PM

The Supreme Court on Friday upheld abortion restrictions in Mississippi and eliminated the constitutional right to an abortion that was first established in the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision. Here is a look at the court's journey from establishing the right to abortion nearly 50 years ago to withdrawing it today. What is Roe v. Wade? The Roe case involved a pregnant Texas woman who sought a judicial declaration that state laws making it a crime to procure or attempt an abortion were unconstitutional. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Decades Ago, Alito Laid Out Methodical Strategy to Eventually Overrule Roe, Charlie Savage, June 25, 2022, 9:39 PM

In the spring of 1985, a 35-year-old lawyer in the Justice Department, Samuel A. Alito Jr., cautioned the Reagan administration against mounting a frontal assault on Roe v. Wade, the landmark ruling that declared a constitutional right to abortion. The Supreme Court was not ready to overturn it, he said, so urging it to do so could backfire. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade Ruling Sets Off Protests as States Plan Moves, Laura Kusisto, Ginger Adams Otis, and Jennifer Calfas, June 25, 2022, 9:24 PM

Protests and rallies continued Saturday in response to the Supreme Court's ruling that ended constitutional protections for abortion rights, as states continue to adjust to a decision that overturned nearly 50 years of law. Abortion-rights demonstrators have converged in cities across the U.S. since Friday's decision. [[Continue Reading](#)]

[Reading](#)] **See also:** [NBC](#)

WaPo: The Supreme Court prompts the question: Who gets rights in America?, Karin Brulliard, June 25, 2022, 7:37 PM

Amy Martin was 14 years old when Roe v. Wade was decided, establishing a right to abortion that she took for granted for nearly five decades. Martin was 56 when the Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage in 2015, a right she took advantage of when she married her partner of 30 years last week. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] Why John Roberts's wise prudence was the wrong answer on abortion law, Hugh Hewitt, June 25, 2022, 5:02 PM

My first stop, once the Supreme Court's abortion decision was released, was the concurrence by Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. The majority opinion by Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. had leaked earlier — no mystery there. And the joint dissent, by the court's three liberal justices, was hardly a surprise. Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey, the 1992 decision reaffirming the constitutional right to abortion, were never persuasive and always controversial. They deserve to be consigned to the dustbin of discarded cases, along with Dred Scott, Plessy v. Ferguson and Korematsu, the decision upholding the World War II internment of Japanese Americans. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: U.S. abortion decision draws cheers, horror abroad, Adam Taylor, Erin Cunningham, Karina Tsui and Claire Parker, June 25, 2022, 3:11 PM

The Supreme Court's decision Friday to overturn Roe v. Wade — and revoke the constitutional right to an abortion — triggered a mixture of condemnation and elation outside the United States as politicians and activists on both sides of the debate braced for potential ripple effects in their countries. World leaders and abortion rights advocates described the ruling as “horrific” and “appalling.” Crowds protested in cities including London, Paris and Ottawa. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: [OPINION] The Supreme Court rulings represent the tyranny of the minority, Max Boot, June 25, 2022, 2:23 PM

Everyone knows that the Founders were afraid of the tyranny of the majority. That's why they built so many checks and balances into the Constitution. What's less well known is that they were also afraid of the tyranny of the minority. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Decades Ago, Alito Laid Out Methodical Strategy to Eventually Overrule Roe, Charlie Savage, June 25, 2022, 2:00 PM

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Fox: Liz Warren says SCOTUS 'set a torch' to its last bit of legitimacy after overturning Roe V. Wade, Emma Colton, June 26, 2022, 12:22 PM

Democratic Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren said the Supreme Court torched its legitimacy after voting to overturn Roe V. Wade. "This Court has lost legitimacy. They have burned whatever legitimacy they may still have had after their gun decision, after their voting decision, after their union decision," Warren told ABC "This Week" co-anchor Martha Raddatz on Sunday morning. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [ABC](#), [Axios](#), [The Hill](#), [MSN](#)

Fox: RIP Roe: Supreme Court abortion ruling sets stage for what pro-life groups do next, Kristan Hawkins, June 26, 2022, 11:00

In getting rid of the confusion and injustice of Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey, cases that together have allowed more than 63 million lives to be lost to abortion, the Supreme Court hasn't really launched a revolution no matter what Planned Parenthood and company are saying today. The Dobbs decision is more like a factory reset in which all the legal settings are restored to their constitutional design.

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ABC: Supreme Court abortion ruling live updates: Americans can get abortions in Canada: Trudeau, Meredith Deliso, Mark Osborne, Nadine El-Bawab, Mary Kekatos, Alexandra Svokos, Kate Pastor, Haley Yamada, and Stephanie Guerilus, June 25, 2022, 6:59 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court has overturned the landmark Roe v. Wade decision in a much-anticipated ruling Friday in one of its biggest decisions this term. The court voted 5-4, largely along party lines, to overturn Roe and 6-3, in the case of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, which involved Mississippi's ban on abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: Chief Justice John Roberts lost the Supreme Court and the defining case of his generation, Joan Biskupic, June 26, 2022, 6:00 AM

Chief Justice John Roberts has long piloted America's highest court, securing majorities on controversies over religion, race, voting rights and campaign finance regulation. But on fundamental abortion rights and in the defining case of his generation, Roberts came up short. Friday's decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, which overturned nearly a half-century of precedent, will be a seminal case in the annals of law and learning. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CNN: Miranda rights, abortion, Second Amendment: These are the cases the Supreme Court ruled on this week with major implications, Shawna Mizelle, June 25, 2022, 2:03 PM

The US Supreme Court handed down a bevy of decisions this week that will affect Americans across the country. The rulings from the nation's highest court range from topics such as gun rights to Miranda rights. The most notable ruling, which overturned Roe v. Wade and upended constitutional protections on abortion, came down on Friday as the court heads into summer recess. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: [OPINION] Justice Breyer's collegiality and civility will be sorely missed, Albert Hunt, June 26, 2022, 11:30 AM

Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer will be missed not necessarily for his votes but for his voice, one that valued collegiality and civility on an increasingly politicized court. The 83-year-old Breyer is stepping down after 28 distinguished years on the High Court. He came into public service at a time when compromise and searching for consensus were common in politics and in the courts. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: Five takeaways from the Supreme Court's abortion ruling, Niall Stannage, June 26, 2022, 5:45 AM

The Supreme Court made its most dramatic intervention in American life in decades Friday, striking down the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that had provided a constitutional right to abortion. The rescinding of the right is likely to lead to the banning of abortion in around half the states in the nation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Insider (New York, NY): Alito said women seeking abortions should have to listen to distressing details about fetal development as 'part of the responsibility of moral choice', Hannah Getahun, June 26, 2022, 1:52 AM

Justice Samuel Alito, a conservative justice on the Supreme Court, once wrote the distress patients

experienced after hearing details of fetal development prior to obtaining an abortion are "part of the responsibility of moral choice." After the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 to overturn Roe v. Wade, attention has been directed to the conservative justices who voted to overturn the constitutional right to abortion. [[Continue Reading](#)]

ADMINISTRATION

Reuters: 'Kindred spirits' Biden, Scholz work to heal U.S.-German ties, Andrea Shalal and Andreas Rinke, June 26, 2022, 12:01 PM

Panned by critics for dragging his feet on Ukraine, called a "sulky liver sausage" by the Ukrainian ambassador, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz on Sunday won public praise from a man he has long privately admired: U.S. President Joe Biden. Reaching over to touch Scholz's arm as they sat at the start of a G7 meeting in the Bavarian Alps, Biden said it was "in no small part because of you" that the West had stuck together against Russia four months after the invasion of Ukraine. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: U.S. aims to raise \$200 billion as part of G7 rival to China's Belt & Road, Unattributed, June 26, 2022, 11:21 AM

The United States aims to raise \$200 billion in private and public funds over five years to fund needed infrastructure in developing countries under a G7 initiative aimed at countering China's multitrillion-dollar Belt and Road project, the White House said on Sunday. U.S. President Joe Biden will unveil the plans, flanked by other Group of Seven leaders, some of whom have already unveiled their own separate initiatives, at their annual gathering being held this year at Schloss Elmau in southern Germany. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#)

Reuters: Biden pushes back against criticism of Scholz leadership, praises chancellor, Andrea Shalal and Thomas Escritt, June 26, 2022, 8:30 AM

U.S. President Joe Biden thanked German Chancellor Olaf Scholz for his leadership on the Ukraine crisis when they met at a Bavarian Alpine retreat on Sunday ahead of a summit of the Group of Seven rich democracies that aims to send a message of unity. Critics, including Kyiv and its western allies have accused Germany of dragging its feet in its support for Ukraine, a charge Scholz has denied. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Biden urges Western unity on Ukraine amid war fatigue, Zeke Miller, Darlene Superville, and Geir Moulson, June 26, 2022, 10:41 AM

President Joe Biden and western allies opened a three-day summit in the Bavarian Alps on Sunday intent on keeping economic fallout from the war in Ukraine from fracturing the global coalition working to punish Russia's aggression. Britain's Boris Johnson warned the leaders not to give in to "fatigue" even as Russia lobbed new missiles at Kyiv. The leaders were set to announce new bans on imports of Russian gold, the latest in a series of sanctions the club of democracies hopes will further isolate Russia economically. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: U.S. confident Nato's strategy document will be "strong" on China, official says, Unattributed, June 26, 2022, 8:34 AM

The U.S. is confident that NATO's new strategy document will include "strong" language on China, a White House official said on Sunday, adding that negotiations on how to refer to Beijing were still underway. The military alliance is at work preparing a new strategic concept - a strategy document setting out its aims and values - which is due to be unveiled at a summit in Madrid next week. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Biden's mission in Europe: Shore up alliance against Russia, Zeke Miller and Darlene Superville, June 25, 2022, 5:18 PM

President Joe Biden is out to sustain the global alliance punishing Russia for its invasion of Ukraine as he embarks on a five-day trip to Europe as the 4-month-old war shows no sign of abating and its aftershocks to global food and energy supplies are deepening. Biden first joins a meeting of the Group of Seven leading economic powers in the Bavarian Alps of Germany and later travels to Madrid for a summit with leaders of the 30 NATO countries. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Biden 'respects' Supreme Court despite abortion ruling, White House says, Andrea Shalal, June 25, 2022, 2:03 PM

President Joe Biden, who is weighing unilateral actions to counter an "extreme" ruling ending the U.S. right to abortion, nonetheless "respects" the Supreme Court and sees no need to expand its membership, a spokesperson said. Biden is looking for more "solutions" in the aftermath of the abortion decision, including possible unilateral executive orders, according to spokesperson Karine Jean-Pierre. [[Continue Reading](#)]

USA Today: Biden bans Russian gold imports at G-7 as leaders consider new sanctions over Ukraine war, Francesca Chambers, June 26, 2022, 8:07 AM

The U.S. announced on Sunday that it will ban new imports of Russian gold as it steps up efforts to deprive Vladimir Putin of the financial resources he needs to maintain his assault on Ukraine. Biden administration officials made the announcement as the U.S. president prepared to meet with the leaders of France, Germany, Canada, the UK, Italy and Japan. The nations collectively make up an economic alliance known as the Group of Seven. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#), [WaPo](#)

NPR: Biden must take stronger action on abortion, Senate Democrats say, Sarah McCammon, June 25, 2022, 11:15 PM

On the heels of the U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*, some Senate Democrats are pushing President Biden to take "immediate action" to protect abortion rights. In a letter sent to Biden on Saturday evening, a group of 34 senators describe the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision as "an unprecedented assault on women and the result of decades of activism by Republican extremists." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#)

ABC: Biden doesn't support expanding the Supreme Court, White House says, Alexandra Hutzler, June 25, 2022, 3:14 PM

President Joe Biden remains unmoved on the issue of court expansion, the White House said, despite his criticism of the Supreme Court rulings handed down this week on gun rights and abortion. "That is something that the president does not agree with," White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters aboard Air Force One on Saturday when asked about such a reform. "That is not something that he wants to do." [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [The Hill](#), [Insider \(New York, NY\)](#)

The Hill: [OPINION] Biden's White House: Are we nearing 'The Klain Mutiny'?, Mark Toth, June 26, 2022, 10:00 AM

The Biden administration is losing the short game when it comes to U.S. national security, and President Biden's upcoming July trip to the Middle East is yet another case study in how the White House keeps misfiring and setting the president up for failure. It would be one thing if the administration's missteps were merely unforced errors, but they are not. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Washington Examiner: The courts keep frustrating Biden, Haisten Willis, June 26, 2022, 7:00 AM

Courts high and low continue to frustrate President Joe Biden and the White House, with Friday's *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* ruling just the latest in a long line of setbacks, which could continue with the conservative Supreme Court flexing its power. Biden expressed shock and anger at the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* in comments made early Friday afternoon. "It just stuns me," Biden said, calling the decision "a sad

day for the court and the country." But the president has experienced many frustrations with courts going back to the beginning of his administration. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Al Jazeera: **What's in US President Joe Biden's bipartisan gun violence bill?**, Unattributed, June 25, 2022, 6:03 PM

US President Joe Biden signed into law the most sweeping gun violence bill in decades, a bipartisan compromise that seemed unimaginable until a recent series of mass shootings.

Citing the families of shooting victims he met, the president said: "Their message to us was, 'Do something'. How many times did we hear that? 'Just do something. For God's sake, just do something.' Today we did."

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The Hill: **White House condemns Oslo shooting ahead of Pride event**, Caroline Vakil, June 25, 2022, 3:30 PM

The White House condemned a shooting that took place early Saturday in Oslo, Norway, around a gay bar and ahead of the capital's Pride parade later that day. "The horrific shooting in Norway this morning has been felt around the world. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Racine Journal Times (Racine, WI): **Biden is failing to address crises --**, David Rizzo, June 26, 2022, 1:47 AM (EDT)

Drug overdose deaths are increasing at an alarming rate. The cause is fentanyl from China entering the United States through our porous southern border, but the current administration doesn't care. Instead of implementing policies and focusing enforcement efforts to cut off this unabated flow of poison into our sovereign country, the administration instructs the Department of Homeland Security to establish the Disinformation Governance Board. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

AP: **Senate confirmed justices to end Roe. How will voters react?**, Lisa Mascaro, June 26, 2022, 12:07 AM

The end of Roe v. Wade started in the Senate. It was the Senate Republican partnership with President Donald Trump to confirm conservative judges, and transform the federal judiciary, that paved the way for the Supreme Court's landmark ruling to overturn the constitutional right to abortion. Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell set the strategy in motion, engineering the Supreme Court's makeover by blocking President Barack Obama's nomination of Merrick Garland and changing the Senate's rules to easily confirm Trump's picks. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NETWORK EVENING NEWS LINEUP: JUNE 25, 2022

ABC: World News Tonight with Whit Johnson

CBS: Weekend News with Adriana Diaz

NBC: Nightly News with Jose Diaz-Balart

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Protests are erupting nationwide with Pro-Life and Pro-Choice advocates clashing with each other over the Supreme Court Conservative majority overruling of Roe vs. Wade. President Biden warning of dire consequences of the decision, even as politicians indicate abortion as a key election issue in the upcoming elections. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#) [NBC](#)]

- The impact of the Roe v. Wade overruling is being felt Nationwide with fears that other rulings such as same sex marriage and contraception access may be revisited. Abortion has already been banned in 8 states with 18 more states likely to ban or severely restrict abortion in the upcoming weeks. Other states are looking to make abortions readily accessible to women. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- President Biden signed the bipartisan Safer Communities Act, the first major Gun Safety law in 30 years, prior to leaving for his trip to Europe. This law comes after a US Supreme Court ruling, striking down State law requiring anyone seeking a concealed weapons permit show proper cause. Hours after the gun reform law was signed the last of the Uvalde victims was laid to rest. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Officials have raised the terror alert level to its highest level in Norway after a deadly terror attack in Oslo at a Pride celebration. The suspect identified as a radicalized 42 y/o Norwegian Citizen originally from Iran, killed two and wounded more than 20 others. Organizers canceled the annual Pride parade planned for today. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Ukrainians are now using the powerful rocket high precision systems against Russia, as Russia forces seize more territory in the Eastern Donbass region. Ukrainians are moving to higher defensive positions even as civilians continue to flee to safer regions, even as Western officials state Russia could be running out of certain types of ammunition. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- President Biden is meeting with other G7 leaders to discuss tough economic issues with expectations of an announcement of plans to bring down the high cost of food and the growing influence of China. Also expected from G7 leaders is an answer to how long they can support Ukraine at this pace, with the US having pledged \$6 Billion dollars in security assistance. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#)]
- In 8 pages from Brian Laundries notebook, he wrote "I ended her life." Laundrie wrote that he killed Petitio after he claimed she injured herself when she fell in Wyoming. Federal authorities state Laundrie strangled Gabby Petitio to death, later dying from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. [[ABC](#)]
- International reaction to the US Supreme Court striking down Roe v. Wade was swift. Reactions ranged from supportive to the decision to derision.[[CBS](#)]
- Five month old Cecilia Thomas became the latest victim of gun violence in Chicago. Shots fired from another vehicle struck Thomas in the head while she was sitting in the back of a car. Police continue to search for a suspect. [[CBS](#)]

SUNDAY MORNING TALK SHOWS

ABC This Week with Martha Raddatz

- Martha Raddatz reviewed the Supreme Court overruling of Roe v. Wade making abortion an issue for the States; trigger laws in 8 States making abortion illegal with a total of 26 States expected to ban or restrict abortion; 16 States plus Washington, D.C. explicitly protecting access to abortion care; President Biden's comments on the Ruling; and the partisan divide within the Supreme Court. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Raddatz discussed the Supreme Court's decision affecting women's choices; existing rights that may be in jeopardy; White House response to the Ruling; and public opinion of abortions. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Governor Kristi Noem (R-SD) discussed the abortion trigger laws in place in South Dakota; alternative resources available for women; Rights granted by the Constitution; and issues surrounding abortions including prosecution of abortion up to State legislators. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) discussed protecting women reproductive health services; the role of the government with women deciding abortions; the need for votes to make legislative changes in the Senate; Supreme Court Justices misleading Senators; and packing the Supreme Court. [\[Watch\]](#)

CBS Face the Nation with Margaret Brennan

- Protests were held nationwide this weekend in the wake of the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade, changing nearly 50 years of abortion law in U.E. CBS News national correspondent reports on the most recent protests around the country. Some Republican-led states will ban or severely limit abortion immediately, while other restrictions will take effect later. In anticipation of the decision, several states led by Democrats have taken steps to protect abortion access. [\[Watch\]](#)
- Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer urged lawmakers who support abortion rights to "use every tool in their toolbox" after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. But in Michigan, she said "with the current legislature I have, there is no common ground." Gov. Gretchen also questioned the most recent Supreme Court decision on gun rights. [\[Watch\]](#)
- South Dakota is one of 13 states with so called trigger laws that locked new abortion restrictions into place after Roe vs. Wade was overturned. Gov. Kristi Noem said her state will now work to bolster resources for women who will now have to carry their pregnancies to term, including with more mental health counseling and family services. [\[Watch\]](#)

NBC Meet the Press with Chuck Todd

- Chuck Todd discusses the Supreme Court's overturning of Roe v. Wade and how the credibility of the Supreme Court "has never been more in question" than at this moment, after their vote on Friday. Chuck Todd questions Gov. Asa Hutchinson (R-AR.) on whether the conservative policies in his state will stretch to ban contraceptives for women. Hutchinson said abortion providers should face criminal

penalties for performing procedures but said women would not be prosecuted in his state for getting an abortion. [[Watch](#), [Watch-2](#)]

- Rep. Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) joins to discuss the Democratic Party's role in the overturning of Roe v. Wade. Ocasio-Cortez says there must be consequences for Supreme Court justices who lie under oath. [[Watch](#)]
- Andrea Mitchell, Garrett Haake, Peggy Noonan and Kimberly Atkins Stohr join the Meet the Press roundtable to discuss the fallout of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade. The analysts predicted the fight over abortion would continue, in state capitals, in Washington and at the ballot box. Justice Clarence Thomas, part of Friday's majority, urged colleagues to overturn other high court rulings protecting same-sex marriage, gay sex and the use of contraceptives. [[Watch](#)]
- Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Calif.), member of the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol, discusses the "powerful evidence" revealed that former President Donald Trump knew he lost but continued to push claims of fraud. [[Watch](#)]

FOX News Sunday with Martha MacCallum

- Jubilation and outrage has filled the streets across the Nation with the overruling of Roe v. Wade. The Rulings of the 3 Conservative Justices nominated by former President Donald Trump have made a significant impact Nationwide. President Biden and many politicians asserted Abortion as an election issue. [[Watch](#)]
- The Supreme Court overruling of Roe v Wade set in motion trigger laws banning or restricting abortions with others expanding access to abortions. Criminal penalties against abortions are aimed at providers and not at women seeking abortions. Public and private industries are offering benefits and options to women desiring abortions. [[Watch](#)]
- Judiciary Committee Member Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) discussed the overruling of Roe v. Wade allowing states to decide abortion laws; the constitutional process as a means of regulating abortion; abortion as a upcoming election issue; other upcoming election issues including gas prices, rampant crime, and broken borders; and probable backlash against efforts to intimidate Judges. [[Watch](#)]
- Senator Graham also discussed Justice Thomas's concurrence of reconsidering "all of this Court's substantive due process precedents. . . ."; Justice Alito's distinction between same sex marriage and contraception; state legislator elections; possible changes to Rules of the Senate; the radicalization of President Biden; and the need for Attorney General Merrick Garland to prosecute people intimidating the Justices. [[Watch](#)]

AFTERNOON HEADLINES

- “As Roe v. Wade Protests Roll On, Abortion Providers Race Against Deadlines” [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [LAT](#)]
- “Conservatives on the march: GOP gains ground despite Democratic control” [[WaPo](#), [NYT](#)]
- “New York Primary Race Highlights Democratic Party’s Internal Struggle” [[WSJ](#), [NYT](#)]
- “Proud Boys Ignored Orders Given at Pre-Jan. 6 Meeting” [[NYT](#)]
- “GOP lawmaker calls Roe ruling ‘victory for white life’ as Trump rally cheers” [[WaPo](#)]
- “Trump lawyer John Eastman’s Jan. 6 notoriety was decades in the making in California” [[LAT](#)]

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NEWS

WSJ: [EDITORIAL] Why Not Prosecute Intimidation Of Supreme Court Justices?, Editorial Board, June 24, 2022 6:41 PM

Protests erupted Friday in Washington after the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, and bigger disruptions are possible. Yet so far the Justice Department has refused to enforce federal law to keep the peace at the personal homes of the Justices. [...] We've obtained the Justice Department's reply, which is about as responsive as a wet blanket. "Your letter," it says, "suggests that some individuals may have violated federal criminal law. We appreciate having the benefit of your views on this matter. Longstanding policy and practice of the Department prevent us from discussing this information with you further or confirming or denying the initiation or existence of any investigation." The letter is signed by Peter Hyun, acting assistant attorney general. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Breitbart](#)

NYT: Garland says Justice Department will protect access to an abortion., Katie Benner, 9 p.m. ET June 24, 2022, 1:09 PM

Attorney General Merrick B. Garland called the Supreme Court decision to strike down the right to an abortion "a devastating blow to reproductive freedom," and he vowed to use the Justice Department's authority to protect the right to the procedure. In a detailed statement, Mr. Garland said that the decision undermines *stare decisis*, a longstanding doctrine that the court should respect precedents. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CNBC](#), [CNN](#), [Time](#), [Washington Examiner](#)

NBC: Garland signals brewing battle with GOP-led states over access to abortion pills, Doreh Gregorian and Ryan J. Reilly, June 24, 2022, 9:48 PM

Attorney General Merrick Garland indicated Friday that the Justice Department would combat any Republican efforts to restrict access to abortion pills after the Supreme Court reversed *Roe v. Wade*, setting the stage for potential legal battles with some GOP-led states. "The Justice Department will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom," Garland said in a lengthy statement after the Supreme Court ruling. [\[Continue](#)

[Reading](#)] See also: [Axios](#), [Time](#)

NATIONAL SECURITY

Reuters: U.S.'s Russia sanctions architect Singh departs as Ukraine war drags on, Andrea Shalal, June 25, 2022, 6:08 AM

U.S. President Joe Biden will have a new "sherpa" on his trip to Germany next week - a former BlackRock (BLK.N) strategist named Mike Pyle, who replaces Washington's former point person on sanctions, Daleep Singh. Singh, who played a crucial role at the White House in coordinating Western sanctions against Russia over its invasion of Ukraine in February, this week took a job as chief global economist and head of macroeconomic research at PGIM Fixed Income, a Wall Street asset manager with \$890 billion in assets.

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AP: Indiana Oath Keeper member indicted on Capitol riot charges, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 3:45 PM

A federal grand jury in Washington, D.C., has indicted an Indianapolis member of the far-right Oath Keepers militia group with conspiracy and other charges for his role in the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol. The indictment unsealed Friday charges Michael Greene, 39, with conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding, obstruction of an official proceeding, conspiracy to prevent an officer from discharging any duties, entering and remaining in a restricted building or grounds and tampering with documents or proceedings, prosecutors said. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Daily Beast: Army Veteran Charged for Selling Military Secrets to China, Emily Hernandez, June 24, 2022, 9:36 PM

The U.S. Justice Department has charged a former Army pilot for selling secrets related to U.S. aircraft technology to the Chinese government for five years, according to a Thursday press release. The retired helicopter pilot, Shapour Moinian, 67, pleaded guilty in San Diego federal court to acting as an unregistered foreign agent and to lying on national security background checks. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Hill: DHS warns in memo of 'likely' violent extremism following Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade: reports, Caroline Vakil, June 24, 2022, 8:02 PM

The intelligence branch of the Department of Homeland Security warned officials on Friday of what it says is the likelihood of domestic violent extremism in the wake of the Supreme Court's ruling that eliminates federal-level abortion protections, multiple news outlets reported. The department's Office of Intelligence and Analysis reportedly sent a memo to law enforcement, private sector partners, first responders and others that was obtained by Axios and CNN. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

JAN. 6 HEARINGS

Reuters: Ex-Trump Justice Dept official Clark confirms law enforcement raid of his home, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 9:21 AM

Former U.S. Justice Department official Jeffrey Clark confirmed that federal law enforcement agents raided his home this week, the day after a congressional panel spotlighted his role in seeking to help President Donald Trump overturn his 2020 loss. Clark, in an interview on Fox News Thursday night, confirmed federal agents searched his Virginia home and took his electronic devices in what he said he believed as a politically motivated action. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

AP: Jan. 6: Pressure, unsung heroes and Trump's Watergate echoes, Lisa Mascaró and Mary Clare Jalonick, June 22, 2022, 3:14 PM

The House Jan. 6 committee launched under deep political skepticism: What more could be said about the deadly insurrection at the Capitol in 2021 that played out for all the world to see? Quite a lot, it turns out. The public hearings this month are showing in vivid and clear detail just how close the United States came to a constitutional crisis when President Donald Trump refused to admit his election defeat. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NYT: How the House Jan. 6 Panel Has Redefined the Congressional Hearing, Michael S. Schmidt, Luke Broadwater and Maggie Haberman, June 25, 2022, 12:02 PM

The typical congressional hearing features a pileup of long-winded statements what some might consider bloviating. There are harsh partisan exchanges that can obscure the substance at hand. Visual presentations tend to involve an easel. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Judge Asks DOJ If Meadows Is Immune From Jan. 6 Subpoena, Khorri Atkinson, June 24, 2022, 7:22 PM

A D.C. federal judge is seeking clarity from the U.S. Department of Justice whether former White House chief of staff Mark Meadows is entitled to any level of immunity from a subpoena... [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [Forbes](#)

New Yorker: What the January 6th Committee Uncovered This Week, Evan Osnos, June 24, 2022, 7:33 PM

Two hearings this week laid out the stark implications of President Trump's efforts to stay in office. On Tuesday, members of the House select committee on January 6th heard testimony about attempts to deliver fake slates of electors to Congress. State election officials and poll workers spoke, in powerful terms, about the intense vitriol and harassment they were subjected to by Trump supporters, simply for doing their jobs. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WKOW-ABC (Madison, WI): Kind calls for Justice Dept. to investigate Johnson over fake elector slate, A.J. Bayatpour, June 24, 2022, 9:23 PM (EDT)

A Wisconsin congressman called for federal investigators to look into whether Sen. Ron Johnson committed a crime in the way he handled a slate of fake presidential electors for Donald Trump on January 6, 2021. [...] The House committee investigating the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol revealed text messages Tuesday showing Johnson's Chief of Staff, Sean Riley, texted Pence's legislative director that Johnson "needed to hand" something to Pence. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

CRIMINAL LAW

Reuters: Ghislaine Maxwell seeks to curb accusers' testimony at sentencing, Jonathan Stempel, June 24, 2022, 7:32 PM

Ghislaine Maxwell urged a U.S. judge not to admit testimony from four female accusers at her sentencing next Tuesday for aiding the financier Jeffrey Epstein's sexual abuse of underage girls. In a Friday letter to Circuit Judge Alison Nathan, who presided over Maxwell's trial and will sentence the British socialite, Maxwell's lawyer Bobbi Sternheim said it would be "unduly prejudicial" to publicize the women's "victim impact statements" or consider them when imposing sentence. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [AP](#)

AP: Jury takes fraud case against Elizabeth Holmes's ex-partner, Michael Liedtke, June 24, 2022, 6:20 PM

The fate of hard-nosed technology executive Ramesh “Sunny” Balwani is now in the hands of a jury that will weigh criminal charges alleging he joined disgraced Theranos CEO Elizabeth Holmes, his former partner, in an elaborate fraud that jarred Silicon Valley. U.S. District Judge Edward Davila handed the case to the jury Friday afternoon after federal prosecutors in San Jose, California, finished a rebuttal to more than 11 hours of closing arguments methodically laid out by one of Balwani’s lawyers, Jeffrey Coopersmith. [[Continue Reading](#)]
See also: [ABC](#), [CNN](#), [KTVU-Fox \(Oakland, CA\)](#), [Law360](#), [WSJ](#)

AP: U.S. Army private admits plotting attack on military unit, Larry Neumeister, June 24, 2022, 5:06 PM
A U.S. Army private from Kentucky pleaded guilty Friday to charges that he plotted to murder members of his unit in an attack that he planned to carry out in 2020 on behalf of a group that promotes extreme violence to bring about the demise of Western civilization, authorities said.
Ethan Phelan Melzer, 24, of Louisville, Kentucky, entered the plea in Manhattan federal court. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WaPo: D.C. man sentenced to 20 years in shooting of mother and young son, Keith L. Alexander, June 24, 2022, 7:09 PM
Patrick Reilly repeatedly cried out for help, begging the 911 operator to send emergency responders to the Shaw neighborhood where his wife had been shot.[...] Authorities say Reilly’s wife, Katie Reilly, and their five-year-old son had just been shot by a man who she and her husband had confronted over his riding a scooter in an area where children were playing. On Friday, the shooter Anthony Bedney, 27, of Northwest Washington was sentenced to 20 years in prison. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Mass. Atty Charged In Pot Shop 'Pay-To-Play' Scheme, Brian Dowling, June 24, 2022, 4:37 PM
A Massachusetts attorney floated an illegal "pay-to-play scheme" to bribe a local police chief for his vote of approval for a proposed marijuana store in the city, federal prosecutors said Friday. [[Continue Reading](#)]
See also: [Boston Globe](#), [Daily Voice \(Hampden, MA\)](#), [WHDH-NBC \(Boston, MA\)](#)

Connect Radio (DuBois, PA): Clearfield man sentenced to 35 years in federal prison for possession of child porn, Unattributed, June 25, 2022, 6:09 AM
A 35-year prison sentence was given to a Clearfield man in federal court Tuesday. The U.S. Attorney’s Office said 46-year old Jackson Martin III pleaded guilty to producing and possessing material depicting the sexual exploitation of a minor. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Chicago Tribune: R. Kelly’s summer of reckoning: Convicted singer faces potentially decades in prison in New York, jury trial in Chicago, Jason Meisner and Megan Crepeau, June 25, 2022, 6:00 AM
It’s been nine months since Chicago-born R&B singer R. Kelly was last in a New York courtroom, where he was convicted by a jury after decades of allegations of sexual misdeeds. [...] Federal prosecutors have asked U.S. District Judge Ann Donnelly to sentence Kelly to more than 25 years in prison, saying his racketeering conviction was part of a “long and pervasive history of enticing children to engage in sexual activity.” [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Los Angeles Daily News (Los Angeles, CA): Jury deliberations expected Monday in bribery trial of LA developer, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 8:49 PM (EDT)
A federal jury is expected to begin deliberating Monday in the criminal trial of a Los Angeles real estate developer accused of paying a \$500,000 bribe to a city councilman to “grease the wheels” for a proposed downtown condominium project. Dae Yong Lee, also known as David Lee, is the first defendant to go on trial in the City Hall corruption scandal surrounding former Councilman José Huizar and his associates. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Boston Herald: California man indicted, accused of filming girl, 11, changing in her Norfolk home, Flint McColgan, June 24, 2022, 7:07 PM

A California man has been federally indicted for allegedly climbing onto the garage of a Norfolk home he had staked out and secretly making a video through the window of an 11-year-old girl's bedroom window as she changed. Jacob Guerrero, 23, of Woodland, Calif., was indicted by a grand jury in federal court in Boston Thursday on one count of sexually exploiting a child. He has been in federal custody since first being arrested and charged with the crime on a criminal complaint from April 14. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) See also: [The Sun Chronicle \(Attleboro, MA\)](#)

The Sioux City Journal (Sioux City, IA): Former Sioux City cafe owner sentenced to federal prison for selling meth, Nick Hytrek, June 24, 2022, 6:56 PM (EDT)

A Sioux City man was sentenced Friday to more than 10 years in federal prison for selling methamphetamine out of a Morningside restaurant. William Thompson, 62, pleaded guilty in February in U.S. District Court in Sioux City to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. He was sentenced to 126 months in prison. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

RLS Media (Newark, NJ): Man Charged with Operating Heroin Mill Inside Harrison Luxury Apartment, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 6:17 PM

A Bergen County, New Jersey, man made his initial court appearance today on charges of possession of fentanyl and heroin with intent to distribute, U.S. Attorney Philip R. Sellinger announced today. Federal Officials said Mr. Dawan A. Brown, aka "DB," 36, of Cliffside Park is charged by complaint with one count of possession with intent to distribute one kilogram or more of heroin and at least 400 grams or more of fentanyl. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The Post and Courier (Charleston, SC): Child sex trafficking 'mastermind' sentenced to federal prison with other conspirators, Kailey Cota, June 24, 2022, 5:03 PM

The "mastermind" of a multistate child sex trafficking conspiracy was sentenced to federal prison on June 23 along with three related conspirators. The 26-year-old ringleader, Hart William Grow of Surprise, Arizona, was convicted of running a trafficking scheme that involved at least two minors from South Carolina. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Bakersfield Californian (Bakersfield, CA): U.S. Attorney's Office: Bakersfield man gets to seven years for being a felon in possession of a firearm, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 2:08 PM

A Bakersfield man was sentenced to seven years in prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Eastern District. Sabino Ramos, 46, got seven years, eight months after he was found to have two handguns and about 30 rounds of ammunition, the office said in a news release. Ramos was driving in Bakersfield on July 8, 2021 when law enforcement officers tried to stop him to execute a search warrant on suspicion of violating his probation, according to a news release. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Hot Springs Sentinel-Record (Hot Springs, AR): Tennessee man, woman face federal kidnapping charges for alleged abduction of HS teen, Steven Mross, June 24, 2022, 2:00 PM

A Tennessee man and woman previously charged with multiple felonies in state court in connection with the alleged abduction of a 17-year-old Hot Springs girl on April 19 were arraigned Friday in U.S. District Court on federal kidnapping charges. Samuel Wayne Bolling Jr., 38, who is reportedly from Nashville, Tenn., and Dayla Diane Ferrer, 20, of Memphis, Tenn., were indicted on June 15 by a federal grand jury on felony charges of kidnapping, and conspiracy to commit kidnapping, both punishable by up to life in prison. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Northwest Arkansas Times (Fayetteville, AR): **Federal lawsuit claims Lonoke County deputy was off meds when he fatally shot Arkansas teen Hunter Brittain**, Bill Bowden, June 24, 2022, 7:05 AM
The Lonoke County deputy who shot and killed 17-year-old Hunter Brittain on June 23, 2021, had a mental illness and hadn't taken his medication, according to a lawsuit filed Thursday by two civil-rights lawyers. Sheriff John W. Staley knew that Deputy Michael C. Davis had a mental illness, according to the lawsuit filed in federal court in Little Rock by Ben Crump and Devon M. Jacob. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KFGO (Fargo, ND): **Fort Pierre man sentenced for sexual exploitation of child**, Ryan Janke, June 25, 2022, 9:03 AM
A Fort Pierre, S.D. man has been convicted of Sexual Exploitation of a Child. James Cadwell, age 40, was sentenced to 28 years in federal prison, followed by seven years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WOIO-CBS (Shaker Heights, OH): **4 Northeast Ohioans accused of stealing vehicles, U.S. Mail; robbing postal carriers**, Rachel Vadaj, June 24, 2022, 11:12 PM
Four Northeast Ohioans are charged with organizing and engaging in a conspiracy to steal, sell and purchase high-end vehicles, rob Postal Service carriers, and steal from the U.S. mail, the Department of Justice confirmed. First Assistant U.S. Attorney Michelle M. Baeppler announced that a federal grand jury returned a nine-count indictment charging the following defendants:
20-year-old Hakim Benjamin of Cleveland Heights, 19-year-old Jaylen Harris of Beachwood, 18-year-old Lavelle Jones of Warrensville Heights, 20-year-old Devin Rice of Cleveland. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KNWA-NBC (Rogers, AR): **Josh Duggar transferred to federal facility**, C.C. McCandless, June 24, 2022, 10:20 PM (EDT)
On the morning of June 24, Joshua Duggar was transferred out of the Washington County Detention Center to begin the process of serving his federal prison sentence. Duggar, 34, a former reality TV star, was found guilty on two child pornography charges in December 2021 and was sentenced to 151 months in federal prison on May 25 in the Western District of Arkansas Federal Court in Fayetteville. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KOKI-Fox (Tulsa, OK): **Miami man sentenced to 4 years in federal prison for paralyzing a classmate**, Dana Nickel, June 24, 2022, 6:54 PM (EDT)
A man was sentenced Friday in federal court for a 2017 attack in which he picked up a fellow student and slammed the student's head onto the ground, leaving him paralyzed, announced U.S. Attorney Clint Johnson. Jace Christian Williams, 23, was sentenced to 51 months in federal prison followed by three years of supervised release. U.S. District Judge Gregory K. Frizzell will determine restitution at an Aug. 26 hearing. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KVIA-ABC (El Paso, TX): **Walmart shooter trial: Jury selection and trial date set**, Jason McNabb, June 24, 2022, 6:10 PM (EDT)
A United States district judge has set the date for the jury selection for the Patrick Crusius trial. The trial will follow immediately after the jury selection. Judge Guaderrama announced the selection and the trial will take place on January 8, 2024 at the El Paso Federal Courthouse. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KSNB-NBC (Superior, NB): **Kearney nurse gets prison for smuggling drugs in dirty laundry**, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 6:04 PM (EDT)
A nurse working at the Grand Island Veteran's Home was caught using laundry carts to smuggle drugs to the Nebraska State Penitentiary. The U.S. Attorney's office said Friday that Jane Valenzuela, 53, Kearney, was sentenced to one year and one day in federal prison for Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine, Marijuana

and K2. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WOWT-NBC \(Omaha, NE\)](#)

WEWS-ABC (Cleveland, OH): 4 men charged with crimes related to high-end car thefts resulting in \$2.7m in potential loss, Claire Geary, June 24, 2022, 5:50 PM

U.S. Attorney Michelle M. Baeppler announced that the federal grand jury charged four men in connection with organizing and engaging in a conspiracy to steal, sell and purchase high-end vehicles in addition to robbing Postal Service carriers and stealing from U.S. mail, according to the press release. The charges come after authorities obtained multiple pieces of evidence in February of stolen mail and records that totaled a \$2.7 million potential loss as a result of the schemes, the release states. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KPLC-NBC (Lake Charles, LA): Lake Charles man sentenced for sexual exploitation of children, Johnathan Manning, June 24, 2022, 5:13 PM (EDT)

A Lake Charles man was sentenced to 27 years and 3 months in federal prison for taking photographs of a child. Mickey Dewayne Williams, 43, also received lifetime supervision. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KATC-ABC \(Lafayette, LA\)](#)

WPRI-CBS (Providence, RI): Pawtucket man sentenced to prison for identity theft scheme, Josh Faiola, June 24, 2022, 5:05 PM (EDT)

A Pawtucket man will spend more than two years behind bars for his role in a scheme to create fake driver's licenses and credit cards using stolen identities. Hugh A. Martin, 33, was arrested on July 3, 2020, along with two other men after Warwick police found them sleeping in a vehicle with a stolen license plate. A bundle of 11 stolen credit cards was found tucked inside Martin's sock, according to the office of U.S. Attorney Zachary Cunha. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WALB-NBC (Albany, GA): Valdosta man sentenced for illegal gun possession, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 5:04 PM

A Valdosta man was sentenced to prison after illegally possessing a gun, according to the US Attorney's Office of the Middle District of Georgia. Deontray Demorria Crumpton, 25, was sentenced to eight and a half years in prison and three years of supervised release to run concurrently with any term of imprisonment imposed in a Miami-Dade County, Fla. state case and consecutively to any term of imprisonment imposed in a pending Lowndes County case for probation violation. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Patch (Palm Desert, CA): Palm Desert Man Sentenced In Hospital's Illegal Kickbacks Scheme, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 5:03 PM (EDT)

A Palm Desert accountant who enabled the owner of a Long Beach hospital to pay more than \$40 million in illegal kickbacks to doctors in exchange for them referring thousands of spinal surgery patients was sentenced Friday to 15 months in federal prison for a tax offense related to the scheme. George Hammer, 69, was sentenced in Los Angeles by U.S. District Judge Josephine Staton, who also ordered the defendant to pay an \$8,000 fine and forfeit \$500,000 in proceeds from the scheme, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KGET-NBC (Bakersfield, CA): Bakersfield man sentenced to federal prison on gun charge, Jason Kotowski, June 24, 2022, 4:59 PM (EDT)

A Bakersfield man who pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm was sentenced Friday to seven years and eight months in federal prison. Sabino Ramos, 46, has prior felony convictions for assault with a firearm on a person and possession of drugs for sale. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WCTV-CBS (Thomasville, GA): Attorney accused in extortion scheme with former state attorney

convicted at trial, Julie Montanaro, June 24, 2022, 4:34 PM (EDT)

An attorney accused in an extortion scheme that led to the indictment of former North Florida State Attorney Jeff Siegmeister has now been convicted at trial. Federal court records show Marion Michael O'Steen, a defense attorney from Dixie County, was found guilty last week of extortion and failing to report receiving more than \$10,000 in cash. He was found not guilty on two other charges. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KPLC-NBC (Lake Charles, LA): Two from Texas sentenced for bringing 14-year-old girl to La. to be sex trafficked, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 4:18 PM

Two people from Texas were sentenced for bringing a 14-year-old girl to Louisiana for sexual purposes. United States District Judge James David Cain sentenced Kevondric Fezia, 26, of Houston, Texas, to 327 months (27 years, 3 months) in prison and Calista Jenee Winfrey, 23, of Orange, Texas, to 36 months (3 years) in prison. Both will serve 5 years of supervised release after their release. Fezia and Winfrey were also each ordered to pay \$3,500 restitution. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WWAY-ABC/CBS/CW (Wilmington, NC): Robeson County violent drug dealer convicted in federal court, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 3:49 PM

A federal jury convicted a Red Springs man yesterday on multiple charges of cocaine and crack distribution, possession of firearms in furtherance of drug trafficking crimes, and being a felon in possession of firearms. According to court records and evidence presented at trial, Jamie Christopher Henderson, 47, was under investigation by the Robeson County Sheriff's Office after they received a report of a shooting at the Thunder Valley Racetrack in Robeson County. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WLKY-CBS (Louisville, KY): Indiana serial bank robber sentenced to 12 years in federal prison, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 3:25 PM

A Floyd's Knobs, Indiana, man has been sentenced to 12 years in federal prison after robbing five different Indianapolis area banks in a 10-week span. Daniel Wilkinson, 30, has been charged with the use of a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KATC-ABC (Lafayette, LA): Three people sentenced in federal sex crime cases, all involving children, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 3:24 PM (EDT)

Three people were sentenced in federal sex crime cases today; both cases involved children. Kevondric Fezia, 26, of Houston, was sentenced to 27 years, 3 months in prison, and Calista Jenee Winfrey, 23, of Orange, Texas was sentenced to three years in prison, followed by five years of supervised release. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NECN- NBC (Needham, MA): Attorney Tried to Bribe Medford Police Chief Over Pot Business, Feds Say, Asher Klein, June 24, 2022, 3:18 PM

A Massachusetts lawyer was arrested on federal bribery and fraud charges Friday after he allegedly tried to bribe Medford's chief of police to get a company's marijuana business license approved. Federal prosecutors and the FBI outlined the alleged "pay-to-play scheme," in which Somerville attorney Sean O'Donovan allegedly tried to give \$25,000 to a relative of Medford's police chief, who served on the panel that considered applications for new marijuana establishments. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WTOC-CBS (Savannah, GA): Former Ft. Stewart soldier sentenced to prison for producing child sexual assault material, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 3:13 PM

A former soldier stationed at Fort Stewart has been sentenced to prison for producing child sexual assault material involving a 13-year-old. According to the Department of Justice, Aaron Sutherland, 28, admitted he began communicating with a 13-year-old female while he was on active duty for the U.S. Army at Fort Stewart

in Feb. 2021. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

KETV-ABC (Omaha, NB): Five Cass County, Iowa, residents arrested for conspiracy to distribute fentanyl, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 3:08 PM (EDT)

Five Cass County, Iowa, residents were arrested Friday for conspiracy to distribute fentanyl, according to the Department of Justice. The five arrested on federal indictments were 19-year-old Mason Blaine Loudermilk of Atlantic, Iowa; 28-year-old Chase Daniel Jahnke of Lewis, Iowa; 26-year-old Kelsi Marie Thurman of Lewis, Iowa; 25-year-old Colby Ray Clarken of Atlantic, Iowa; and 19-year-old Collin Jacob Clarken of Atlantic, Iowa, according to court documents. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WSIU-TV-PBS (Carbondale, IL): A fugitive leader of a drug trafficking operation is sentenced for trafficking cocaine into southern Illinois, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 3:04 PM

The ringleader of a Houston-based cocaine trafficking operation has been sentenced in the Southern District of Illinois to federal prison for conspiracy to distribute cocaine. [...] 46-year-old Samuel Ruben Caraway was sentenced to 30 years in prison for his role in a drug trafficking conspiracy that resulted in the seizure of 1.2 million dollars in cash, 72-thousand in jewelry, and several kilos of cocaine. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WTWO-ABC (Terre Haute, IN): Ex-EI Paso officer who helped stepfather deal cocaine is sentenced, Fernie Ortiz, June 24, 2022, 2:38 PM (EDT)

A former El Paso police officer who helped her stepfather stash and distribute cocaine was sentenced to two years in prison. Monica Garcia, 24, faces up to 20 years in prison. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WKBW-ABC (Buffalo, NY): Tonawanda man pleads guilty to receipt of child pornography, Anthony Reyes, June 24, 2022, 12:32 PM

The U.S. Attorney's Office announced that 40-year-old David Rubel pleaded guilty to receipt of child pornography. According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura A. Higgins, a parent filed a report with the Town of Tonawanda police in August 2020 alleging that Rubel had been texting his 16-year-old daughter and that some of the texts he observed were sexual in nature. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [WIVB-CBS \(Buffalo, NY\)](#)

KENS-CBS (San Antonio, TX): San Antonio lawyer prepares to file first federal lawsuit related to Uvalde school shooting, Isis Romero, June 24, 2022, 11:55 AM

As more information continues to come to light about the May mass shooting at Robb Elementary, a local attorney is preparing to file what would be the first federal lawsuit related to the massacre. Shawn Brown, based out of San Antonio, is representing two Robb students who survived the May 24 shooting. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WJBF-ABC (Augusta, GA): Seven people Charged in Animal Fighting Venture and Illegal Gambling Operation, D.V. Wise, June 24, 2022, 09:56 AM

A joint team of federal, state, and local law enforcement officers arrested 7 individuals on June 22nd, who have all been charged in federal court for their roles in a gamecock fighting venture and illegal gambling operation that operated in and around Ridgeville, S.C. These defendants have been charged by indictment with animal fighting venture, illegal gambling operation, conspiracy to violate animal fighting venture, and false statement to a federal law enforcement officer. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

WDHN-ABC (Dothan, AL): Alabama man sent to prison after sending pornographic pictures to FBI agent posing as 14-year-old girl, Seth Feiner, June 24, 2022, 8:03 AM

A Dothan man has been sentenced to 17.5 years in prison after being found guilty of child porn crimes starting in 2018. On Wednesday, Kevin Wayne Willett, 31, of Dothan, Alabama, was sentenced to 17.5 years in prison

for the attempted transfer of obscene material to a minor and attempted distribution of child pornography to a minor, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Alabama. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL RIGHTS

Reuters: U.S. court upholds Arizona land swap deal for Rio Tinto copper mine, Ernest Scheyder, June 25, 2022, 11:40 AM

A U.S. appeals court has ruled that the federal government may give thousands of acres in Arizona to Rio Tinto Plc ([RIO.AX](#))(RIO.L) for a copper mine, upholding a lower court's ruling and rejecting a request from Native Americans who said the land has religious and cultural import.

The 2-1 ruling from the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, issued late Friday night, essentially defers to a 2014 decision made by the U.S. Congress and then-President Barack Obama to give the land to Rio for its Resolution Copper project as part of a complex land swap deal. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Law360](#)

AP: Lawsuits challenge Oklahoma anti-protest law; riot charges, Ken Miller, June 24, 2022, 2:01 PM

Six Oklahomans have filed two federal lawsuits that challenge a state law intended to crack down on protesters and that allege their civil rights were violated when they were arrested in Oklahoma City in 2020. The anti-protest law is unconstitutionally broad and vague, according to one of the lawsuits filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Oklahoma City on behalf of Sincere Terry, Mia Hogsett, Tyreke Baker, Preston Nabors, Trevour Webb and Austin Mack by the American Civil Liberties Union. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Kansas Officer Fired for Workplace Relationship Gets Bias Trial, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 1:16 PM

A jury must decide whether Kansas violated federal sex bias law when it fired a female captain at a correctional facility because of her romantic relationship with a subordinate, a Wichita federal judge ruled. Kansas says it also fired Erin Peppiatt because she lied about the relationship during the state's investigation of her gender discrimination and retaliation complaints. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg Law: Case: Discrimination/Racial Harassment (D. Kan.), Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 1:09 PM

A federal district court in Kansas granted in part and denied in part Stormont-Vail Healthcare, Inc.'s motion for summary judgment on a Black plastic surgeon's claims of race discrimination and racial harassment in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act and 42 U.S.C. § 1981, after she was terminated for allegedly performing an egregious medical procedure. The court stated that a reasonable jury could find pretext for race discrimination because an audio recording of a meeting doesn't record the vice president of surgery asking her if she committed the alleged medical procedure that is tantamount to insurance fraud, ... [[Continue Reading](#)]

Port City Daily (Wilmington, NC): Federal court rules transgender individuals in N.C. can correct their birth certificates, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 6:27 PM

Thursday marks a victory in North Carolina for individuals who identify as a gender they were not born with. A court ruled transgender people can correct their birth certificates, without requiring surgery. Under the consent judgment, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and other state government officials must provide accurate birth certificates that reflect an applicant's sex, consistent with their gender identity, without having to undergo surgery. [[Continue Reading](#)]

The Providence Journal (Providence, RI): Gun shop, firearms owners challenge RI's new high-

capacity magazine ban in court, Katie Mulvaney and Mark Reynolds, June 24, 2022, 5:31 PM

The state's new ban on gun magazines holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition is only a few days old but the law already faces a legal challenge. On Thursday, a Chepachet gun store and several Rhode Island gun owners filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court, asserting that the new ban violates their constitutional rights and arguing that a federal judge should invalidate the law. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Chicago Tribune: Federal judge throws out lawsuit alleging required signage on Illinois' gas tax freeze violates free speech, Jeremy Gornier, June 24, 2022, 3:13 PM

A federal judge has thrown out a lawsuit filed by a group representing gas station owners that fought a requirement for businesses to display signs advertising a freeze on the state's gas tax as part of Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker's \$1.8 billion tax relief plan. The Illinois Fuel & Retail Association argued in its lawsuit that the provision would force gas stations to post political signage and represented an unconstitutional violation of free speech. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTRK-ABC (Houston, TX): Parents of teen shot by deputy 5 times at NRG Park sue Harris County, Jessica Willey, June 24, 2022, 11:01 PM

The parents of a teenage girl who was shot by a Harris County Precinct 1 deputy constable in December have filed a federal lawsuit against the deputy and Harris County. [...] In it, parents Darrin Hannibal and LaSherra Tyner claim the civil rights of their daughter, Charisma Hannibal, 17, were violated when Ivory shot her on Dec. 26, 2021. [[Continue Reading](#)]

KTVU-Fox (Oakland, CA): Federal jury awards \$21 million to family after pregnant teen killed by Fremont police, Lisa Fernandez, June 24, 2022, 8:55 PM

A jury late Friday returned a historically high verdict \$21 million after Fremont police shot and killed a pregnant teenager nearly five years ago. The city has to pay \$10.2 million and the driver of the car in which she was riding in has to pay the other half. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CIVIL LAW

Reuters: Federal appeals court puts FDA ban on Juul e-cigarette sales on hold, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 7:33 PM

A U.S. federal appeals court on Friday put on hold the Food and Drug Administration's ban on sales of Juul Labs Inc's e-cigarettes, after the company appealed the health agency's order and said the ban would cause it "irreparable harm". The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District Of Columbia Circuit said the purpose of the stay was to allow the court sufficient time to consider Juul's briefing for an emergency review and not a ruling on the merits of that motion. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP](#), [LAT](#), [NYT](#)

AP: Court rejects pipeline's request for new panel of judges, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 1:00 PM

A federal appeals court has denied a request from a company building a natural gas pipeline in Virginia and West Virginia to have a new panel of judges reconsider permits that have been struck down repeatedly . The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals denied the motion from Mountain Valley Pipeline in a one-sentence order filed late Wednesday, The Roanoke Times reported. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Law360: Feds, Tribal Commission Catch Win In Alaska Fishing Dispute, Andrew Westney, June 24, 2022, 7:28 PM

A federal judge in Alaska has blocked a state order opening a stretch of the Kuskokwim River to gill net fishing, saying the federal government and an intertribal fishing group are likely to win on their claims that the

order conflicts with the hunting and fishing priority given to rural subsistence dwellers on federal lands and waters in Alaska. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KYUK-NPR \(Bethel, AK\)](#)

Law360: Mortgage Lender Seeks Win In FHA Whistleblower Fraud Suit, Grace Elletson, June 24, 2022, 7:28 PM

A mortgage lender asked a California federal court to award it a win in a whistleblower suit accusing the company of writing unqualified ...[\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Insurer Seeks To Recoup \$1.1M Over Malpractice Settlement, Ganesh Setty, June 24, 2022, 6:47 PM (EDT)

An Illinois-based insurer urged a New Jersey federal court on Friday to let it recoup the \$1.1 million that it paid to settle a medical malpractice case, after it said its...[\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Judge OKs \$34M Avis Rental Insurance Settlement, Josh Liberatore, June 24, 2022, 6:43 PM

A Florida federal judge recommended granting preliminary approval Friday on a \$34 million settlement Avis Budget Car Rental LLC struck with ... [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Jailed NY Atty Kossoff Urged To Settle \$4.5M Escrow Suit, Rachel Scharf, June 24, 2022, 6:43 PM

A Manhattan federal judge on Friday encouraged disbarred and incarcerated New York City real estate ... [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Juul Wants Okla. Tribe's Nuisance, Product Safety Claims Cut, Caleb Symons, June 24, 2022, 6:34 PM

Juul Labs Inc. has asked a federal court to trim an Oklahoma tribe's bellwether suit against the electronic-cigarette manufacturer, arguing that its public nuisance and consumer protection claims are not viable under recent interpretations of Sooner State law..[\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Clif Bar Inks \$10.5M Deal To End Sugar False Ad Action, Lauren Berg, June 24, 2022, 6:18 PM

Consumers of Clif Bars asked a California federal judge Thursday to bless a \$10.5 million settlement resolving their class claims that the food company's labeling tricks buyers into thinking the bars are healthy, despite their high sugar content. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Facebook Says Ad Infringement Suit Targets Wrong Party, Adam Lidgett, June 24, 2022, 6:00 PM

Meta Platforms Inc. wants a California federal court to dismiss a case claiming Facebook allowed an "epidemic" of copyright infringement to flourish on its platform, saying the suit is trying to hold the wrong party responsible. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Gov't Gets 30 More Days To Review China Tariff Comments, Alex Lawson, June 24, 2022, 5:35 PM

The U.S. Court of International Trade has given the federal government an extra 30 days to review scores of public comments regarding tariffs on billions of dollars worth of Chinese goods in the wake of a ruling that officials failed to assess that feedback before imposing the ... [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: PayPal Patent Trial Pushed Over 'Flawed' Expert, Andrew Karpan, June 24, 2022, 5:31 PM

A Federal Circuit judge currently overseeing a patent dispute against PayPal in Delaware federal court said he would have to postpone an upcoming jury trial after throwing out "flawed" testimony that left the patent business "with essentially no damages case."[\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: CIT Deals Blow To Soap Maker's Duty Evasion Challenge, Alex Lawson, June 24, 2022, 3:28 PM

The U.S. Court of International Trade took a broad swipe at a California soap company's case looking to undo a ruling that it dodged duties on crucial imports from China Friday, ruling that the company has not moved quickly enough to correct the deficiencies in its court filings ...[\[Continue Reading\]](#)

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Law360: BIA Says Cameroonian Waited Too Long To Challenge Notice, Alyssa Aquino, June 24, 2022, 7:59 PM

The Board of Immigration Appeals has ruled a Cameroonian's multipart deportation notice did not warrant axing his removal proceedings, saying Friday he raised the claim too late despite making it only after... [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Liberian Civil War General Charged With Immigration Fraud, P.J. D'Annunzio, June 24, 2022, 7:59 PM

An alleged war criminal and former commanding general of Liberia's armed forces during the country's first civil war has been charged with immigration fraud and perjury, according to Philadelphia federal prosecutors.... [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ANTITRUST

AP: After Roe, Dems seek probe of tech's use of personal data, Marcy Gordon, June 24, 2022, 4:54 PM

With the Supreme Court ending the constitutional protections for abortion, four Democratic lawmakers are asking federal regulators to investigate Apple and Google for allegedly deceiving millions of mobile phone users by enabling the collection and sale of their personal data to third parties. [...] The request for an investigation of the two California-based tech giants came Friday in a letter to Federal Trade Commission Chair Lina Khan. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [CNN](#), [WSJ](#)

Reuters: After American Airlines' \$1 antitrust win, legal fee fight looms, Mike Scarcella, June 24, 2022, 3:50 PM

American Airlines Inc is preparing to ask a Manhattan federal court judge to award it legal fees in a long-running antitrust case against flight-booking service Sabre Corp, setting up a lawyer compensation clash after a jury awarded the airline just \$1 in damages at trial in May. American's lawyers at O'Melveny & Myers and attorneys for Sabre at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom on Thursday told the court in a filing the two sides already were in dispute over how much billing information the airline should be forced to provide as part of its upcoming petition for fees. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: DOJ Approves Dish And T-Mobile's Network Shutdown Deal, Bonnie Eslinger, June 24, 2022, 8:56 PM

The U.S. Department of Justice has signed off on an agreement between T-Mobile and Dish that updates the terms related to Dish's use of the telecommunications giant's wireless network, the companies indicated in Thursday filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: Attys Seek \$66M Fee In \$160M Capacitor Maker Antitrust Deal, Dave Simpson, June 24, 2022, 6:35 PM

Attorneys for a class of direct purchasers of capacitors asked a California federal court Thursday to approve \$66 million in fees as a part of a proposed settlement in which Nippon Chemi-Con and its U.S. subsidiary would pay \$160 million to end antitrust claims. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ENVIRONMENT

AP: Grain terminal settles lawsuit over storm water discharges, June 24, 2022, 8:51 PM

A Longview, Washington grain terminal will pay nearly \$1 million after settling a lawsuit with the Columbia Riverkeeper that claimed the terminal operated without necessary permits meant to monitor river pollution. Export Grain Terminal, LLC., which operates a grain terminal out of the Port of Longview, will pay Seeding Justice \$715,000 to benefit water quality projects after it settled with Columbia Riverkeeper on June 14 in the U.S. District Court. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Law360: 9th Circ. Stays Wash. Water Quality Order Against EPA, Greg Lamm, June 24, 2022, 5:33 PM

The Ninth Circuit on Thursday paused a deadline for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to revise water pollutant standards as the agency works on a possible settlement over standards necessary to protect wild salmon and orca in Washington waterways. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

TAX

The Repository (Canton, OH): Feds reveal indictment against fifth defendant in skill game parlor case, Robert Wang, June 25, 2022, 7:15 AM

Federal prosecutors Friday unveiled a superseding indictment that accuses a Hills and Dales man as being another operator of local skill game parlors. Christos Karasarides Jr. is charged with tax evasion, money laundering and witness tampering. Authorities accused him of conspiring to conceal income generated by an illegal gaming business. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

The News Tribune (Tacoma, WA): Federal jury convicts JC tax preparer for filing false tax returns, Jeff Haldiman, June 25, 2022, 4:00 AM

A Jefferson City tax preparer has been convicted by a federal jury of filing false federal income tax returns for himself and others. Josiah Mator Jr., 40, was found guilty Thursday of two counts of filing false federal income tax returns. Officials with the U.S. Attorney's Office said the jury deliberated for approximately 30 minutes before returning guilty verdicts on both counts, ending a trial that began Tuesday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [KMIZ-ABC \(Columbia, MO\)](#)

KDLT-TV-ABC (Sioux Falls, SD): Colorado man sentenced for helping South Dakota men evade income tax, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 4:02 PM (EDT)

Men who work with the IRS and helped a South Dakota man and his son evade income tax have been sentenced to probation and fined. Loren Brown and Randy Garriss corruptly worked within the IRS to allow two South Dakota men to evade income tax, according to a release from The United States Department of Justice. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

AP: FBI seizes disputed Basquiat artwork from Florida museum, David Fischer, June 24, 2022, 5:42 PM

The FBI raided a Florida art museum on Friday and seized more than two dozen paintings attributed to artist

Jean-Michel Basquiat following questions about their authenticity. Orlando Museum of Art spokeswoman Emilia Bourmas-Fry said in a statement that they were complying with a warrant from the FBI for access to the 'Heroes and Monsters' exhibit, which is now in the government's possession. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Daily Voice (Hasbrouck Heights, NJ): Pair Convicted Of Kidnapping Teen From Philly, Holding Him In Leonia Apartment Stormed By FBI, Jerry DeMarco, June 24, 2022 6:23 PM

A Leonia man and an accomplice from California were convicted of kidnapping a teenager from Philadelphia and bringing him to Bergen County, where the ringleader of their group was shot and killed during a daring and dramatic rescue by the FBI. Eduardo Castelan-Prado, 39, of Leonia, and Jose Ochoa, 32, of Moreno Valley, CA, and their unidentified partner snatched the 17-year-old victim at gunpoint from outside the restaurant where he worked last June 14, apparently to convince his father to pay a drug debt of hundreds of thousands of dollars, authorities said. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/CORRECTIONS

Forbes: Department Of Justice Proposes Final Rule To End CARES Act For Home Confinement For Federal Prisoners, Walter Pavlo, June 25, 2022, 10:31 AM (EDT)

President Joe Biden issued Executive Order 14074 order meant to "... reform our broader criminal justice system so that it protects and serves all people equally." In the order he also stated that the Attorney General continue to identify individuals who meet the eligibility requirements under the CARES Act, the First Step Act "... for release as part of the DOJ's efforts to mitigate the impact and spread of COVID-19 ..." However, the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) is falling short of following through on the CARES Act and implementing the First Step Act, leaving many people in prison. [[Continue Reading](#)]

US SUPREME COURT

AP: Supreme Court conservatives flex muscle in sweeping rulings, Mark Sherman and Jessica Gresko, June 25, 2022, 11:19 AM

The Supreme Court's sweeping rulings on guns and abortion sent an unmistakable message. Conservative justices hold the power and they are not afraid to use it to make transformative changes in the law, none more so than taking away a woman's right to abortion that had stood for nearly 50 years. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WaPo](#)

Reuters: Analysis: Supreme Court conservatives assert power with abortion, gun rulings, Lawrence Hurley, June 25, 2022, 8:03 AM

The U.S. Supreme Court's blockbuster rulings on successive days that eliminated the right to abortion nationwide and widened the rights of gun owners illustrate how its expanded conservative majority is willing to boldly assert its power. In both rulings, the conservative justices delivered long-sought victories to activists on the right who have decried the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized abortion and believe the court has been slow to broaden gun rights. [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade; states can ban abortion, Mark Sherman, June 24, 2022, 8:39 PM

The Supreme Court on Friday stripped away women's constitutional protections for abortion, a fundamental and deeply personal change for Americans' lives after nearly a half-century under Roe v. Wade. The court's overturning of the landmark court ruling is likely to lead to abortion bans in roughly half the states. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#), [LAT](#), [NBC](#), [NPR](#), [NYT](#), [Reuters](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

AP: US abortion ruling sparks global debate, polarizes activists, Danica Coto and Cara Anna, June 24, 2022, 7:59 PM

The end of constitutional protections for abortions in the United States on Friday emboldened abortion opponents around the world, while advocates for abortion rights worried it could threaten recent moves toward legalization in their countries. The U.S. Supreme Court's overturning of the landmark Roe v. Wade decision "shows that these types of rights are always at risk of being steamrolled," said Ruth Zurbriggen, an Argentinian activist and member of the Companion Network of Latin America and the Caribbean, a group favoring abortion rights. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Bloomberg](#), [CNBC](#), [Reuters](#)

AP: With Roe over, some fear rollback of LGBTQ and other rights, John Hanna, 7:51 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision allowing states to ban abortion stirred alarm Friday among LGBTQ advocates, who feared that the ruling could someday allow a rollback of legal protections for gay relationships, including the right for same-sex couples to marry. In the court's majority opinion overturning the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, Justice Samuel Alito said the decision applied only to abortion. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Disney, other U.S. companies offer abortion travel benefit after Roe decision, David Shepardson and Dawn Chmielewski, June 24, 2022, 7:23 PM

U.S. companies including Walt Disney Co (DIS.N) and Facebook parent Meta Platforms Inc (META.O) said on Friday they will cover employees' expenses if they have to travel for abortion services after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v Wade. The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday overturned the landmark 1973 ruling that recognized a woman's constitutional right to an abortion, handing a momentous victory to Republicans and religious conservatives who want to limit or ban and, in some states criminalize, the procedure. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [Fox](#)

Reuters: In their own words: U.S. Supreme Court justices on overturning Roe v. Wade, Nate Raymond, June 24, 2022, 6:54 PM

In a bombshell decision, the conservative-majority U.S. Supreme Court on Friday overturned the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that had recognized a woman's constitutional right to an abortion. The court voted 5-4 to overturn Roe, with Chief Justice John Roberts writing separately to say he would have upheld the Mississippi law at the center of that case, which bans abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy, but would not have reversed Roe. The court's three liberal justices dissented. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: U.S. tech industry frets about handing data to states prosecuting abortion, Jeffrey Dastin, June 24, 2022, 6:53 PM

The technology industry is bracing for the uncomfortable possibility of having to hand over pregnancy-related data to law enforcement, in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on Friday to overturn the Roe v. Wade precedent that for decades guaranteed a woman's constitutional right to an abortion. As state laws limiting abortion kick in after the ruling, technology trade representatives told Reuters they fear police will obtain warrants for customers' search history, geolocation and other information indicating plans to terminate a pregnancy. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Factbox: Companies react to U.S. Supreme Court's ruling overturning Roe vs. Wade, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 6:51 PM

A handful of U.S. companies were quick to outline their policies for employees after the nation's top court decided to overturn the landmark ruling that recognized a woman's constitutional right to an abortion and legalized it nationwide. Several companies were already offering reproductive healthcare benefits, including

abortion coverage or travel benefits for out-of-state abortion, before Friday's decision as some state legislatures had imposed tighter restrictions. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [WSJ](#)

Reuters: Factbox: Companies offering abortion travel benefits to U.S. workers, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 6:23 PM

A growing number of companies, including JPMorgan Chase & Co (JPM.N), [Amazon.com](#) Inc (AMZN.O), Tesla Inc (TSLA.O), and Walt Disney Co (DIS.N) are rolling out policies to offer benefits to U.S. employees who may need to access abortion services. The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday took the dramatic step of overturning the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that recognized a woman's constitutional right to an abortion and legalized it nationwide. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Explainer: What changes after the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark gun ruling?, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 6:13 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled on Thursday for the first time that the U.S. Constitution's Second Amendment secures an individual's right to carry weapons in public for self-defense. The ruling struck down New York's gun licensing laws and similar laws in California, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey and the District of Columbia denying concealed-carry gun permits to residents wanting a gun for self-defense unless they could prove they had "proper cause." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Factbox: Restrictions versus protections: How U.S. states are taking sides on abortion, Gabriella Borter, June 24, 2022, 5:59 PM

The Supreme Court's decision on Friday to overturn the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized abortion nationwide will give conservative U.S. states more confidence that their new limits on abortion will stand, while liberal states will feel more urgency to protect and expand abortion rights. Here are some restrictions and protections state legislatures have taken up in 2022: [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [AP](#)

Reuters: Abortion ruling imperils gay marriage, other freedoms, liberal justices say, Andrew Chung, June 24, 2022, 4:14 PM

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision erasing the constitutional right to abortion provides a roadmap to end other freedoms involving marriage, sexuality and birth control, its three liberal members said on Friday, while conservative Justice Clarence Thomas urged the court to take just that path. Friday's 5-4 ruling, authored by conservative Justice Samuel Alito, overturned the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion nationwide. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Tears, bubbles, defiance mingle outside U.S. Supreme Court after abortion ruling, Katanga Johnson and Rose Horowitz, June 24, 2022. 3:58 PM

Some cried tears of joy, others looked downcast and chanted defiantly that the battle was not yet lost as hundreds of protesters outside the U.S. Supreme Court celebrated or condemned its ruling to overturn the right to an abortion. Despite some fears that the emotionally wrought issue could trigger violence, the protests by abortion rights opponents and supporters, many of them university students, took place peacefully, with the two groups standing on either side of the court building on First Street in Washington, D.C. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Vatican praises U.S. court abortion decision, saying it challenges world, Philip Pulella, June 24, 2022, 3:45 PM

The Vatican's Academy for Life on Friday praised the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on abortion, saying it challenged the world to reflect on life issues, but also called for social changes to help women keep their children. The Vatican department also said in a statement that the defence of human life could not be confined to individual rights because life is a matter of "broad social significance". [[Continue Reading](#)]

AP: Text from Supreme Court ruling overturning Roe v. Wade, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 3:01 PM
The Associated Press is making available the full text of the Supreme Court's ruling overturning the nationwide right to abortion: Justice Alito delivered the opinion of the Court. Abortion presents a profound moral issue on which Americans hold sharply conflicting views. Some believe fervently that a human person comes into being at conception and that abortion ends an innocent life. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NYT](#)

Reuters: Analysis: Trump's justices decisive in long campaign to overturn Roe v. Wade, Lawrence Hurley, June 24, 2022, 2:48 PM
Seventeen months after leaving office, former President Donald Trump delivered on a campaign promise on Friday when the conservative U.S. Supreme Court majority he cemented overturned the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized abortion nationwide. The ruling represented a victory long in the making for a well-organized and generously funded conservative movement to push America's courts rightward, aided by legal activists and deft political maneuvering by top Senate Republican Mitch McConnell. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Reuters: Restricting abortion just makes it more deadly, says U.N. after U.S. ruling, Michelle Nichols, June 24, 2022, 2:23 PM
Restricting abortion access does not stop people seeking the procedure "it only makes it more deadly," a spokesman for U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said on Friday after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned a 1973 decision legalizing abortion. "Sexual and reproductive health and rights are the foundation of a life of choice, empowerment and equality for the world's women and girls," spokesman Stephane Dujarric told reporters. "Restricting access to abortion does not prevent people from seeking abortion, it only makes it more deadly." [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: [EDITORIAL] The Supreme Court Puts Gun Rights Above the Human Life, Editorial Board, June 25, 2022, 10:49 AM
The Supreme Court this week embraced a vision of the Second Amendment that is profoundly at odds with precedent and the dangers that American communities face today, upending the longstanding practice of letting states decide for themselves how to regulate gun possession in public. This decision reveals the vast gulf between ideologues on the court and those Americans — ordinary people and their representatives in Congress — who want this country to be safer from guns. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: Clarence Thomas's Abortion Opinion Revisits Same-Sex Marriage, Contraception, Jan Wolfe, June 25, 2022, 8:59 AM
When the Supreme Court removed the constitutional right to an abortion, most of the justices in the majority focused on what they described as the "egregiously wrong" ruling that established that right in Roe v. Wade in 1973. Justice Clarence Thomas took a broader view. In his opinion concurring with the majority, he wrote that if the legal underpinnings of Roe v. Wade were wrong, then so were the underpinnings of other rights not enumerated in the Constitution that the court recognized in recent decades. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: [OPINION] How to Discipline a Rogue Supreme Court, Jamelle Bouie, June 25, 2022, 8:48 AM
The Supreme Court does not exist above the constitutional system. It can shape the constitutional order, it can say what the Constitution means, but it cannot shield itself from the power of the other branches. The Supreme Court can be checked and the Supreme Court can be balanced. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: The Chief Stands Alone: Roberts, Roe and a Divided Supreme Court, Sabrina Willmer, June 25, 2022, 7:33 AM

On a US Supreme Court dominated by an ambitious conservative wing, Chief Justice John Roberts has become a man on an island. The 67-year-old chief justice, appointed in 2005 by Republican President George W. Bush, is a conservative trying to chart an incremental course for a court that would rather take giant leaps. [[Continue Reading](#)] **See also:** [NYT](#), [WSJ](#)

NYT: [OPINION] The Radical Reign of Clarence Thomas, Maureen Dowd, June 25, 2022 5:00 AM
“What is happening here?” a distraught Nancy Pelosi said on [Friday](#). It’s a good question and I can answer it, because I was there at the start of the corrosive chain of events that led to women losing control of their own bodies. I saw how America went from a beacon of modernity to a benighted outlier. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: [OPINION] Requiem for the Supreme Court, Linda Greenhouse, June 24, 2022, 9:44 PM
They did it because they could. It was as simple as that. With the stroke of a pen, Justice Samuel Alito and four other justices, all chosen by Republican presidents running on successive party platforms committed to overturning *Roe v. Wade*, erased the constitutional right to reproductive autonomy that the Supreme Court recognized more than 49 years ago. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: Kavanaugh Gave Private Assurances. Collins Says He ‘Misled’ Her., Carl Hulse, June 24, 2022, 8:35 PM
During a two-hour meeting in her Senate office with the Supreme Court nominee Brett M. Kavanaugh on Aug. 21, 2018, Senator Susan Collins of Maine pressed him hard on why she should trust him not to overturn *Roe v. Wade* if she backed his confirmation. Judge Kavanaugh worked vigorously to reassure her that he was no threat to the landmark abortion rights ruling. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NYT: [Editorial] The Ruling Overturning Roe Is an Insult to Women and the Judicial System, Editorial Board, June 24, 2022, 4:42 PM
Even if we knew it was coming, the shock reverberates. For the first time in history, the Supreme Court has eliminated an established constitutional right involving the most fundamental of human concerns: the dignity and autonomy to decide what happens to your body. [[Continue Reading](#)]

WSJ: [OPINION] The Supreme Court Reclaims Its Legitimacy, David B. Rivkin Jr. and Jennifer L. Mascott, June 24, 2022, 1:54 PM

The most anxiously awaited Supreme Court decision in decades is also the least surprising. An act of institutional sabotage leaked Justice Samuel Alito’s draft opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* nearly eight weeks in advance. On Friday a five-justice majority definitively overruled *Roe v. Wade* (1973) and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* (1992), affirming states’ authority to regulate abortion. [[Continue Reading](#)]

NPR, Up First: [AUDIO] Roe v. Wade Overturned, Kentucky's Trigger Law, Jan 6. Hearings, June 25, 2022, 7:50 AM (EDT)
The U.S. Supreme Court yesterday officially overturned *Roe v. Wade*, voting along ideological lines. (0:58) What does it say about the court as an institution and where it’s headed? In some states with so-called “trigger laws,” abortion was banned immediately we bring you the view from one of them. (5:10) And the latest on the January 6th hearings. (9:17) [[Listen](#)]

WGHP-Fox (High Point, NC): More security for SCOTUS after Roe tossed, Raquel Martin, June 24, 2022, 8:32 PM
Security is ramped up Friday night in Washington following the Supreme Court’s ruling on abortion rights.

Moments after the supreme court issued its long-expected abortion ruling, a crowd grew outside the fenced court building to protest outside the court including some members of congress. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Bartlesville Examiner-Enterprise (Bartlesville, OK): 'That is the price of correcting this historic error': Early fallout from the McGirt ruling, Daisy Creager, June 24, 2022, 7:15 AM (EDT)

When his son was killed in a double homicide in December, Bartlesville resident Mike Standeford was thrust unwillingly into two long journeys. One of mourning his son, Austin, and another of delayed justice - as the U.S. Attorney's Office handling the case has been overwhelmed by the new jurisdiction it gained under the U.S. Supreme Court's 2020 decision in Oklahoma vs McGirt. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

High Times (Los Angeles, CA): SAFE Banking Act Dropped From China Competition Bill, A.J. Herrington, June 24, 2022,

Federal legislation that would permit financial institutions to provide banking services to legal cannabis businesses has been dropped from a bill designed to foster competition with China, marking the sixth time the cannabis banking provisions have failed to gain the approval of the U.S. Senate after being passed by the House of Representatives. Known as the Secure and Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act, the legislation would have permitted banks and other financial institutions to serve companies in the legal cannabis industry. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

ADMINISTRATION

Reuters: Biden looking for 'solutions' after Supreme Court abortion ruling -White House, Unattributed, June 25, 2022, 11:54 AM

U.S. President Joe Biden will continue to look for "solutions" in the aftermath of the Supreme Court overturning the right to abortion, his spokesperson said as the White House evaluates possible executive orders. Spokesperson Karine Jean-Pierre also told reporters aboard Air Force One that she expects there will be legal challenges to state-level restrictions on women traveling to seek abortions. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: White House: G7 to address China's forced labor, intellectual property theft, Unattributed, June 25, 2022, 11:42 AM

The Group of Seven wealthy countries will address what they see as China's use of forced labor and intellectual property theft and other issues, the White House said on Saturday. [\[Continue Reading\]](#) **See also:** [AP](#), [NYT](#), [WaPo](#)

Reuters: White House horrified by shooting in Oslo targeting LGBT community, Unattributed, June 25, 2022, 11:39 AM

The White House said on Saturday that it is horrified by shooting in Oslo targeting the LGBT community and that it stands in solidarity with its ally Norway. A gunman killed two people and injured 21 during an attack in Oslo that came as the city was due to celebrate its annual Pride parade. [\[Continue Reading\]](#)

Reuters: Biden signs gun safety bill into law, takes swipe at Supreme Court, Trevor Hunnicutt, June 25, 2022, 10:48 AM

U.S. President Joe Biden on Saturday signed into law the first major federal gun reform in three decades,

days after a decision he condemned by the Supreme Court expanding firearm owners' rights. "God willing, it's going to save a lot of lives," Biden said at the White House after signing the bill with his wife Jill by his side.

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Reuters: **Biden calls U.S. Supreme Court abortion ruling 'a sad day for the court and for the country'**, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 5:19 PM

U.S. President Joe Biden on Friday criticized the U.S. Supreme Court ruling overturning the landmark Roe v. Wade decision on abortion, saying the health and life of American women are now at risk. "It's a sad day for the court and for the country," Biden said in a White House address after the ruling, which he said was taking the country back 150 years. [[Continue Reading](#)] See also: [ABC](#), [AP](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)

Reuters: **Biden says 'cruel' Roe v. Wade decision dangerous to women**, Trevor Hunnicutt, Nandita Bose and Steve Holland, June 24, 2022, 3:57 PM

President Joe Biden said the Supreme Court's decision on Friday to overturn the constitutional right to abortion will deny American women control of their own lives and called on voters to protect their rights in upcoming elections. "It's a sad day for the court and the country," Biden said in a White House speech, calling the decision "cruel" and saying it takes America back 150 years. [[Continue Reading](#)]

Bloomberg: **Biden Criticizes Supreme Court for Making 'Terrible Decisions'**, Josh Wingrove and Kate Queram, June 25, 2022, 9:51 AM

President Joe Biden criticized the US Supreme Court for making "terrible decisions," a day after it struck down the constitutional right to abortion. Biden commented during a signing ceremony Saturday for gun safety bill he supports, though he continued to sidestep questions about reforms to the court sought by some Democrats. [[Continue Reading](#)]

CONGRESS

NYT: **Members of Congress voice mixed opinions on the Roe ruling.**

Stephanie Lai, June 24, 2022, 4:22 PM

As members of Congress flooded into the Capitol on Friday morning for a packed legislative day before a recess, news of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade reverberated through the building. Speaker Nancy Pelosi was visibly shaken at her weekly news conference, saying, "It's just stunning and again as a woman, as a mother, as a grandmother, to see young girls now have fewer rights than their moms or even their grandmothers, is something very sad for our country." [[Continue Reading](#)]

Guam Daily Post (Tamuning, GU): **Ethics report on San Nicolas to be submitted to DOJ**, Unattributed, June 24, 2022, 7:45 PM (EDT)

The House Committee on Ethics unanimously voted to send a report on Guam Del. Michael San Nicolas to the Department of Justice. According to a press release, the Investigative Subcommittee "unanimously concluded that there was substantial evidence that Delegate San Nicolas: accepted improper excessive campaign contributions; engaged in a conspiracy to hide the proceeds of the illicit campaign contributions; knowingly caused his campaign committee to file false or incomplete reports with the Federal Election Commission; and attempted to improperly influence a witness in connection with this Committee's investigation." [[Continue Reading](#)]

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ABC: World News Tonight with David Muir

CBS: Evening News with Norah O'Donnell

NBC: Nightly News with Lester Holt

- The conservative-majority of the U.S. Supreme Court in a 6-3 overturned the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade, turning the issue over to the States. Abortion rights opponents declared victory while abortion rights supporters were left stunned vowing to fight the ruling. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The Supreme Court overturning of Roe v. Wade has triggered varying emotional responses pouring in from across the Country. In parts of the US, the change was immediate with patients turned away from States in which trigger laws making abortion immediately illegal. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- Both Political parties recognize the overturning of Roe v. Wade has made abortion front and center in the upcoming elections. The election of Donald Trump as President was instrumental in putting three Justices on the bench in overturning Roe v. Wade. [[ABC](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- States that share a common border but hold opposing views on abortion rights are bracing for protests; an influx of out-of-state patients. Protests against the overturning of Roe v. Wade are taking place across the Nation with protestors indicating their motivation to vote in the upcoming elections. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]
- The Nation is divided over abortion, with the divisions even seen within the same family. Advocates of abortion argue the right to choose while opponents argue about the preservation of a life. [[ABC](#)]
- President of Planned Parenthood Alexis McGill Johnson discussed the implications of overturning Roe v. Wade. World Leaders also reacted of the abortion ruling. [[CBS](#), [NBC](#)]

AFTERNOON HEADLINES

- "Access to Abortion Plummets as Effects of Supreme Court Ruling Take Hold" [[NYT](#), [WaPo](#), [WSJ](#)]
- "Biden Signs Gun Bill Into Law, Ending Years of Stalemate" [[NYT](#)]
- "How the Senate defied 26 years of inaction to tackle gun violence" [[WaPo](#)]
- "In an America divided by abortion, guns and COVID, California and Newsom seize the moment" [[LAT](#)]

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TV:

<p>MSNBC: Andrea Mitchell Reports</p> 	<p>MSNBC 6/24/2022 12:35:15 PM: ...thinks, do not want to go back not just to the 1950s but to the 1850s which is exactly what this decision does. >> senator kobuchar, merrick garland talked about protecting women who want to travel from one state to another. some of the people we have interviewed talked about lengthening. senator coons says that they will attempt -- i think senator canes bipartisan bill to codify roe v. wade. can congress do that? considering it's a 50/50 senate and that you have got at least 13 states with trigger laws. certainly, nearly half the states, 26 states, as you pointed out, in your map, where it's going to be illegal, with no exceptions in some. >> andrea, the filibuster, which i don't support, i would get rid of it, it's a 60-vote threshold. we have senators out there that are out and out talking about putting in legislation on the republican side to be an abortion. to me, the answer is simple. it's november. it's the ballot box. that's what it is. the women of this country and the men that support them -- it's not just democrats. moderate republicans, independents understand, this is a step too far. enough is enough. you cannot get rid of a right that's been there for 50 years with the argument that the word abortion was never in the constitution. the word woman isn't in the constitution. she isn't in the constitution. the air force isn't in the constitution. they are literally taking us backwards. the answer to me is to fight to november and to elect candidates that are going to uphold the woman's right to trust that she can make the decision for herself. between her doctor, with her family. they don't want ted cruz making those decisions.</p>
<p>Fox Business: Cavuto Coast to Coast</p>	<p>FBN 6/24/2022 12:03:56 PM: ...reporter: coming in from both sides of the aisle on capitol hill. a big push from democrats for congress to codify roe now, even moderates like senator joe manchin say he would support that move. we heard from the attorney general meritt garland of the justice Department. he says he supports congress moving to do that. progressives though are pushing this to use as a way to echo origin to revisit cases to expand the supreme court saying that this decision was made by a republican-controlled supreme court. there's also a big contingent of back congresswoman led by congresswoman ianna presley writing a letter to president biden asking him to declare a public health and national emergency and asking him to use any and all executive authorities to address the public health crisis our nation will face if roe v. wade is dismantled. democrats are also using this to push ahead into november, saying or warning that states will not stop at just restricting abortion access but instead, will push to restrict access to things like birth control</p>

Fox: America Reports with John Roberts and Sandra Smith



FNC 6/24/2022 2:23:21 PM: ...threatened Justice kavanaugh and gorsuch by name, said you have unleashed the whirlwind you won't know what hit you, and it's really cynical to see democrats condoning violence. i call upon merrick garland and the attorney general to be on watch to stop any violence today, not to allow radicals who want to employ mob violence, to threaten pro life pregnancy center, to enforce the rule of law and pass for a second also and say look as much as we need to be vigilant preventing violence i believe it's a moment for incredible celebrations this is a moment in moment 49 years in the coming and today's decision is a vindication for the reawakening of women's rights as well as a vindication for millions of women who march in the march for life who organize behind the pro-life campaign george webb sheldon trump, this is 49 years of hard work to reverse the decision

CNN: CNN Newsroom With Alisyn Camerota and Victor Blackwell



CNN 6/24/2022 2:06:22 PM ... Right, we could hear their language talking about basically trying to galvanize voters and now it's in the hands of voters. but in terms of what the president was saying about the department of justice and keeping his from being criminalized or women being criminalized what can they do here? >> reporter: the president gave a window in these debates has been going on behind the scenes legal debates policy debates regulatory debates as they've tried to figure out pathways to address particularly states that are continuing to allow abortions that may border with states that will not anymore. the Justice Department, the president making very clear, will fight back on any efforts to criminalize things like travel. of course tda obviously tda, the health and human services Department will be looking at abortion pills that can be purchased as well, making sure those remain legal. there are going to be a series of things rolled out over the course of the next several weeks on the regulatory side on what the Justice Department can do highlights the administration's efforts knowing his was coming back as so no e his vice president kamala harris is in illinois today she has been a key player behind the scenes over the course of the past several months on this issue she will be rolling out a rather sweeping maternal health proposal of proposals on that trip to illinois and while this was ongoing in the works before this decision came through, it certainly takes on a new moment of urgency in this administration, given some of the health challenges they believe will be raised by what happened today, alisyn. >> okay, phillip, thank you for a lot of that reporting. >>>

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FNC 6/24/2022 1:36:51 PM: ...na ion the con ending size of the nation a high of peace and it's not the supreme court's job to find a right to abortion in the constitution so also they Department of justice should defend churches and pro life centers and justices bravely speak on the constitution in his own words commend them for that >> race: i was kind of fascinated by the reaction of the obamas and con room has called for 13 the president came out against the decision of course. michelle obama's reaction. she says, quoting here, i am destined to earn before roe was made law of the land, when women risk losing their lives getting illegal abortions. our hearts may be broken today but tomorrow we have to find the courage to creating the more just america we deserve. we have so much effort to push for, rally for, to speak for, and i know we can do this together. it's interesting to me because as we have no ed the former president is a constitutional lawyer's den he's an attorney so he knows what he's talking about he knows very well that roe was never a constitutional issue.

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FNC 6/24/2022 1:30:02 PM: ...who believe a certain way. >> trace: and before Gorsuch and Kavanaugh and there was Merrick, he issued a statement, the Justice Department disagrees with the court's decision. Traveling to obtain reproductive care may not be feasible, but women who reside in states who banned access to reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal so it gives you an idea of the politics of Roe versus Wade versus the ACA. Kayleigh: and Ruth Bader Ginsburg had and she was -- and her interesting lines in the opinion were his said Roe abruptly ended the political process imposed the same highly restrictive regime on the enforcement and declaration on page 35 and his return the power to weigh those arguments so the people and their elected representatives. When a Supreme Court opinion reads more like a statute than a reasoning based on history, precedent and text, that's a problem and if you read Roe, a numbered list, trimesters, cite science here and there, it reads like legislation, no Supreme Court opinion should do. >> trace: science, but the same who went for science in COVID you have to follow it and now it doesn't matter.

CNBC: Fast Money Halftime Report



CNBC 6/24/2022 12:04:24 PM: States cannot restrict travel cannot make it illegal for women to go from a state that bans abortion to a state that doesn't receive care that's a point. The attorney general Merrick Garland made in a statement says states should be able to do that. Also says under the first amendment people should be free of government on reproductive care available in other states should not be illegal. The dissenters filed a long, impassioned joint dissent. They say that from the very moment of fertilization a woman has no rights to speak of, a state can force her to bring a pregnancy to term even at the steepest personal and family cost.

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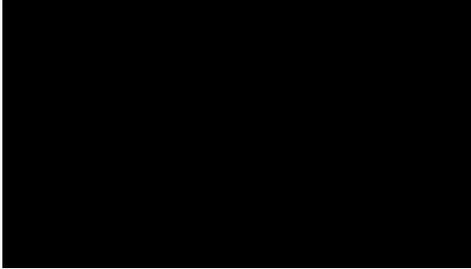
MSNBC 06/24/2022 11:59:45 AM: We are hearing from attorney general and in a statement he is also describing some of what the federal government can do. Merrick Garland and saying he just says the department disagrees with his decision. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of a disproportionate part of the country, with the most disproportionate felt by people of color and those of limited financial means. We are getting a sense from the attorney general of what the Justice Department can do. It amounts to strict enforcement of current laws that would protect some of the other things that are necessary for women to get abortions, particularly if and when they are banned in many of the states. He just says the department in his statement is saying that women who reside in states that have banned access must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal. I think we can expect to see the Justice Department making sure there are no infringements on the rights of women who live in states that have no abortion where it will remain legal in search of an abortion. Merrick Garland and a king about the abortion and the fact that states are not going to be allowed to pass laws more restrictive, to prohibit access to drugs that the FDA has authorized as safe and effective for women to use. We are also hearing from the Justice Department on the issue of access to abortion clinics and the fact that it is not legal under the freedom of access to clinic entrances act to block people's physical access to walk into an abortion clinic. The Justice Department saying it's going to make sure that that right is protected as you can see these are steps around the margins. This is not the Biden administration saying we are going to enforce the ability for women across the country to get an abortion. Has something that only Congress can do. Has why we expect a key element of what President Biden will have to say about the election and making sure our elected politicians who will ensure a woman's right to choose in the future. ...

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CNBC 6/24/2022 11:44:13 AM:... I have just gotten a statement from the attorney general Merrick Garland. The journalist of it is, quoting now, the Supreme Court has eliminated an established right that has been an essential part of women's liberty for half a century. A right that safeguarded women's ability to participate fully and equally in society and the refounding of this fundamental right, which it had repeatedly recognized and reaffirmed. The court has suspended the doctrine of stare decisis as a key pillar of the rule of law. What Merrick Garland says in Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health in Mississippi overturns Roe v. Wade. Republican lawmakers are weighing in.

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FOX 6/24/2022 2:54:09 PM: ...the issue of abortion back to the state so that an example that worked so far is Arizona, where abortion will be illegal and California, where it will be legal, and Merrick Garland said the Justice Department recognizes the fact people will have choices across the states for abortion and DOJ. does not seem to mind what's happening >> Sandra: hearing cheers in the background and wondering who is waking about a lot of members of Congress are seizing on the moment to talk about the folks David Hanko very much >> race: David Kiemeade said it or his goes back to the states as if you live in Arizona and abortion is outlawed in Arizona you can drive across the border to California and voters get to decide how the state reacts. >> Brian: has mark gun legislation since 1993, pretty big, and then New York, and then you have Roe v. Wade come down and most important what president Biden said at the end of the speech, guys, calm down, protest, I want it peacefully, as so said went out of his way, took half the speech to say this is about politics.

CNN: [CNN Newsroom With Alisyn Camerota and Victor Blackwell](#)



CNN 6/24/2022 2:45:27 PM: ...Attorney General Merrick Garland says the entire department, quote, strongly disagrees with today's ruling by the Supreme Court. You remember the important context here, it was Merrick Garland who would have been on the Supreme Court for his decision had Mitch McConnell not blocked the process, and instead shared in former president Trump's pick of Neil Gorsuch. CNN senior Justice correspondent Evan Perez joins me live. What is Merrick Garland's plan? >> reporter: Alisyn, you point to the remedial consequences in 2016 why Merrick Garland is now in his position and he says and you know based on what has been happening the last few weeks, that the Department of Justice is going to be essentially going state to state, as these states try to react to what this ruling from the Supreme Court to enact different laws, and so you can expect that this is going to be state-by-state combat between the states and the Justice Department. I read you just a part of what Merrick Garland's statement today says. It says, the ability to decide one's own future is a fundamental American value and few decisions are more significant and personal than the choice of whether and when to have children. The Justice Department will see every woman's reproductive freedom and we will not waver from the department's founding responsibility to protect the civil rights of all Americans and in other parts of his statement you can already see where his is going. Alisyn for instance he says a woman says she the department will work with other federal agencies to ensure that there are -- there's access to reproductive tools that women have, and that includes, for instance, the FDA's approval of mifepristone which is one of the ways states might try to do it is to ban over-the-counter on the availability of drugs that are used to abort, used to have abortions, so these are the types of things that the Justice Department, you can expect, is going to be fighting the states in the coming months and perhaps years to come as this issue is far from being settled.

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FBN 6/24/2022 2:43:15 PM: ...now. >> yes. you have these groups like [inaudible] that are saying they are going to carry out this night of rage and summer of rage, and it's inappropriate for the attorney general or the president or the white house or anyone to be fanning those flames of rage. there are plenty of times decisions have come down from the court that I didn't agree with, but I respect the court and their right to make those decisions and what we see with this is that they exercise their right to revise a decision as they looked at the Dobbs case and attorney general finch of Mississippi who led his effort and did a wonderful job with his effort laying out the case that the court looked at the reasoning that she had presented to the court in her briefings and the argument that her team made and they decided yes indeed this is something that should go back to the states, to the people to have their say.

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FBN 6/24/2022 4:19:49 PM: with the same cases being brought to the supreme court to bring it up to that level. that's a whole other issue. but I want to say on the norms front. Joe Biden had his department of justice come out and was rowing in favor of congress passing pro-abortion legislation. Merrick Garland is advocating for that. so I think it's important to point out that President Joe Biden encouraged the intimidation obvious is at their homes. he said he didn't want violence because the supreme court didn't waive despite the attacks and they continued with their job and that gives people the confidence that they have the courage not to give in to the violent mob that tried to change their decision array: it's going to go back we don't get on time. but I think it's a good week for the supremes.

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FNC 6/24/2022 4:05:30 PM: .. justices did not win. and the rest of his pro-life Americans are not planning a night of rage. >> attorney general Merrick Garland, the nation's chief law enforcement officer once a supreme court nominee himself released a lengthy statement today that was disappointed with the high court. however calling for no violence. he said in part, advocates with different views on this issue have the right to and will voice their opinions peacefully expressing a view is protected by the first amendment, but we must be clear that violence and threats of violence are not the justice department will not tolerate such actions. the national guard is on standby at his home has not been mobilized the east side of the state capitol has been closed off for security reasons. nei? >> nei: David Spuntz, thanks for that.

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FNC 6/24/2022 4:14:43 PM: ...happen outside the supreme court itself or the justices themselves particularly of the six that voted for this. probably a safe bet that they're not in town right now. there was a lot of criticism, Merrick Garland, that he wasn't doing more to enforce safety and limit the protests. there's laws in the books that prevent that. but now a lot of protesters have been tearing me since this is a ready decided and he saw was meant to avoid protesters having his homes where cases were about to be decided is free and fair game to go to their homes and do whatever the heck they want. what do you think of that? >> yeah i hope that's not the right reading of the situation in the immediate context. indeed after the hearing here's a couple of flash points today in terms of the attorney general and president Biden talking about nonviolence. glad to hear the nonviolence piece but i was not happy that there's general disrespect for the institution, including talking about it being cruel, un-american, referring to the justices as essentially picking on women. that's not really what they do. that's not what they did. the institutional safety of the reputation of the supreme court over the long run is concerning. what worries me is what was said about nonviolence before what was done. we had an attempted assassination of a supreme court justice. they're saying the right things but we have to wait to see if there is violence and how his department of justice reacts. >> nei: some times you didn't get the signal of the president today. i go in on his more department he was more or less criticizing the process and the former president his predecessor, he said he would work for his even though i was Donald Trump's right to appoint the justices he did. he went back to the Merrick Garland situation. back and forth over the process and how wrong the process was because you didn't agree with the decision. no such comments when you do agree. i'm wondering if that is a slippery slope right there. >> yeah, it is the type of stuff that creates a climate of disrespect and possible harm. when i was a prosecutor, ...

Fox: Fox Business Tonight



FBN 6/24/2022 5:12:08 PM: ... >> the history of roe is that it further politicized the Justice Department. If that's what Attorney General Garland is saying, that means roe is going out the way it came in. It's sheer politics and it's never been defensible as law. Dagen: thank you for being here, Andy McCarthy, a ways a pleasure, is especially on such an important day for the nation.

Radio:

National Public Radio

NPR 06/24/2022 12:53:19 PM: ...I don't know if there's much he can't do. I mean, I'm curious to see what happens next when it comes to actions following those specific warnings that he said that his Attorney General, Merrick Garland and made this point as we that the administration will defend that bedrock right as he put it, to allow women to travel over state lines to allow doctors to treat women from other States without punishment. Curious what that specifically looks like if that's fighting crisis and quarter something more broad same things what sort of protections he puts in place for for the US mail which is of course a federal system. I think the other thing that's worth pointing out, especially as we know, recently. Somebody was arrested armed arrested outside Justice Kavanaugh's House Biden repeated y. Toward the end of a speech ...

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NPR 6/24/2022 12:36:39 PM: ...now taking away right that people have had for 50 years nearly my entire lifetime and dissenters on the court. The 3 liberal justices protested. We've heard from Attorney General Merrick Garland and who says this will have a devastating impact on people, particularly people of limited financial means and people of color. This is going to follow in the weeks and months and years ahead. In fact, there are some questions now about whether some of the legal reasoning in this holding in this case we call Dobbs could apply to other rights including contraception between married couples, same-sex marriage and other things that involve personal and intimate issues and now we're expecting to hear from the President.

Bloomberg Radio	<p>WBBR 06/24/2022 12:28:58 PM: ...today to overturn Roe vs. Wade and Casey versus planned Parenthood referring to what the Democrats had done for many years as what he called a radical agenda that now is going to return and also warning the Attorney General to make sure that they protected against possible violence in demonstrations against what has been done saying that 140 days that there's going to be a new Sheriff in town at least they're going to have he thinks a majority House and they will hold Merrick Garland to account for a summary now where we are. We turn now to our Washington correspondent Joe Matthews he is, of course, the host of sound on every day week at 5 p.m. eastern time he's up at the Supreme court, United States. So what is the agenda of the roads ...</p>
National Public Radio	<p>NPR 6/24/2022 1:39:14 PM: ...have the votes to do that, then Americans must make this a defining issue in the November elections Biden suggested abortion rights will be on the ballot in the midterm elections. Attorney General Merrick Garland denounces today's court decision as a devastating blow to reproductive freedom and says the Justice Department will work tirelessly to protect abortion rights listening to hear now</p>
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Day 2 of AG Garland disagreeing with [#SCOTUS](#). In part, "this decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom... it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect – with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of limited financial means."

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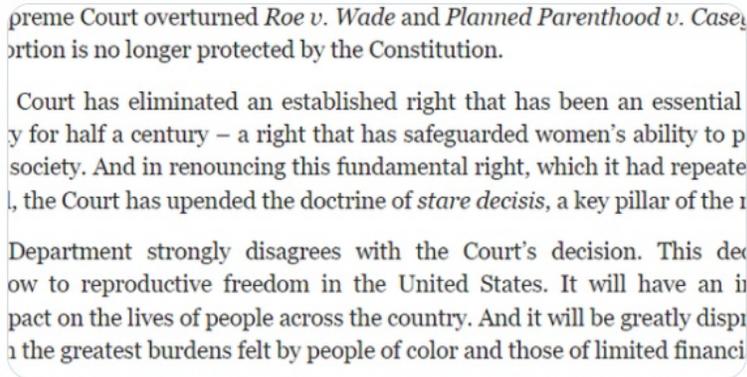
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Attorney General Garland is out with a lengthy statement on the Dobbs ruling. Here's how it begins



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More of Garland's statement: "Under bedrock constitutional principles, women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal," adding that speech about how to access care is protected.

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following statement following the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs, State Health Officer of the Mississippi Department of Health, et al. v. Jackson Women's Health Organization et al.*:

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"The Justice Department strongly disagrees with the Court's decision. This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country. And it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect – with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of limited financial means.

"But today's decision does not eliminate the ability of states to keep abortion legal within their borders. And the Constitution continues to restrict states' authority to ban reproductive services provided outside their borders.

"We recognize that traveling to obtain reproductive care may not be feasible in many circumstances. But under bedrock constitutional principles, women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal. Moreover, under fundamental First Amendment principles, individuals must remain free to inform and counsel each other about the reproductive care that is available in other states.

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continue to protect healthcare providers and individuals seeking reproductive health services in states where those services remain legal. This law prohibits anyone from obstructing access to reproductive health services through violence, threats of violence, or property damage.

"The Department strongly supports efforts by Congress to codify Americans' reproductive rights, which it retains the authority to do. We also support other legislative efforts to ensure access to comprehensive reproductive services.

"And we stand ready to work with other arms of the federal government that seek to use their lawful authorities to protect and preserve access to reproductive care. In particular, the FDA has approved the use of the medication Mifepristone. States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy.

"Furthermore, federal agencies may continue to provide reproductive health services to the extent authorized by federal law. And federal employees who carry out their duties by providing such services must be allowed to do so free from the threat of liability. It is the Department's longstanding position that States generally may not impose criminal or civil liability on federal employees who perform their duties in a manner authorized by federal law. Additionally, the Department's Office of Legal Counsel has determined that federal employees engaging in such conduct would not violate the Assimilative Crimes Act and could not be prosecuted by the federal government under that law. The Justice Department is prepared to assist agencies in resolving any questions about the scope of their authority to provide reproductive care.

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"Few rights are more central to individual freedom than the right to control one's own body.

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Just in: AG Garland with a lengthy statement reacting to SCOTUS overturning *Roe v. Wade*, calls it a "devastating blow" to reproductive freedom in the U.S. and that DOJ will "will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom."

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Attorney General Merrick B. Garland Statement on Supreme Court Ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*

WASHINGTON – Attorney General Merrick B. Garland today released the following statement following the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs, State Health Officer of the Mississippi Department of Health, et al. v. Jackson Women's Health Organization et al.*

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Advocates with different views on this issue have the right to, and will, voice their opinions. Peacefully expressing a view is protected by the First Amendment. But we must be clear that violence and threats of violence are not. The Justice Department will not tolerate such acts.

"The Justice Department will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom.

"Under the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act, the Department will continue to protect healthcare providers and individuals seeking reproductive health services in states where those services remain legal. This law prohibits anyone from obstructing access to reproductive care that is available in other states.

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Attorney General Garland says the Justice Department says it "strongly disagrees with the Court's decision" and it "deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country."

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In lengthy statement, Garland also notes: "Women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal."

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AG Garland, who in an alternate world held Gorsuch's seat after being nominated and thwarted by McConnell, condemns the decision



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From Merrick Garland, regarding access to medical abortion:

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AG Merrick Garland's statement on [#Dobbs](#) is powerful. FDA approval of medication abortion preempt any state restrictions on access. DOJ should announce it will legally challenge any state that bars access to FDA approved drugs, including Mifepristone



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BREAKING: Merrick Garland signals the next legal fight over reproductive rights: abortifacient drugs like Mifepristone, which have been approved by the FDA.

"States may not ban Mifepristone," Garland says.

The argument would be that an FDA decision pre-empts state law.

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Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department 'strongly disagrees' with the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Friday ended constitutional protections for abortion that had stood in America for nearly a half-century. The decision by the court's conservative majority overturned the landmark *Roe v. Wade* ruling and is expected to lead to abortion bans in roughly half the states.

The ruling, unthinkable just a few years ago, was the culmination of decades of efforts by abortion opponents, made possible by an emboldened right side of the court that has been fortified by three appointees of former President Donald Trump.

Both sides predicted the fight over abortion would continue, in state capitals and in Washington, and Justice Clarence Thomas, part of Friday's majority, called on the court to overturn other high court rulings protecting same-sex marriage, gay sex and the use of contraceptives.

Clinics in at least two states, Wisconsin and West Virginia, stopped performing abortions after Friday's decision.

Abortion foes cheered the ruling, but abortion-rights supporters, including President Joe Biden, expressed dismay and pledged to fight to restore the rights.

"It's a sad day for the court and for the country," Biden said at the White House. He urged voters to make it a defining issue in the November elections, declaring, "This decision must not be the final word."

The ruling came more than a month after the stunning [leak of a draft opinion](#) by Justice Samuel Alito indicating the court was prepared to take this momentous step.

It puts the court at odds with a majority of Americans who favored preserving Roe, according to opinion polls.

Alito, in [the final opinion issued Friday](#), wrote that Roe and Planned Parenthood v. Casey, the 1992 decision that reaffirmed the right to abortion, were wrong the days they were decided and must be overturned.

“We therefore hold that the Constitution does not confer a right to abortion. Roe and Casey must be overruled, and the authority to regulate abortion must be returned to the people and their elected representatives,” Alito wrote, in an opinion that was very similar to the leaked draft.

Authority to regulate abortion rests with the political branches, not the courts, Alito wrote.

Joining Alito were Thomas and Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett. The latter three justices are Trump appointees. Thomas first voted to overrule Roe 30 years ago.

Four justices would have left Roe and Casey in place.

The vote was 6-3 to uphold the Mississippi law, but Chief Justice John Roberts didn't join his conservative colleagues in overturning Roe. He wrote that there was no need to overturn the broad precedents to rule in Mississippi's favor.

Justices Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan — the diminished liberal wing of the court — were in dissent.

“With sorrow — for this Court, but more, for the many millions of American women who have today lost a fundamental constitutional protection — we dissent,” they wrote, warning that abortion opponents now could pursue a nationwide ban “from the moment of conception and without exceptions for rape or incest.”

The ruling is expected to disproportionately affect minority women who already face limited access to health care, according to statistics analyzed by The Associated Press.

Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department “will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom.” He said in a statement that in addition to protecting providers and those seeking abortions in states where it is legal “we stand ready to work with other arms of the federal government that seek to use their lawful authorities to protect and preserve access to reproductive care.”

In particular, Garland said that the federal Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of Mifepristone for medication abortions.

“States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy,” Garland said.

More than 90% of abortions take place in the first 13 weeks of pregnancy, and more than half are now done with pills, not surgery, according to data compiled by the Guttmacher Institute, a research group that supports abortion rights.

Mississippi's only abortion clinic, which is at the center of the case, continued to see patients Friday. Outside, men used a bullhorn to tell people inside the clinic that they would burn in hell. Clinic escorts wearing colorful vests used large stereo speakers to blast Tom Petty's “I Won't Back Down” at the protesters.

Mississippi is one of 13 states, mainly in the South and Midwest, that already have laws on the books that ban abortion in the event Roe is overturned. Another half-dozen states have near-total bans or prohibitions after 6 weeks of pregnancy, before many women know they are pregnant.

In roughly a half-dozen other states, the fight will be over dormant abortion bans that were enacted before Roe was decided in 1973 or new proposals to sharply limit when abortions can be performed, according to Guttmacher.

In Wisconsin, which has an 1849 abortion ban on the books, Planned Parenthood immediately halted all scheduled abortions at its clinics in Madison and Milwaukee following the high court's ruling.

The decision came against a backdrop of public opinion surveys that find a majority of Americans oppose overturning Roe and handing the question of whether to permit abortion entirely to the states. Polls conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and others also have consistently shown about 1 in 10 Americans want abortion to be illegal in all cases. A majority are in favor of abortion being legal in all or most circumstances, but polls indicate many also support restrictions especially later in pregnancy.

The Biden administration and other defenders of abortion rights have warned that a decision overturning Roe also would threaten other high court decisions in favor of gay rights and even potentially, contraception.

The liberal justices made the same point in their joint dissent: The majority “eliminates a 50-year-old constitutional right that safeguards women’s freedom and equal station. It breaches a core rule-of-law principle, designed to promote constancy in the law. In doing all of that, it places in jeopardy other rights, from contraception to same-sex intimacy and marriage. And finally, it undermines the Court’s legitimacy.”

And Thomas, the member of the court most open to jettisoning prior decisions, wrote a separate opinion in which he explicitly called on his colleagues to put the Supreme Court’s same-sex marriage, gay sex and even contraception cases on the table.

But Alito contended that his analysis addresses abortion only. “Nothing in this opinion should be understood to cast doubt on precedents that do not concern abortion,” he wrote.

Whatever the intentions of the person who leaked Alito’s draft opinion, the conservatives held firm in overturning Roe and Casey.

In his opinion, Alito dismissed the arguments in favor of retaining the two decisions, including that multiple generations of American women have partly relied on the right to abortion to gain economic and political power.

Changing the makeup of the court has been central to the anti-abortion side’s strategy, as the dissenters archly noted. “The Court reverses course today for one reason and one reason only: because the composition of this Court has changed,” the liberal justices wrote.

Mississippi and its allies made increasingly aggressive arguments as the case developed, and two high-court defenders of abortion rights retired or died. The state initially argued that its law could be upheld without overruling the court’s abortion precedents.

Then-Gov. Phil Bryant signed the 15-week measure into law in March 2018, when Justices Anthony Kennedy and Ruth Bader Ginsburg were still members of a five-justice majority that was mainly protective of abortion rights.

By early summer, Kennedy had retired and was replaced by Justice Brett Kavanaugh a few months later. The Mississippi law was blocked in lower federal courts.

But the state always was headed to the nation’s highest court. It did not even ask for a hearing before a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which ultimately held the law invalid in December 2019.

By early September 2020, the Supreme Court was ready to consider the state’s appeal.

The court scheduled the case for consideration at the justices’ private conference on Sept. 29. But in the intervening weeks, Ginsburg died and Barrett was quickly nominated and confirmed without a single Democratic vote.

The stage now was set, although it took the court another half year to agree to hear the case.

By the time Mississippi filed its main written argument with the court in the summer, the thrust of its argument had changed and it was now calling for the wholesale overruling of Roe and Casey.

The first sign that the court might be receptive to wiping away the constitutional right to abortion came in late summer, when the justices divided 5-4 in allowing Texas to enforce a ban on the procedure at roughly six weeks, before some women even know they are pregnant. That dispute turned on the unique structure of the law, including its enforcement by private citizens rather than by state officials, and how it can be challenged in court.

Roberts was among the dissenters.

Then in December, after hearing additional arguments over whether to block the Texas law known as S.B. 8, the court again declined to do so, also by a 5-4 vote. “The clear purpose and actual effect of S. B. 8 has been to nullify this Court’s rulings,” Roberts wrote, in a partial dissent.

In their Senate hearings, Trump’s three high-court picks carefully skirted questions about how they would vote in any cases, including about abortion.

But even as Democrats and abortion rights supporters predicted Kavanaugh and Gorsuch would vote to upend abortion rights if confirmed, the two left at least one Republican senator with a different impression. Sen. Susan Collins of Maine predicted Gorsuch and Kavanaugh wouldn't support overturning the abortion cases, based on private conversations she had with them when they were nominees to the Supreme Court.

Associated Press: [Biden vows abortion fight, assails 'extreme' court ruling](#), by Chris Megerian, Fatima Hussein, and Zeke Miller

WASHINGTON (AP) President Joe Biden said Friday he would try to preserve access to abortion after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, and he called on Americans to elect more Democrats who would safeguard rights upended by the court's decision. "This is not over," he declared.

"Let's be very clear, the health and life of women across this nation are now at risk," he said from the White House on what he called "a sad day for the court and the country."

Biden added that "the court has done what it's never done before expressly taking away a constitutional right that is so fundamental to so many Americans."

Republicans and conservative leaders celebrated the culmination of a decades-long campaign to undo the nationwide legalization of abortion that began with Roe v. Wade in 1973.

"Millions of Americans have spent half a century praying, marching, and working toward today's historic victories for the rule of law and for innocent life," said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., an architect of efforts to tilt the Supreme Court to the right.

Although Biden has previously expressed [conflicted feelings about abortion](#), he delivered a forceful defense on Friday. Noting that Republican-controlled states now had a clear path to ban abortion even in cases of incest or rape, he said "it just stuns me."

And he warned that other legal precedents ensuring same sex marriage and access to birth control could also be at risk. "This is an extreme and dangerous path this court is taking us on," he said.

The overturning of Roe v. Wade was not unexpected a draft of the decision leaked nearly two months ago but it still reverberated throughout Washington in what has suddenly become a new era in the country's battle over abortion. The White House and the Justice Department said they would look for ways to blunt the impact of the ruling, and Biden said his administration would try to ensure that abortion medication is available as widely as possible and women aren't prevented from traveling across state lines to end pregnancies.

However, no executive actions were announced on Friday, and Biden conceded that his options were limited.

Protesters convened on [the Supreme Court](#), where a crowd of abortion-rights supporters quickly swelled to the hundreds. One chanted into a bullhorn, "legal abortion on demand" and "this decision must not stand." Some shouted "the Supreme Court is illegitimate."

"It's a painful day for those of us who support women's rights," said Laura Free, an Ithaca, New York, resident and women's rights historian who came to Washington to do research. When she learned of the decision, she said, "I had to come here."

A competing faction demonstrated in favor of the ruling, holding signs saying "the future is anti-abortion" and "dismember Roe."

Garrett Bess, with Heritage Action for America, a lobbying arm of the conservative Heritage Foundation, said his organization would be working in states to continue efforts to limit abortion.

"This has been a long time coming," he said.

Biden and other Democrats hope to use outrage over the court decision to rally voters in [November's midterm elections](#). Although nationwide legislation ensuring access to abortion appears out of reach, more Democratic victories at the state level could limit Republican efforts to ban the practice.

"Congress must act, and with your vote, you can act," Biden said. "You can have the final word."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said the court's ruling "is outrageous and heart-wrenching" and fulfills the Republican Party's "dark and extreme goal of ripping away women's right to make their own reproductive health decisions."

Many Republican-controlled states are poised to severely restrict abortion, or even ban it outright.

In a statement, Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department "will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom." He said that in addition to protecting providers and those seeking abortions in states where it remains legal, "we stand ready to work with other arms of the federal government that seek to use their lawful authorities to protect and preserve access to reproductive care."

He also noted that the Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of mifepristone, a drug used to end

pregnancies.

"States may not ban mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy," Garland said.

Lawrence Gostin, who runs the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health at Georgetown Law, said before Friday's ruling that he expected the Biden administration to be "to be nibbling around the edges, and is not going to do anything really profound."

Gostin said he's discussed a variety of options with administration officials but believes they are "gun shy" given the potential for legal challenges that could lead to more roadblocks from a Supreme Court dominated by conservatives. Some of Gostin's suggestions included having Medicaid cover the cost of traveling across state lines to end pregnancies, as well as expanding access to abortion medication that can be delivered by mail.

The Rev. John Dorhauer, the general minister and president of the United Church of Christ, drove from Cleveland to Washington to attend one meeting earlier this month. Another virtual meeting was held this week, featuring Vice President Kamala Harris.

"It was rather impressive to see the commitment the White House and the vice president's office has had to gather advocates from around the country," Dorhauer said.

However, there are also concerns that the administration was not ready.

Dr. Colleen McNicholas, chief medical officer of Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri, attended a recent virtual meeting with abortion providers and said she expects "a true health crisis."

"I think that we should have been preparing for far longer than we have been," McNicholas said. "Do I think that they recognize that this a problem? Yes. Do I think that they're prepared in this moment? No."

Reuters: [U.S. attorney general vows to protect existing reproductive rights](#)

WASHINGTON, June 24 (Reuters) - The Justice Department will use every tool at its disposal to protect reproductive freedom, and federal agencies may continue to provide reproductive health services to the extent authorized by federal law, Attorney General Merrick Garland said after Friday's U.S. Supreme Court ruling on abortion.

"This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country," Garland said in a statement. "And it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of limited financial means."

Reuters: [U.S. Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade abortion landmark](#), by Lawrence Hurley and Andrew Chung

WASHINGTON, June 24 (Reuters) - The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday took the dramatic step of overturning the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that recognized a woman's constitutional right to an abortion and legalized it nationwide, handing a momentous victory to Republicans and religious conservatives who want to limit or ban the procedure.

The court, in a 6-3 ruling powered by its conservative majority, upheld a Republican-backed Mississippi law that bans abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy. The vote was 5-4 to overturn Roe, with Chief Justice John Roberts writing separately to say he would have upheld the Mississippi law but not taken the additional step of erasing the Roe precedent altogether.

The justices, in the ruling written by conservative Justice Samuel Alito, held that the Roe decision that allowed abortions performed before a fetus would be viable outside the womb - between 24 and 28 weeks of pregnancy - was wrongly decided because the U.S. Constitution makes no specific mention of abortion rights.

By erasing abortion as a constitutional right, the ruling restored the ability of states to ban it, fundamentally altering America's landscape on the issue of reproductive rights. Twenty-six states are either certain or considered likely to ban abortion. Mississippi is among 13 states with so-called trigger laws to ban abortion with Roe overturned.

President Joe Biden condemned the ruling, calling it a "sad day" for America and labeling the court's conservatives "extreme." He said the fight over abortion rights "is not over." Biden said his administration "will protect access to contraceptives and will do everything in his power to combat efforts to restrict women from traveling to other states to obtain abortions.

A draft version of Alito's ruling indicating the court was ready to overturn Roe was leaked in May, igniting a political firestorm. Friday's ruling largely tracked this leaked draft.

"The Constitution makes no reference to abortion, and no such right is implicitly protected by any constitutional provision," Alito wrote in the ruling.

Roe v. Wade recognized that the right to personal privacy under the Constitution protects a woman's ability to terminate her pregnancy. The Supreme Court in a 1992 ruling called Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey reaffirmed abortion rights and prohibited laws imposing an "undue burden" on abortion access. Friday's ruling overturned the Casey decision as well.

"Roe was egregiously wrong from the start. Its reasoning was exceptionally weak, and the decision has had damaging consequences. And far from bringing about a national settlement of the abortion issue, Roe and Casey have enflamed debate and deepened division," Alito added.

Overturning Roe was long a goal of Christian conservatives and many Republican officeholders. Opinion polls show a majority of Americans support abortion rights.

The court's three liberal justices - Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan - issued a jointly authored dissent.

"Whatever the exact scope of the coming laws, one result of today's decision is certain: the curtailment of women's rights, and of their status as free and equal citizens," they wrote.

As a result of Friday's ruling, "from the very moment of fertilization, a woman has no rights to speak of. A state can force her to bring a pregnancy to term, even at the steepest personal and familial costs," the liberal justices added.

The ruling empowered states to ban abortion just a day after the court's conservative majority issued another decision curtailing the ability of states to enact gun restrictions. [read more](#)

Anti-abortion activists, who had gathered outside the courthouse for days, erupted in cheers after the ruling.

"I'm ecstatic," said Emma Craig, 36, of Pro Life San Francisco. "Abortion is the biggest tragedy of our generation and in 50 years we'll look back at the 50 years we've been under Roe v. Wade with shame."

House of Representatives Speaker Democrat Nancy Pelosi, a Democrat, denounced the decision, saying that a "Republican-controlled Supreme Court" has achieved that party's "dark and extreme goal of ripping away women's right to make their own reproductive health decisions."

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department will fight to protect abortion rights and signaled legal battles to come including over pills used for medication abortion.

Justice Clarence Thomas, in a concurring opinion, urged the court to reconsider past rulings protecting the right to contraception, legalizing gay marriage nationwide and invalidating state laws banning gay sex.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh, in a concurring opinion, appeared to nix the idea advocated by a number of anti-abortion advocates that the next step is for the court to declare that the Constitution outlaws abortion nationwide. "The Constitution neither outlaws abortion nor legalizes abortion," he wrote.

Kavanaugh also said that the ruling does not let states bar residents from traveling to another state to obtain an abortion, or retroactively punish people for prior abortions.

Mississippi's law had been blocked by lower courts as a violation of Supreme Court precedent on abortion rights. Abortion is likely to remain legal in liberal states. More than a dozen states have laws protecting abortion rights. Numerous Republican-led states have passed various abortion restrictions in defiance of the Roe precedent in recent years.

Before the Roe decision, many states banned abortion, leaving women who wanted to terminate a pregnancy with few options. As a result of Friday's ruling, women with unwanted pregnancies in large swathes of America may face the choice of traveling to another state where the procedure remains legal and available, buying abortion pills online or

having a potentially dangerous illegal abortion.

TRUMP'S APPOINTEES

Republican former President Donald Trump as a candidate in 2016 promised to appoint justices to the Supreme Court who would reverse Roe. He appointed three conservative justices - a third of the total - during four years in office, moving the court rightward and building a 6-3 conservative majority. Trump's appointees - Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett - were in the majority in Friday's ruling. [read more](#)

Asked in a Fox News interview whether he deserved some credit for the ruling, Trump said: "God made the decision."

Jackson Women's Health Organization, the only abortion clinic remaining in Mississippi, challenged the 2018 law and had the support of Biden's administration. Mississippi's law allows abortions when there is a "medical emergency" or a "severe fetal abnormality" but does not have an exception for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest.

A federal judge in 2018 struck the law down, citing the Roe precedent. The New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in 2019 reached the same conclusion.

The justices in 2016 struck down a Texas law imposing strict regulations on abortion facilities and doctors. The justices in [2020](#) struck down a Louisiana law that similarly placed restrictions on doctors who perform abortions. But the court has become more conservative in recent years with the addition of three appointees made by former President Donald Trump.

Since 2018, the court lost two champions of abortion rights. Liberal Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg died in 2020, being replaced by Barrett, who as an academic before joining the judiciary signaled support for overturning Roe.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, a conservative who sometimes sided with the liberal justices on social issues such as abortion and LGBT rights, retired in 2018 and was replaced by Kavanaugh. Kennedy was part of the majority in the 1992 decision and voted to strike down the Texas abortion restriction in 2016.

Gorsuch in 2017 replaced the late conservative Justice Antonin Scalia, who was an abortion opponent.

The number of U.S. abortions increased by 8% during the three years ending in 2020, reversing a 30-year trend of declining numbers, [according to data](#) released on June 15 by the Guttmacher Institute, a research group that supports abortion rights. [read more](#)

The U.S. abortion rate peaked in 1980, seven years after the Roe ruling, at 29.3 abortions per 1,000 women of child-bearing age - 15-44 - and stood at 13.5 per 1,000 in 2017 before increasing to 14.4 per 1,000 women by 2020. In 2020, there were 930,160 U.S. abortions, with 20.6% of pregnancies ending in abortion in 2020, up from 18.4% in 2017. Mississippi experienced a 40% increase in abortions performed from 2017 to 2020.

Globally, abortion rights generally have been increasing. The U.N. World Health Organization said around [73 million abortions](#) take place globally each year, including 29% of all pregnancies.

New York Times: [Garland Says Justice Department Will Protect the Access to an Abortion](#), by Katie Benner

Attorney General Merrick B. Garland called the Supreme Court decision to strike down the right to an abortion "a devastating blow to reproductive freedom," and he vowed to use the Justice Department's authority to protect the right to the procedure.

In a detailed statement, Mr. Garland said that the decision undermines stare decisis, a longstanding doctrine that the court should respect precedents. That principle has helped to uphold the rule of law by keeping the court's work consistent and preserving the public's faith that it act as a neutral arbiter.

Mr. Garland called on Congress to pass a federal law that protects the right to an abortion, which he said has "safeguarded women's ability to participate fully and equally in society." His plea comes as Republicans, energized by the Supreme Court's decision, are encouraging state legislatures to ban abortions in every state in the country.

“The Justice Department strongly disagrees with the court’s decision,” Mr. Garland said in a statement. “This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country. And it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of limited financial means.”

Mr. Garland has put civil rights at the center of his tenure as attorney general, and he told The New York Times in an interview in March that a woman’s right to control whether and when to have a family is a central civil rights issue.

“It is a right that women have relied on, and are continuing to rely on,” Mr. Garland said. “If precedent means anything, it means that we continue to honor rights that a series of Supreme Courts, even with different members, have continued to uphold.”

Mr. Garland personally worked on the Justice Department’s response to the Texas abortion law that all but bans the procedure, including a lawsuit that the department filed to stop the state from enforcing the statute and its Supreme Court brief on the matter. (The court recently allowed the law to stay in effect until lower courts decide its fate.)

Ever since the draft opinion was leaked this spring, the Justice Department has been examining how it can protect the right to an abortion if *Roe v. Wade* were to be struck down.

In his response to the decision, Mr. Garland said that in states that still allow abortions, the Justice Department would continue to protect health care providers and individuals seeking reproductive health services.

He said that the department would allow federal agencies in some circumstances to continue to provide reproductive health services.

“The Justice Department is prepared to assist agencies in resolving any questions about the scope of their authority to provide reproductive care,” he said.

And he said that the department will work with other federal agencies to protect and preserve access to reproductive care, noting that the Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of the medication Mifepristone for medical abortions. “States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the F.D.A.’s expert judgment about its safety and efficacy,” he said.

New York Times: [Live Updates: Supreme Court Overturns *Roe v. Wade* in Landmark Decision; States Move to Ban Abortion](#), by Katie Benner

Attorney General Merrick B. Garland said in a statement that the Supreme Court has dealt “a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States,” by issuing a decision that both infringes on the rights of women and upends the longstanding principle that courts are to respect precedents.

Mr. Garland said that in states that still allow abortions, the Justice Department would continue to protect healthcare providers and individuals seeking reproductive health services from harassment at clinics. He said that the department would allow federal agencies in some circumstances to continue to provide reproductive health services. And he vowed to work with other federal agencies to protect and preserve access to reproductive care, noting that the FDA has approved the use of the medication Mifepristone for medical abortions.

Wall Street Journal: [Attorney General Lays Out Justice Department’s Red Lines After Ruling](#), by Aruna Viswanatha

Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department strongly disagreed with the *Dobbs* decision and outlined several red lines the agency believed states couldn’t cross in banning abortion.

In a statement Friday morning, Mr. Garland said states couldn’t restrict a woman’s ability to travel to another state to obtain an abortion, nor ban federally approved medication that terminates a pregnancy.

In particular, Mr. Garland said states couldn’t ban the use of mifepristone based on any disagreements they may have with the Food and Drug Administration’s expert judgment about the drug.

He also said that federal agencies could continue to provide “reproductive health services” authorized by federal law, and federal employees couldn’t be held liable for doing so.

“This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country,” Mr. Garland said, adding: “The Justice Department will use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom.”

Washington Post: [U.S. law protects RU486, crossing state lines for abortion, Garland says](#), by Devlin Barrett

Attorney General Merrick Garland signaled Thursday that in response to the [Supreme Court’s historic decision](#) allowing states to limit or ban abortions, the Justice Department is preparing for legal battles on a host of related issues from women traveling to states where the procedures are legal, to accessing pills that can induce abortions.

There is little the Justice Department can do to alter the impact of the Supreme Court’s decision, which is now the law of the land and is expected to significantly restrict abortion access in [13 states](#) in the short term. As conservative-leaning state legislatures respond to the ruling, similar restrictions are likely to spread to another dozen or so states.

“This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States,” Garland said [in a statement](#).

But Garland, a former federal appeals court judge, also laid down important markers for how the Biden Justice Department will handle any legal aftershocks of the decision, such as if states try to pass laws preventing women from traveling to other states to get abortions.

Garland said “bedrock constitutional principles” protect women’s rights to seek reproductive care in states where abortions remain legal. New York’s Democratic governor, Kathy Hochul, immediately declared her state a “safe harbor” for those seeking abortions.

Garland also signaled that abortion counseling services must be allowed even in states where abortion is banned, calling it a “fundamental” principle of the First Amendment that “individuals must remain free to inform and counsel each other about the reproductive care that is available in other states.”

The stern and lengthy statement from the nation’s top law enforcement official shows that the Justice Department, like many advocates on either side of the abortion debate, expect Thursday’s decision will lead to a flurry of new state laws and therefore court fights about abortion-related issues.

The department, Garland pledged, “will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom.” He also noted that the Biden administration wants Congress to pass legislation to reestablish nationwide abortion rights.

Garland said the department is ready to work with the FDA to ensure American women have access to Mifepristone, often referred to as the abortion pill.

Many Republican legislatures have tried banning the pills from being prescribed or shipped by mail, but some women have been able to circumvent those restrictions. States, Garland said, “may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA’s expert judgment about its safety and efficacy.”

The attorney general said federal agencies “may continue to provide reproductive health services to the extent authorized by federal law,” an indication that there may be a fresh spate of legal battles over what kind of reproductive health care may be provided by doctors working for the federal government.

“Few rights are more central to individual freedom than the right to control one’s own body,” Garland said.

Los Angeles Times: [Biden decries Supreme Court abortion decision as a 'tragic error'](#), by Courtney Subramanian and Freddy Brewster

WASHINGTON President Biden on Friday blasted the Supreme Court ruling that overturned the right to abortion as a “tragic error” and called on voters to elect lawmakers who support the right.

“Make no mistake, this decision is a culmination of a deliberate effort over decades to upset the balance of our law,” he said in remarks at the White House. “It’s a realization of an extreme ideology and a tragic error of the Supreme Court.”

The [high court](#) voted along ideological lines 6-3 to uphold Mississippi’s abortion ban after 15 weeks of pregnancy. But

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. did not join the conservative majority to overturn Roe in a 5-4 vote, saying such action went too far.

The opinion, written by Justice Samuel A. Alito, largely mirrored a draft memo that was leaked and [published by Politico in May](#).

The White House has been preparing for the ruling since the draft was published, weighing potential executive actions the president could take to protect reproductive rights as conservative-led states move to restrict or ban abortion access.

Democrats have called on Biden to issue orders that could remove restrictions to abortion-related medications or challenge state laws that criminalize out-of-state travel to seek the termination of a pregnancy. Administration officials, however, have warned that any such action would be fairly limited.

Biden said “no executive action from the president” could restore Roe’s protections. While Congress appears to lack the votes to enshrine such protections in federal law, Biden urged those who support abortion access to vote for candidates who share those views in the November midterm elections.

“This fall, Roe is on the ballot. Personal freedom is on the ballot,” Biden said.

Biden emphasized the ruling would “not be the final word.”

“You can act,” he added, urging Americans to vote. “You can have the final word. This is not over.”

Biden pointed out that former President Trump’s victory in 2016 set the stage for Friday’s ruling. Trump ultimately won confirmation for three justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett who all voted to overturn Roe. Those justices played a key role in upending “the scales of justice and [eliminating] a fundamental right for women in this country,” Biden said.

The president excoriated the decision as “extreme” and said it underscored “how far removed they are from the majority of other countries” and how most Americans feel about abortion.

Just over 60% of Americans say abortion should be legal in all or most circumstances compared to 37% who say it should be illegal in all or most circumstances, according to [the most recent survey by the Pew Research Center](#).

Since the leak of the draft opinion, the president has said the Supreme Court’s ruling could ultimately threaten other rights, including access to birth control and of same-sex couples to marry.

Trump, meanwhile, hailed the decision as “the biggest WIN for LIFE in a generation” and said the ruling and other recent court decisions “were only made possible because I delivered everything as promised.”

Democrats are hoping the Supreme Court’s decision can galvanize their voters and boost the party’s political prospects ahead of the November midterms. Democrats are battling midterm-election history, gas prices and inflation, and a president with a low approval rating. Political analysts say Republicans are likely to take control of at least one chamber of Congress.

The places where the decision will be most acutely felt, however, are red states, where Republicans are in power and face little risk of being unseated by Democrats who support abortion rights.

The ruling means some state laws banning abortion will take immediate effect in Kentucky, Louisiana and South Dakota, among others and is certain to pave the way for other red states to enact similar bans. That will likely lead women living in states with bans or severe restrictions to seek abortions in states where such procedures are permitted.

The president echoed Atty. Gen. Merrick Garland, who earlier on Friday issued a statement vowing to protect women who must travel to get an abortion.

“If any state or local official, high or low, tries to interfere with a woman exercising her basic right to travel, I will do everything in my power to fight that deeply un-American attack,” Biden said.

The president added that administration would safeguard medications approved by the Food and Drug Administration, including mifepristone, a drug used to end pregnancies and treat miscarriages. Though some states have moved to ban

or severely restrict access to the drug, Biden's attorney general said in a statement the FDA regulation means "states may not ban mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy."

Vice President Kamala Harris, who has become one of the White House's most prominent voices in the battle over reproductive rights, has met with state attorneys general, faith leaders, advocates and other stakeholders about steps the administration can take in the months ahead.

In a speech in Illinois, where Harris was due to talk about maternal health, the vice president called the high court's decision a "healthcare crisis."

"Millions of women in America will go to bed tonight without access to the healthcare and reproductive care that they had this morning," she said. "This is the first time in the history of our nation that a constitutional right has been taken from the people of America."

NBC: [Attorney General Merrick Garland vows to 'use every tool' to protect abortion rights](#), by Ryan Reilly

Attorney General Merrick Garland, who as Barack Obama's 2016 Supreme Court nominee was denied a confirmation vote by then-Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, vowed to put the full weight of the Department of Justice behind protecting abortion rights.

"The Justice Department strongly disagrees with the Court's decision," he said. "This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country. And it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of limited financial means."

"The Justice Department will use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom. And we will not waver from this Department's founding responsibility to protect the civil rights of all Americans," he added.

NBC: [AG Merrick Garland says states cannot ban access to medications for abortions](#), by Joy Wang

Attorney General Merrick Garland vowed to protect access to Mifepristone, which is used along with another medication to end early pregnancies.

"In particular, the FDA has approved the use of the medication Mifepristone. States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy," he wrote in a statement.

The [Food and Drug Administration approved in 2016](#) the use of the medications in terminating abortions.

The "Department will continue to protect healthcare providers and individuals seeking reproductive health services in states where those services remain legal," his statement added. "This law prohibits anyone from obstructing access to reproductive health services through violence, threats of violence, or property damage."

CBS: [Attorney General Merrick Garland pledges Justice Department will use 'every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom'](#), by Melissa Quinn

Attorney General Merrick Garland denounced the decision from the Supreme Court, saying in a statement that by ending the constitutional right to an abortion, the majority "upended the doctrine of stare decisis," or fidelity to precedent.

"The Justice Department strongly disagrees with the court's decision," he said. "This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country. And it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of limited financial means."

Still, Garland said states retain the ability to legalize abortion within their boundaries, and the Constitution can still limit states' power to ban reproductive services that are provided outside their borders.

"We recognize that traveling to obtain reproductive care may not be feasible in many circumstances. But under bedrock constitutional principles, women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal," he said. "Moreover, under fundamental First Amendment principles, individuals must remain free to inform and counsel each other about the reproductive care that is available in other states."

Garland made clear that peacefully protesting is protected under the First Amendment, but the Justice Department "will not tolerate" violence and threats of violence. He also reiterated that the department supports efforts in Congress to

enshrine the right to an abortion into federal law and other legislative efforts to ensure access to reproductive services.

He also noted that the medication Mifepristone may be used to terminate a pregnancy after 10 weeks gestation and has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration, and it may not be banned by states "based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy."

"Few rights are more central to individual freedom than the right to control one's own body," he said. "The Justice Department will use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom. And we will not waver from this Department's founding responsibility to protect the civil rights of all Americans."

CNN: [US Attorney General Garland says DOJ "strongly disagrees" with SCOTUS decision](#), by Adrienne Vogt, Aditi Sangal, Elise Hammond, Meg Wagner and Veronica Rocha

Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department disagrees with the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade.

"The Supreme Court has eliminated an established right that has been an essential component of women's liberty for half a century a right that has safeguarded women's ability to participate fully and equally in society. And in renouncing this fundamental right, which it had repeatedly recognized and reaffirmed, the Court has upended the doctrine of *stare decisis*, a key pillar of the rule of law," according to the statement from Garland.

"The Justice Department strongly disagrees with the Court's decision. This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country. And it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of limited financial means," he said.

Garland reiterated that the decision today does not ban states to keep abortion legal within their borders.

"We recognize that traveling to obtain reproductive care may not be feasible in many circumstances. But under bedrock constitutional principles, women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal. Moreover, under fundamental First Amendment principles, individuals must remain free to inform and counsel each other about the reproductive care that is available in other states," he said.

"Advocates with different views on this issue have the right to, and will, voice their opinions. Peacefully expressing a view is protected by the First Amendment. But we must be clear that violence and threats of violence are not. The Justice Department will not tolerate such acts," he continued.

The DOJ "will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom" and "strongly supports efforts by Congress to codify Americans' reproductive rights," according to his statement.

CNBC: [Roe v Wade: U.S. Attorney General Garland says DOJ 'strongly disagrees' with Supreme Court ruling](#), by Lauren Feiner

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland tried to ward off violent protests to the [Supreme Court's ruling Friday](#) overturning its landmark abortion decision Roe v Wade, asking protestors to remain peaceful.

"Advocates with different views on this issue have the right to, and will, voice their opinions," Garland said in a statement. "Peacefully expressing a view is protected by the First Amendment. But we must be clear that violence and threats of violence are not. The Justice Department will not tolerate such acts."

He said the agency "strongly disagrees" with the court's ruling and will "work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom."

"The Supreme Court has eliminated an established right that has been an essential component of women's liberty for half a century a right that has safeguarded women's ability to participate fully and equally in society," Garland said. "And in renouncing this fundamental right, which it had repeatedly recognized and reaffirmed, the Court has upended the doctrine of *stare decisis*, a key pillar of the rule of law."

Garland said Justice "strongly disagrees with the Court's decision" which "deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States."

He noted that it's impact would disproportionately impact people of color and those with the least financial means. The Justice Department will continue to protect the right to an abortion in states where access was still legal, he said. While travelling for healthcare may not always be possible, "women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal," he said. He added that people should remain "free to inform and counsel each other about the reproductive care that is available in other states" under First Amendment principles.

The DOJ will work with other agencies like the Food and Drug Administration "that seek to use their lawful authorities to protect and preserve access to reproductive care." Garland noted the FDA has approved the use of Mifepristone, an drug used to induce abortion safely at home, and said states cannot ban the drug "based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy."

"The Justice Department will use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom," Garland said. "And we will not waver from this Department's founding responsibility to protect the civil rights of all Americans."

USA Today: [Misoprostol and mifepristone medicine: What is the abortion pill?](#), by Marina Pitofsky

The Supreme Court has [overturned its landmark decision in Roe v. Wade](#), which provided a national constitutional right to an abortion.

The ruling, decided in a 6-3 vote on the court, rocked the United States from coast to coast. It allows states to protect abortion rights for people or implement bans and restrictions. The decision also drew attention to how abortion procedures have changed since the court's 1973 decision in Roe v. Wade.

Though there are multiple kinds of abortion procedures, online interest in mifepristone spiked after the court's Friday decision.

But what is mifepristone? How does it work to end a pregnancy? Here's what you need to know.

What does mifepristone do to a pregnancy?

Mifepristone is used with another medication called misoprostol to end a pregnancy that is less than 70 days developed. The pills are taken [about two days apart](#).

Mifepristone stops the "supply of hormones that maintains the interior of the uterus. Without these hormones, the uterus cannot support the pregnancy and the contents of the uterus are expelled," [according to the Mayo Clinic](#).

Sometimes called a "medicinal abortion" or "pill abortion," the approach was first authorized by the Food and Drug Administration in 2000.

How do I get mifepristone and misoprostol?

The medicine must be prescribed by a doctor. It is not available over-the-counter in pharmacies or other stores, though in some places only a telemedicine visit is required to get mifepristone and misoprostol.

Though the requirements for obtaining the medications have [changed frequently](#) in recent years, [in December 2021](#), FDA officials allowed "abortion pills" to be available by mail and prescribed via telehealth medical appointments.

Is it legal in my state?

In the wake of the Supreme Court's Friday decision, you can see what abortion laws look like in your state [here](#).

Attorney General Merrick Garland on Friday noted that "the FDA has approved the use of the medication Mifepristone."

"States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy," he said.

How long does it take to work?

The process starts when a person takes the first pill, mifepristone. Between 24 and 48 hours after, the person takes misoprostol, which typically comes in four tablets.

A patient may either put two in each cheek and let them dissolve, or the pills can be inserted into the vagina. Within a few hours, the misoprostol will cause a person's cervix to dilate and their uterus to contract, emptying the embryo from the person's uterus.

Symptoms can include cramping, bleeding, chills, nausea and vomiting. The most significant pain and bleeding will last no longer than one to two hours, and the process is completed within 24 hours, though some bleeding is normal for about two weeks.

Is the abortion pill dangerous?

No, health officials say. When used within the first 10 weeks, mifepristone and misoprostol safely terminated 99.6% of pregnancies with low rates of complications. Abortion by pill is used in approximately 54% of terminated pregnancies in the U.S., according to data from the Guttmacher Institute.

Bloomberg Law: [Garland Says DOJ Will Protect Right to Get Abortion Out-of-State](#), by Chris Strohm

Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Supreme Court dealt "a devastating blow to reproductive freedom" by overturning *Roe v. Wade* but said the Justice Department will protect the right to seek abortions across state lines.

"We recognize that traveling to obtain reproductive care may not be feasible in many circumstances," Garland said in a statement. "But under bedrock constitutional principles, women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal."

The attorney general said the Justice Department will protect both individuals seeking abortions out-of-state and those who provide them. He also said people had a First Amendment right to inform and counsel each other about reproductive care across state lines.

A number of states have suggested their laws banning abortions will also target out-of-state providers, including those who ship abortion pills like Mifepristone. Garland noted that the Food and Drug Administration has approved Mifepristone, and said states could not ban it based on disagreement with the FDA's judgment.

"The Constitution continues to restrict states' authority to ban reproductive services provided outside their borders," Garland said.

Though he said the "Justice Department strongly disagrees with the Court's decision" and urged Congress to codify abortion rights, the attorney general also said any protests should remain peaceful.

"Peacefully expressing a view is protected by the First Amendment," Garland said. "But we must be clear that violence and threats of violence are not. The Justice Department will not tolerate such acts."

Politico: [POLITICO Playbook PM: A fractured Supreme Court upends American politics](#), by Ryan Lizza and Eli Okun

One sentence overturning a nearly 50-year-old constitutional protection: "Held: The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion; *Roe* and *Casey* are overruled; and the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives."

THE FRACTURED COURT *Roe v. Wade* was decided 7-2 in 1973. The Supreme Court's decision to overturn it was decided 5-4, with the nine justices divided into four warring camps. The six conservatives were split into three distinct groups on what the decision means for other privacy rights, and the three liberals pointedly warned which faction they believed was ascendant:

1. SAMUEL ALITO, BRETT KAVANAUGH and AMY CONEY BARRETT took pains to make it clear that the *Dobbs* decision doesn't affect other rights protected using the same constitutional logic of *Roe*.

Key excerpts from the majority opinion: "We hold that *Roe* and *Casey* must be overruled. The Constitution makes no reference to abortion, and no such rights implicitly protected by any constitutional provision, including the one on which the defenders of *Roe* and *Casey* now chiefly rely the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. That provision has been held to guarantee some rights that are not mentioned in the Constitution, but any such right must be 'deeply rooted in this Nation's history and tradition' and 'implicit in the concept of ordered liberty.' ... The right to abortion does not fall within this category. ...

"*Roe* was egregiously wrong from the start. Its reasoning was exceptionally weak, and the decision has had damaging consequences. And far from bringing about a national settlement of the abortion issue, *Roe* and *Casey* have enflamed debate and deepened division. It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives." Read the full opinion

2. Meanwhile, CLARENCE THOMAS, who joined the majority, also wrote a concurring opinion calling explicitly for future

SCOTUS decisions that attack so-called due process precedents, including, he said, protections for same-sex marriage, private sexual acts and contraception.

Key excerpt from Thomas' concurrence: "Because the Due Process Clause does not secure any substantive rights, it does not secure a right to abortion. ...

"[W]e should reconsider all of this Court's substantive due process precedents, including *Griswold* [the 1965 ruling affirming the right of married persons to obtain contraceptives], *Lawrence* [the 2003 ruling affirming the right for adults to engage in private, consensual sexual acts], and *Obergefell* [the 2015 ruling affirming the right to same-sex marriage]. Because any substantive due process decision is 'demonstrably erroneous,' ... we have a duty to 'correct the error' established in those precedents. ...

"Because the Court properly applies our substantive due process precedents to reject the fabrication of a constitutional right to abortion, and because this case does not present the opportunity to reject substantive due process entirely, I join the Court's opinion."

3. Chief Justice JOHN ROBERTS, who has modeled himself on JOHN MARSHALL, was unable to cobble together a consensus. His lonely concurrence, written more in sadness than in anger, set out the compromise path that was not taken: a proposal to strike down Roe's viability standard, and thus uphold the Mississippi law, but keep Roe's core constitutional right to an abortion.

Key excerpt from Roberts' concurrence: "[T]here is a clear path to deciding this case correctly without overruling *Roe* all the way down to the studs: recognize that the viability line must be discarded, as the majority rightly does, and leave for another day whether to reject any right to an abortion at all. ...

"The Court's decision to overrule *Roe* and *Casey* is a serious jolt to the legal system regardless of how you view those cases. A narrower decision rejecting the misguided viability line would be markedly less unsettling, and nothing more is needed to decide this case. ...

"Both the Court's opinion and the dissent display a relentless freedom from doubt on the legal issue that I cannot share. I am not sure, for example, that a ban on terminating a pregnancy from the moment of conception must be treated the same under the Constitution as a ban after fifteen weeks. ... I therefore concur only in the judgment."

4. STEPHEN BREYER, SONIA SOTOMAYOR and ELENA KAGAN's withering dissent written more in anger than in sadness mocked the majority's legal reasoning, scoffed at their obsession with what was on the minds of dead white men in 1868, the year the 14th Amendment was ratified, and warned that, despite the "too-much-repeated protestations" of the majority, "it was Thomas' concurrence that was a harbinger of where the court is headed.

Key excerpt from their dissent: "Whatever the exact scope of the coming laws, one result of today's decision is certain: the curtailment of women's rights, and of their status as free and equal citizens. Yesterday, the Constitution guaranteed that a woman confronted with an unplanned pregnancy could (within reasonable limits) make her own decision about whether to bear a child, with all the life-transforming consequences that act involves. And in thus safeguarding each woman's reproductive freedom, the Constitution also protected "[t]he ability of women to participate equally in [this Nation's] economic and social life." ...

"But no longer. As of today, this Court holds, a State can always force a woman to give birth, prohibiting even the earliest abortions. A State can thus transform what, when freely undertaken, is a wonder into what, when forced, may be a nightmare. ...

"[N]o one should be confident that this majority is done with its work. The right *Roe* and *Casey* recognized does not stand alone. To the contrary, the Court has linked it for decades to other settled freedoms involving bodily integrity, familial relationships, and procreation. Most obviously, the right to terminate a pregnancy arose straight out of the right to purchase and use contraception. ... In turn, those rights led, more recently, to rights of same-sex intimacy and marriage. ... They are all part of the same constitutional fabric, protecting autonomous decision making over the most personal of life decisions.

"The majority (or to be more accurate, most of it) is eager to tell us today that nothing it does 'cast[s] doubt on precedents that do not concern abortion.' ... Either the mass of the majority's opinion is hypocrisy, or additional constitutional rights are under threat. It is one or the other. ... But we cannot understand how anyone can be confident that today's opinion will be the last of its kind."

Good Friday Afternoon.

WHAT IT MEANS IN THE STATES ...

All or nearly all abortion has now effectively been outlawed in Missouri, per the St. Louis Post-Dispatch ... and Kentucky, per the Louisville Courier Journal, plus South Dakota and Louisiana. Other states' bans will take effect in 30 days, like Idaho, per Boise State Public Radio.

In Texas, almost all abortion will be outlawed in 30 days, per the Texas Tribune. Texas A.G. KEN PAXTON announced

he would close agency offices early today as a “memorial” to “almost 70 million babies who have been killed in the womb.”

A chart shows the states in which abortion is illegal or soon-to-be illegal in the U.S. following the Supreme Court's ruling on *Roe v. Wade*.

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HOW WASHINGTON RESPONDED ...

President JOE BIDEN: “The health and life of women in this nation are now at risk,” Biden warned in hastily scheduled remarks to the nation this afternoon. Biden directed federal agencies to take steps to help ensure access to medication abortion and travel across state lines to obtain abortions. He also urged Americans to vote in November in an acknowledgment of Democrats’ relative powerlessness on the issue, Biden said only Congress could re-enshrine the right through legislation, and only if voters put more pro-abortion-rights leaders in office.

Biden castigated the court for its decision. “Today, the Supreme Court of the United States expressly took away a constitutional right from the American people that it had already recognized,” he said. “This decision is a culmination of a deliberate effort over decades to upset the balance of our law. It’s a realization of an extreme ideology and a tragic error by the Supreme Court.” More from Jonathan Lemire and Eugene Daniels

DOJ: A.G. MERRICK GARLAND said in a statement that states may not ban medication abortion drugs. He said the Justice Department will “work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom.”

DONALD TRUMP to Fox News’ Brooke Singman: “This is following the Constitution, and giving rights back when they should have been given long ago ... I think, in the end, this is something that will work out for everybody.” But, but, but: Behind the scenes, Trump has actually been telling Republicans privately that he worried the decision would be bad for the party in swing districts, per NYT’s Maggie Haberman.

The House GOP: Chatter has already started about trying to pass a national 15-week abortion ban, per CNN’s Mel Zanona.

Senate Judiciary Dems: Chair DICK DURBIN (D-III.) announced his committee will hold a hearing responding to the ruling next month.

Speaker NANCY PELOSI at her press conference this morning: “Reproductive freedom is on the ballot in November.”

Senate Majority Leader CHUCK SCHUMER: “Millions upon millions of American women are having their rights taken from them by five unelected Justices on the extremist MAGA court.”

Senate Minority Leader MITCH MCCONNELL: “The Court has corrected a terrible legal and moral error, like when *Brown v. Board* overruled *Plessy v. Ferguson*.”

Sen. JOE MANCHIN (D-W.Va.): “I trusted Justice Gorsuch and Justice Kavanaugh when they testified under oath that they also believed *Roe v. Wade* was settled legal precedent and I am alarmed they chose to reject the stability the ruling has provided for two generations of Americans.”

Sen. SUSAN COLLINS (R-Maine): “This decision is inconsistent with what Justices Gorsuch and Kavanaugh said in their testimony and their meetings with me, where they both were insistent on the importance of supporting long-standing precedents that the country has relied upon.”

House Majority Whip JIM CLYBURN (D-S.C.) told USA Today’s Dylan Wells, in remarks that have ticked off the left: “It’s a little anticlimactic, I think we all expected this. And I’m hopeful, you know I have to read the decision to see exactly the extent to which we can move legislatively to respond to it.”

Insider: [US Attorney General: States Can't Ban Approved Abortion Pills](#), by Dominick Reuter and Julia Naftulin

US Attorney General Merrick Garland [said Friday](#) that states can't ban the abortion medication mifepristone "based on disagreement with the FDA."

The US Food and Drug Administration had already ruled on the pill's "safety and efficacy," and that decision could not be overturned by states seeking to limit access to abortion, he said.

[Garland's comments](#) came moments after the US Supreme Court handed down a decision [overturning 50 years of precedent](#) over Americans' right to abortion.

"Women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal," Garland said. "Moreover, under fundamental First Amendment principles,

individuals must remain free to inform and counsel each other about the reproductive care that is available in other states."

Since the FDA approved the abortion pill mifepristone in 2000, self-managed at-home abortions which can be done in the first 11 weeks of pregnancy have [become increasingly common](#) in the US. In 2020, medication abortion with pills accounted for [54% of all abortions](#) in the country, according to preliminary data collection from the Guttmacher Institute.

In December 2021, the FDA authorized [abortion pills to be permanently sent by mail](#). In April 2021, the Biden administration [lifted a federal ban on mail-order abortion pills](#). The goal was to ensure safe abortion care during the pandemic, when Americans were being urged not to travel and to avoid in-person treatments where possible. Previously, the Supreme Court voted to ban [the abortion pill](#) from mail delivery, making it the only prescription medication to have such restrictions, until the April reversal.

How the abortion pill works

Self-managed abortions are typically done using two pills together: mifepristone and misoprostol.

First, someone takes mifepristone, which [blocks the production of progesterone](#), a hormone needed to sustain a pregnancy.

[Right after, or up to two days later](#), they then take [misoprostol](#), a drug that causes the uterus to contract and pushes the embryo or fetus out of their body, Yale University gynecologist Dr. Mary Jane Minkin [previously told Insider](#).

"You will be experiencing, in a sense, a miscarriage," Minkin said.

[Misoprostol normally causes cramping and bleeding](#) one to four hours after a patient takes it, according to Planned Parenthood.

Sometimes a self-managed abortion is only done with mifepristone, but research has shown that [using both drugs in tandem leads to better outcomes](#) because it prevents the potential need for surgery to remove the fetus. After, a patient will have a follow-up appointment with a doctor to make sure the abortion is complete.

One major manufacturer of mifepristone pills, Danco Labs, said the company was "prepared for any surge" in orders following the Supreme Court decision.

"Our supply is stable and plentiful," a spokesperson said, [according to ABC](#).

Insider: [AG Merrick Garland on Roe V. Wade Decision: 'a Devastating Blow'](#), by Ryan Barber

Attorney General Merrick Garland on Friday sharply condemned the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, saying the justices had dealt a "devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States" by eliminating the constitutional right to an abortion.

In a prepared statement, Garland stressed that the Justice Department disagreed with the decision and predicted that it "will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country."

"And it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of limited financial means," he added.

Garland's comment came within hours of the Supreme Court overruling Roe v. Wade, eliminating the constitutional right to an abortion after almost a half-century. The decision, in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, is expected to lead to all but total bans on abortion in about half the states.

In the immediate aftermath of the ruling, Democrats including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi reupped their calls for passing legislation to codify abortion rights. Garland on Friday said the Justice Department supports those legislative efforts and emphasized that the Supreme Court's decision would not eliminate the right of states to keep abortion legal within their borders.

"We recognize that traveling to obtain reproductive care may not be feasible in many circumstances," Garland said.

"But under bedrock constitutional principles, women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal.

A former federal appellate judge, Garland also addressed how the Supreme Court had broken with its customary practice of heeding precedent in overturning Roe v. Wade. In "renouncing this fundamental right, which it had repeatedly recognized and reaffirmed, the court has upended the doctrine of *stare decisis*, a key pillar of the rule of law," he said.

Years before his confirmation to lead the Justice Department, Garland was nominated in 2016 to succeed the late Justice Antonin Scalia on the Supreme Court, but Republicans refused to hold confirmation hearings or a vote. Garland then remained in the powerful US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit.

His confirmation would have flipped a Supreme Court seat from a Republican- to a Democrat-appointed justice.

But the Republicans' blockade on his nomination and Donald Trump's election in 2016 led to the conservatives instead

expanding their majority on the Supreme Court.

In their dissenting opinion, Justices Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan attributed the Dodds decision directly to the changed composition of the Supreme Court.

"The court reverses today for one reason and one reason only: because the composition of this court has changed," they wrote.

Referring to the doctrine of heeding past decisions, the justices continued: "Stare decisis, this court has often said, 'contributes to the actual and perceived integrity of the judicial process' by ensuring that decisions are 'founded in the law rather than in the proclivities of individuals.' Today, the proclivities of individuals rule."

"The Court departs from its obligation to faithfully and impartially apply the law," they added. "We dissent."

Yahoo News: [Supreme Court strikes down Roe v. Wade in seismic shift for abortion rights](#), by Tom LoBianco

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Friday that she would work to make abortion rights a top issue for voters in the midterm elections, shortly after the Supreme Court [issued a ruling](#) that overturned Roe v. Wade and ended federal abortion rights.

"Be aware of this: The Republicans are plotting a nationwide abortion ban. They cannot be allowed to have a majority in the Congress to do that," Pelosi said. "A woman's right to choose, reproductive freedom, is on the ballot in November."

Democrats had expected that federal abortion protections established in the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision would be overturned after a draft of the decision was leaked to Politico in May, and had already been pushing to make abortion an election-year issue as they fight to keep control of the House and Senate in this year's midterms.

But even with the ruling long expected from the majority-conservative Supreme Court, Pelosi still expressed anger at Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell in particular for his role in blocking then-President Barack Obama's nomination of Merrick Garland, who now leads the Justice Department, to the high court in 2016, and later speeding Amy Coney Barrett through to a confirmation after the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

"The inconsistency, the hypocrisy I don't respect that process," Pelosi said.

Democrats hold the slimmest of majorities in the House and the Senate and are widely expected to lose control of the House to Republicans in November.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer pushed a [proxy vote on abortion protections](#) at the start of May as a means of putting Democrats and Republicans on the record prior to the November elections.

But it remains unclear whether the issue will drive voters, who face a seemingly endless barrage of pressing issues including high gas prices, a baby formula shortage, inflation, continued mass shootings and more.

Axios: [AG Merrick Garland says states can't ban FDA-approved abortion pills](#), by Jacob Knutson

Attorney General Merrick Garland said in a statement Friday, in the wake of the Supreme Court's [decision to overturn Roe v. Wade](#), that states [cannot ban mifepristone](#), a medication that is used to bring about an abortion.

Why it matters: With Roe overturned, prescribed drugs that terminate pregnancies are likely to become the [next major contention](#) between abortion rights activists and opponents of abortion rights.

- Already, almost half of U.S. states have banned or tightly restricted abortion pills — two medicines named mifepristone and misoprostol — and more could soon follow suit, [Axios' Oriana Gonzalez Ashley Gold and Jacque Schrag report](#).

How it works: The pills for a medication abortion, mifepristone and misoprostol, have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in the first 10 weeks of pregnancy.

- The agency in December lifted long-standing restrictions on mifepristone, allowing doctors to prescribe the medication online and send them to patients by mail.
- Misoprostol was available with a prescription before the FDA's decision.

Despite the changes, many states have moved to make it illegal for doctors to mail the medications.

- For example, Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards (D) [signed a law](#) in June making it illegal for anyone to mail

abortion pills, punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$50,000 fine.

What they're saying: "The Department strongly supports efforts by Congress to codify Americans' reproductive rights, which it retains the authority to do. We also support other legislative efforts to ensure access to comprehensive reproductive services," Garland said in the statement Friday.

- "And we stand ready to work with other arms of the federal government that seek to use their lawful authorities to protect and preserve access to reproductive care," he added.
- "In particular, the FDA has approved the use of the medication Mifepristone. States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy."

Yes, but: It is far from settled law as to whether states can ban the pills, and the issue will likely have to be litigated in the courts, though there's really no clear precedent, according to the [Washington Post](#).

Axios: [Abortion pills become central issue after SCOTUS ruling](#), by Tina Reed

The Supreme Court ruling [overturning Roe v. Wade](#) immediately pivots the fight over abortion access to state efforts to restrict medication abortions or so-called "abortion pills."

The big picture: The pills used to terminate a pregnancy mifepristone and misoprostol are FDA-approved for use in the first 10 weeks of pregnancy and are frequently prescribed online and mailed to patients.

- State efforts to restrict their use will pose thorny questions about how to enforce bans and challenge the notion of patients' rights, experts say.
- "During the last 50 years or more in the abortion culture wars, there has been a line drawn that punishments should be meted out against providers and not against women themselves," Lawrence Gostin, a law professor at Georgetown University told Axios. "I think we're about to cross that line."

State of play: Medication abortion accounted for 54% of all U.S. abortions in 2020, up from 39% in 2017, according to the [Guttmacher Institute](#).

- The FDA in December [lifted long-standing restrictions](#), making the pills more widely available, via telemedicine appointments and online prescribing that enables delivery to someone's door.

Between the lines: Republican states looking to limit access to the pills could encounter practical challenges and legal problems doing so.

- Experts say legal precedent holds that states don't have the authority to ban FDA-approved drugs, as was the case when Massachusetts in 2014 tried to impose an emergency ban of an opioid. A [federal judge struck down the ban](#), saying a state couldn't take a drug off the market that the FDA had deemed safe.
- Attorney General Merrick Garland weighed in after the Supreme Court ruling on Friday, saying, "States may not ban mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy."
- But that won't stop states from trying.
- Lawmakers in at least 20 states have proposed restrictions or bans on the pills, per [Pew's Stateline](#).
- They range from bans on dispensing the drugs to requirements that physicians tell patients that medication abortions can be reversed by administering doses of progesterone, a controversial option.
- Indiana last year prohibited medication abortions after 10 weeks of pregnancy, and Texas banned medication abortion after seven weeks of pregnancy, according to Stateline.
- That all could lead to legal fights over federal preemption.
- "The reason we have an FDA is to set a uniform standard for what's safe and effective and approved by our top public health regulatory agency," Gostin said. "If states were to start to undermine that, it would be catastrophic. Nonetheless, that's what some states are doing and, with this conservative Supreme Court and indeed conservative judiciaries throughout, the outcome of that is by no means certain."

Reality check: The efforts to ban pills will dovetail with broader state efforts to restrict abortion access now that the Supreme Court struck the federal right to the procedure. And those state laws may ultimately need to be revisited as the wider health implications become clear.

- [Health experts have warned](#) that health providers may be reluctant to intervene and help people manage miscarriages, which often use the same methods as abortions.
- Fertility services [such as in vitro fertilization](#) could also be deemed illegal in some places, depending on how states define unborn human beings and whether that applies to embryos created through the IVF process.
- Emergency contraception like Plan B and certain types of intrauterine devices could also be restricted under some state laws, Cathren Cohen, a scholar of law and policy at the UCLA Law Center [told NBC News last month](#).

"Anything that would prevent a fertilized egg from turning into a pregnancy and being born into a baby could be considered a homicide," she said, per NBC.

Vox: [Roe is gone. What do Democrats do now?](#) by Christian Paz

Since [Justice Amy Coney Barrett's nomination to the Supreme Court](#), Democrats have suspected the end of *Roe v.*

Wade was near. Those suspicions were confirmed in May, when a draft opinion in ***Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* was leaked to Politico** and sent off as blaring an alarm as possible about the coming end of national legalized abortion.

Given all the time they've had to prepare, the lack of any real plan or preparation by national Democratic leaders in anticipation of Friday's Supreme Court decision, in which the **high court finally overturned *Roe***, has been stunning. Now that there are officially no federal abortion protections, many elected Democrats, especially in leadership, seem to be listless, resorting to platitudes of hope, perseverance, and voting as their best response to the court's conservative majority taking away a right. It's true that electing more Democrats could provide a long-term fix, but between now and the start of a new session of Congress, millions of Americans living in nearly half the country won't have a right to an abortion.

"We have an election coming up in November, and we need to elect pro-choice Democrats who are going to protect abortion rights, and give us the ability to pass legislation to protect those rights across this country," Democratic Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, who is locked in a tough reelection race in Nevada, told Vox. "That's the easiest and simplest path forward, and that's what I would ask everybody to understand and get behind."

Elected Democrats facing tough midterm elections know that just asking people to vote is not the rallying cry angry and frightened people want to hear. They are doing so anyway due to the severe limits on what the federal government can really do right now.

President Joe Biden laid out that harsh reality in an address to the nation Friday, saying "the only way we can secure a woman's right to choose, and the balance that existed, is for Congress to restore the protections of *Roe v. Wade* as federal law. No executive action from the president can do that, and if Congress, as it appears, lacks the votes to do that now, voters need to make their voices heard."

Democrats have no quick federal fixes now, even though they nominally control the government. They find themselves in a moment that shows the limits of electoral politics, as laws restricting abortion go into effect in at least four states as early as today.

Biden doesn't have a lot of options — but that doesn't mean he has no options

A legislative solution may be the only way to codify *Roe* at the federal level, and as Biden alluded to, that's not something easy to make happen. But in his speech on Friday, Biden did lay out some limited ways federal agencies can preserve access to abortion, both in states where it remains legal and through FDA-approved abortion pills, like **mifepristone**.

"Some states are saying they will try to ban or severely restrict access to these medications" he said. "Today I am directing the Department of Health and Human Services to take steps to secure these critical medications are available to the fullest extent possible."

Soon after the decision was made public, Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department would "use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom," including protecting the right for women to move freely to states where abortion is legal, access information about reproductive care, and the ability to freely attain reproductive services at clinics where it is legal. He also reiterated the department's guidance that states **cannot ban mifepristone** since the FDA has already approved it.

But that guidance isn't settled law, and some states, like Louisiana, have already tried to limit access to the medication and whether a state can outright ban the pill is a **legal open question**.

The bottom line is that no one is really sure what comes next and beyond urging pro-abortion rights Americans to elect pro-abortion candidates in races up and down the ballot, a dissonance is emerging between how national Democrats are behaving and the fear that many Americans, particularly women, feel right now.

Many Democrats appear out of step with their base

Dobbs decision day seemed to catch Washington politicians off guard. After voting on bipartisan gun safety legislation this afternoon, the House of Representatives is set to leave the capital for two weeks for the Fourth of July holiday. The Senate left the Hill yesterday and some senators were on their way home when the news broke Friday.

NBC News reported that White House staffers, and first lady Jill Biden, learned of the decision by push alerts on their phones and the press office canceled the day's press briefing to make time for a sudden presidential address.

On Capitol Hill, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi delivered somber remarks shortly after the opinion was released, but a video of her **reciting a poem** was what gained traction from that address. Another video of House Democrats **singing** "God Bless America" had accumulated about a million views in the afternoon. Both clips appear to be fueling a sense among progressive and activist Democrats that their action isn't meeting the moment. Meanwhile, riot police were **being deployed** to control angry crowds outside the court; snipers appeared to have **taken position** on the building's roof. As he ended his speech, Biden urged protestors to be peaceful and nonviolent.

Congressional action is limited now. A Senate vote to codify *Roe* shortly after the draft opinion leaked failed to clear a filibuster; the odds that the filibuster will be done away with now are low, despite its greatest defender, Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia, **acknowledging** that he now feels lied to by justices who voted to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME), one of two pro-abortion rights Republicans in the Senate, said in a **statement Friday** that she's working with Democrats on a new bill "that would codify *Roe*." She did not elaborate on how the bipartisan legislation would clear the filibuster, however.

Any legislative path hinges on who controls Congress next year. House Democrats are on track to **lose their majority by a significant margin**; the **Senate remains in play**, however. Democrats would need to keep control of both chambers and greatly expand their numbers in the Senate to have any real hope of passing pro-abortion legislation. And that appears to be what the party is pinning its hopes on. In her **remarks on Friday**, Pelosi stressed Democrats need "to get two more senators so we can change the obstacles to passing laws."

But wait, hope, and vote may not be a message satisfying to the Democratic base. Earlier in the day, over 100 House Democrats marched about a block from the east steps of the Capitol building to the Supreme Court. "We trust women, we won't go back," they chanted. Rallying in front of the court, they continued their mantra. But once at the fence, the **voice of one protester** rang out over the lawmakers in a video posted to Twitter: "Democrats surrendered on this." With *Roe* gone, that feeling may only grow.

The Hill: [Next big fight looms over abortion pills](#), by Nathaniel Weixel

Abortion pills are likely to become the next major front of the fight over reproductive health care in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

Republican-led states have been moving to limit or even completely ban access to the drugs, and advocates worry the Supreme Court's decision will embolden even more states to crack down.

Immediately following the ruling, Attorney General [Merrick Garland](#) said the Justice Department will protect the right to an abortion, including medication abortion.

"We stand ready to work with other arms of the federal government that seek to use their lawful authorities to protect and preserve access to reproductive care," Garland said in a statement.

"In particular, the [Food and Drug Administration] FDA has approved the use of the medication Mifepristone. States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy," Garland said.

[President Biden](#) on Friday also pledged to protect access to abortion pills, though the White House is limited in what it can do.

In brief remarks, Biden said he was directing the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure that abortion pills would be available to the "fullest extent possible," without specifying what measures the department would be taking.

There are two pills needed for a medication abortion, which is approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the first 10 weeks of pregnancy.

Mifepristone, a drug that blocks hormones necessary for pregnancy, was approved in 2000. It is then followed by misoprostol, which causes contractions and helps empty the uterus.

Medication abortion has become an increasingly common method for ending pregnancies. According to the Guttmacher Institute, it accounted for 54 percent of all abortions in 2020.

The FDA temporarily lifted a requirement that mifepristone be dispensed in-person at a clinic or hospital because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Biden administration made the change permanent in December, paving the way for doctors to prescribe the drug digitally and then mail the pills to patients.

Likely in anticipation of the Supreme Court's decision, state lawmakers introduced a flurry of restrictions on medication abortion this year. There are currently 19 states, mostly in the South and Midwest, that ban providers from prescribing abortion pills through telemedicine.

In 32 states, clinicians who administer medication abortion are required to be physicians.

Texas prohibits the use of medication abortion starting at seven weeks of pregnancy, while Indiana bans its use at 10

weeks.

This week, Louisiana's governor signed into law a bill that outlawed out-of-state providers from mailing abortion pills, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a \$75,000 fine.

Only a few states have tried to ban the pills outright, and those moves are tied up in court.

Still, now that the Supreme Court has overturned Roe, there's a concern more states will try to restrict the pills, and there's no clear precedent on whether the Justice Department has the power to stop them.

States have the authority to regulate practice of medicine, but Garland is seemingly arguing that federal law and a federal drug approval takes precedence over state law.

Lawrence Gostin, a professor of global health law at Georgetown University, said Garland needs to take action against any state that sets up barriers or outright bans access to abortion drugs.

"The FDA is our premier public health regulatory agency. And it should set, and does set, a national uniform standard for safe and effective drugs ... states don't get to pick and choose which FDA approved drugs they will and won't allow," Gostin said.

But Gostin also said the Supreme Court doesn't have a consistent track record ruling about FDA preemption of state law.

"It's unclear whether a very conservative Supreme Court would allow FDA to preempt state bans, particularly since it's already ruled that abortion isn't protected under the Constitution," Gostin said. "And so I think it could go either way."

In one of the more recent examples of FDA preemption, Massachusetts in 2014 tried to ban the FDA-approved opioid Zohydro. The manufacturer sued, and a federal district court struck down the state's restrictions.

But the state didn't appeal the decision, so it never advanced in the courts, making its impact on future case law unclear.

Washington Times: [Attorney General Merrick Garland warns against violence after Supreme Court's abortion ruling](#) by Alex Swoyer

Attorney General Merrick Garland said Friday that violence won't be tolerated in the wake of the high court overturning the landmark Roe v. Wade ruling, which gave women a national right to abortion but he stressed the First Amendment protects peaceful protesting.

He also encouraged Congress to codify Roe into law, saying restricting abortion in some states will impact minority and poor women the hardest.

"The Supreme Court has eliminated an established right that has been an essential component of women's liberty for half a century a right that has safeguarded women's ability to participate fully and equally in society," he said.

Mr. Garland also noted that federal workers can still help women obtain reproductive healthcare.

He said that federal agencies can provide those services in accordance with federal law.

"Federal employees who carry out their duties by providing such services must be allowed to do so free from the threat of liability. It is the Department's longstanding position that States generally may not impose criminal or civil liability on federal employees who perform their duties in a manner authorized by federal law. Additionally, the Department's Office of Legal Counsel has determined that federal employees engaging in such conduct would not violate the Assimilative Crimes Act and could not be prosecuted by the federal government under that law," he said.

"The Justice Department is prepared to assist agencies in resolving any questions about the scope of their authority to provide reproductive care," Mr. Garland added.

His comments come after progressive groups have promised revenge after the court's ruling that upended a national right to abortion.

The justices were considering Mississippi's state law banning abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy in the case of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization.

Mississippi officials argued that Roe's holding that abortion is a constitutional right should be overturned because it's outdated. The state said the viability standard for the fetus set out in Roe was unclear, and Mississippi had an interest in banning abortions after 15 weeks to protect women's health and that of unborn children.

The legal challenge to the restrictions was brought by Jackson Women's Health Organization, the state's only abortion clinic, and a doctor who provides abortions. According to court papers, the clinic had provided abortions up to 16 weeks of gestation.

They challenged the state's Gestational Age Act, enacted in 2018. The law, which its authors intended specifically to challenge Roe's guidelines, banned abortions after 15 weeks unless there is a medical emergency or severe abnormality in the fetus.

The abortion providers told the court in their filing that the state's interest in the woman's health and children doesn't begin until viability occurs, "months" after the 15-week marker set in the law.

In the 6 to 3 ruling, the high court said the right to abortion is not explicit in the Constitution and the issue should return to state legislatures.

The deliberations inside the court were shaken last month when a draft opinion to overturn Roe v. Wade was leaked and published by Politico.

Pro-choice protesters, enraged by the leak, have shown up outside the houses of Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. and Justices Brett Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett and Samuel A. Alito Jr., who authored the leaked opinion. One California man traveled to Justice Kavanaugh's suburban Maryland home with a plan to murder him. He was stopped outside the justice's home by authorities.

It was the first time a full draft opinion was leaked in the Supreme Court's 233-year history.

Voice of America: [Biden, Top US Officials Plead for Peaceful Protests Following Abortion Ruling](#), by Jeff Seldin

WASHINGTON Top U.S. officials warned Americans Friday against resorting to violence following the Supreme Court ruling that struck down the constitutional right to abortion, which sparked emotional responses from those on both sides of the debate.

Abortion rights opponents outside the Supreme Court in Washington celebrated following Friday's ruling, chanting "Goodbye, Roe!" to mark the court's 5-4 decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, the case that established the right to an abortion nearly 50 years ago.

At the same time, groups of abortion rights supporters also gathered outside the court, chanting "My body, my choice," while carrying signs reading "Overturn Roe? Hell no!" and "Rise up for abortion rights."

'No intimidation'

Despite emotions running high among both groups, the demonstrations appeared peaceful, and President Joe Biden called on all Americans to keep it that way, both in Washington and across the country.

"No intimidation. Violence is never acceptable," Biden said in an address to the nation in which he also accused the Supreme Court of taking away a fundamental right and "literally taking America back 150 years."

"We must stand against violence in any form, regardless of your rationale," Biden added. "Keep all protests peaceful, peaceful, peaceful."

Earlier, U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland also warned Americans against resorting to violence in reaction to the court's ruling.

"Peacefully expressing a view is protected by the First Amendment," Garland said in a statement. "Violence and threats of violence are not. The Justice Department will not tolerate such acts."

U.S. officials and law enforcement agencies have been bracing for weeks for potential fallout from the Supreme Court ruling on abortion, which was first leaked in early May.

"We have been working closely with our law enforcement partners in order to prepare for demonstrations related to

the Supreme Court," the U.S. Capitol Police, which is responsible for security for Congress and the Capitol, told VOA in an email Friday.

U.S. homeland security officials have also cited the ruling as a key factor in an ever more dangerous and volatile threat environment.

"Individuals who advocate both for and against abortion have, on public forums, encouraged violence, including against government, religious and reproductive health care personnel and facilities, as well as those with opposing ideologies," the Department of Homeland Security warned in its latest bulletin, issued this month.

There have also been concerns about the safety of the Supreme Court's nine justices. The Justice Department announced round-the-clock security details for all justices last month.

A 26-year-old California man, Nicholas John Roske, was arrested June 8 outside the home of Associate Justice Brett Kavanaugh. Police said Roske was carrying a gun, ammunition, a knife and other items, and that he said he was planning to kill himself and Kavanaugh. Roske has been charged with attempted murder.

Spectrum News: [AG Garland says DOJ will protect abortion access](#), by Justin Tasolides

In a blistering statement, Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department "strongly disagrees" with the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 ruling which guaranteed a woman's constitutional right to an abortion, and pledged to "work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom."

"The Supreme Court has eliminated an established right that has been an essential component of women's liberty for half a century a right that has safeguarded women's ability to participate fully and equally in society," Garland wrote. "And in renouncing this fundamental right, which it had repeatedly recognized and reaffirmed, the Court has upended the doctrine of *stare decisis*, a key pillar of the rule of law.

Stare decisis is a legal doctrine by which judges are obligated to respect precedent set by previous rulings; in Latin, the phrase means "to stand by things decided."

Garland said that the ruling "deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom" nationwide and will "have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country."

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Garland urged people on both sides of the issue to do so peacefully: "Advocates with different views on this issue have

the right to, and will, voice their opinions. Peacefully expressing a view is protected by the First Amendment. But we must be clear that violence and threats of violence are not. The Justice Department will not tolerate such acts.

“The ability to decide one’s own future is a fundamental American value, and few decisions are more significant and personal than the choice of whether and when to have children,” Garland concluded. “Few rights are more central to individual freedom than the right to control one’s own body.

“The Justice Department will use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom,” Garland pledged. “And we will not waver from this Department’s founding responsibility to protect the civil rights of all Americans.”

Washington Examiner: [Merrick Garland says Biden DOJ ‘strongly disagrees’ with Supreme Court Roe decision](#), by Jerry Dunleavy

Attorney General Merrick Garland said the [Justice Department](#) “strongly disagrees” with the Supreme Court [overturning *Roe v. Wade*](#), warning states about bans of the “abortion pill.”

“The Justice Department strongly disagrees with the Court’s decision. This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States,” Garland said. “The Justice Department will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom ... The Justice Department will use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom.”

The attorney general added: “We stand ready to work with other arms of the federal government that seek to use their lawful authorities to protect and preserve access to reproductive care. In particular, the FDA has approved the use of the medication [Mifepristone](#). States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA’s expert judgment about its safety and efficacy.”

Mifepristone is [commonly known](#) as the “abortion pill.”

The Supreme Court’s Friday ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* overturned 1973’s *Roe* and 1992’s *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey*, which had declared a constitutional right to abortion and severely limited the ability of states to outlaw the practice.

Mississippi’s 2018 Gestational Age Act [stated](#) that “except in a medical emergency or in the case of a severe fetal abnormality, a person shall not intentionally or knowingly perform ... an abortion of an unborn human being if the probable gestational age of the unborn human being has been determined to be greater than fifteen weeks.”

An abortion clinic challenged the law in federal court and claimed it violated Supreme Court precedent on abortion. This eventually made its way to the Supreme Court, where the law was upheld and *Roe* and *Casey* were tossed.

Justice Samuel Alito wrote the opinion, in which Justices Clarence Thomas, Neil Gorsuch, [Brett Kavanaugh](#), and Amy Coney Barrett joined. Thomas and Kavanaugh also filed concurring opinions, while Roberts filed an opinion concurring in the judgment. Justices Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor, and Elena Kagan filed a dissenting opinion.

Garland lamented that “the Supreme Court has eliminated an established right that has been an essential component of women’s liberty for half a century — a right that has safeguarded women’s ability to participate fully and equally in society.”

Since the May 2 leak of a draft of the Supreme Court’s opinion, there have been heightened threats against Supreme Court justices and anti-abortion advocates, including a [rash of attacks](#) and vandalism [targeting anti-abortion activist groups](#) and pregnancy centers across the country.

More than 100 [House Republicans](#) sent a letter to Garland last week calling on the DOJ to investigate the incidents as acts of domestic terrorism.

Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) also [pressed](#) Garland on the domestic terrorism classification earlier this month.

The House GOP letter argued that “terrorists have targeted numerous pro-life crisis pregnancy centers — two of which culminated in the firebombing and destruction of property by the terrorist group Jane’s Revenge” in [Buffalo, New York](#), and [Madison, Wisconsin](#).

“The FBI is investigating a series of attacks and threats targeting pregnancy resource centers and faith-based organizations across the country,” a spokesperson for the FBI’s national press office [said](#) last week. “The FBI takes all threats seriously and we continue to work closely with our law enforcement partners and will remain vigilant to protect our communities.”

Earlier in June, 16 Republican senators, along with a number of national anti-abortion groups, sent a [letter](#) to Garland telling him “the criminal acts perpetrated against those who oppose legalized abortion are a clear effort to intimidate or coerce individuals who hold pro-life values.”

The gun-toting suspect who traveled from California to Maryland this month in an [alleged plot](#) to kill Brett Kavanaugh

over the leak of the draft *Dobbs* decision has been indicted by a federal grand jury for an “attempt to assassinate” the Supreme Court justice. Nicholas Roske, 26, showed up at Kavanaugh’s house after midnight with burglary tools, a knife, a gun, and a pair of special boots with outer soles allowing stealth movement inside a house, though he walked away when he spotted a pair of deputy U.S. marshals, who were part of the Supreme Court justice's security force, outside Kavanaugh's home, according to court records.

Roske told investigators he was angry about the leak of the draft *Dobbs* decision and also believed Kavanaugh would play a role in upholding Second Amendment rights.

GOP Senate leadership also sent a letter to the DOJ last week demanding answers over a lack of criminal prosecution surrounding "illegal picketing" outside the homes of justices.

The U.S. attorney and the FBI’s assistant director in charge of the nation’s capital said in a joint statement this month that “we will not tolerate violence, destruction, interference with government functions, or trespassing on government property,” including at the Supreme Court. It did not mention the justices' homes.

WCBE (NPR Columbus): [Ohio AG Dave Yost files paperwork to put 'heartbeat' law in place immediately](#), by Karen Kasler

Ohio’s Republican attorney general has asked a federal court to lift a legal hold on the state’s six-week abortion ban passed and signed in 2019 to put that so-called “heartbeat” law into effect immediately.

Attorney General Dave Yost said in the two-page filing that the hold on the law was based on cases establishing a constitutional right to abortion, which the *Dobbs* ruling overturned.

Ohio was one of the first states to consider a six-week abortion ban when it was proposed in 2011. It was introduced every two years after that.

The ban did pass in 2018, but outgoing Gov. John Kasich, a Republican, vetoed the bill. The decision to veto that legislation came just a few weeks before leaving office, even though he had signed all previous measures restricting abortion passed during his administration.

The 'heartbeat' bill passed again in 2019 and was signed into law by Gov. Mike DeWine, a Republican, who had said during his 2018 campaign that he would approve it. The ACLU of Ohio immediately sued and the law was put on hold.

Yost also put out a statement about the possibility of violent protests, which so far hasn’t happened.

After the *Dobbs* decision, Yost noted that the abortion debate will continue, but “passion is no license to violence.”

"I call again on my federal colleague, Attorney General Merrick Garland, and my fellow state attorneys general to publicly commit to holding violent protesters accountable under the law, no matter which side they are on," Yost said in the video.

Earlier this week Yost and 18 other Republican attorneys general wrote a letter to Garland, asking him to “take swift action in response to recent terrorist acts against anti-abortion organizations." They cited media reports as well as statements from religious groups.

On January 6 Yost did call for criminal prosecution of those who stormed the U.S. Capitol as well as those involved in Black Lives Matter protests at a federal courthouse in Portland, Oregon in 2020.

Republican lawmakers, who hold a supermajority in the House and Senate, have said they plan to work on a bill that bans abortions in Ohio now that *Roe v. Wade* has been overturned. The legislature is on break but will likely take up the issue at some point this year.

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FBN 6/24/2022 4:19:49 PM: ...with the same cases being brought to the supreme court to bring it up to that level. that's a whole other issue. but i want to say on the norms front. joe biden had his department of justice come out and wad row kate in favor of congress passing pro abortion legislation. merrick garland is advocating for that. also i think it's important to point out that president joe biden encouraged the intimidation obvious is at their homes. he said he didn't want violence. but the supreme court didn't waiver despite the attacks, and they continued with their job and that gives people the confidence that they have the courage not to give in to the violent mob that tried to change their decision. larry: it's going to go black we don't get out on time. but i think it's a good week for the supremes.

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FNC 6/24/2022 4:14:43 PM: ...happen outside the supreme court itself or the justices themselves particularly of the six that voted for this. probably a safe bet that they're not in town right now. there was a lot of criticism, merrick garland, that he wasn't doing more to enforce safety and limit the protests. there's laws in the books that prevent that. but now a lot of protesters have been telling me since this is already decided and the law was meant to avoid protest that justices homes where cases were about to be decided, it's free and fair game to go to their homes and do whatever the heck they want what do you think of that? >> yeah, i hope that's not the right reading of the statute. intimidation could include aftermath hopefully. look, there's a couple of flash points today in terms of the attorney general and president biden talking about nonviolence. glad to hear the nonviolence piece but i was not happy that there's general disrespect for the institution, including talking about it being cruel, un-american, referring to the justices as essentially picking **on women**. that's not really what they do. that's not what they did. the institutional safety of the reputation of the supreme court over the long run is kurnconcerning. what worries me is what was said about nonviolence but what was done. we had an attempted assassination of a supreme court justice. they're saying the right things but we'll have to wait to see if there is violence and how this department of justice treats it. >> neil: sometimes you didn't get that signal out of the president today. i'll go into this more depth later. he was more or less criticizing the process and the former president, his predecessor, that laid the ground work for this even though it was donald trump's right to appoint the justices he did. he went back to the merrick garland situation. back and forth over the process and how wrong the process was because you didn't agree with the decision. no such comments when you do agree. i'm wondering if that is a slippery slope right there. >> yeah, it is the type of stuff that creates a climate of disrespect and possible harm. when i was a prosecutor, ...

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Garland urged people on both sides of the issue to do so peacefully: “Advocates with different views on this issue have the right to, and will, voice their opinions. Peacefully expressing a view is protected by the First Amendment. But we must be clear that violence and threats of violence are not. The Justice Department will not tolerate such acts.

“The ability to decide one’s own future is a fundamental American value, and few decisions are more significant and personal than the choice of whether and when to have children,” Garland concluded. “Few rights are more central to individual freedom than the right to control one’s own body.

“The Justice Department will use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom,” Garland pledged. “And we will not waver from this Department’s founding responsibility to protect the civil rights of all Americans.”

Washington Examiner: [Merrick Garland says Biden DOJ ‘strongly disagrees’ with Supreme Court Roe decision](#), by Jerry Dunleavy

Attorney General Merrick Garland said the [Justice Department](#) “strongly disagrees” with the Supreme Court [overturning Roe v. Wade](#), warning states about bans of the “abortion pill.”

“The Justice Department strongly disagrees with the Court’s decision. This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States,” Garland said. “The Justice Department will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom ... The Justice Department will use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom.”

The attorney general added: “We stand ready to work with other arms of the federal government that seek to use their lawful authorities to protect and preserve access to reproductive care. In particular, the FDA has approved the use of the medication [Mifepristone](#). States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA’s expert judgment about its safety and efficacy.”

Mifepristone is [commonly known](#) as the “abortion pill.”

The Supreme Court’s Friday ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* overturned 1973’s *Roe* and 1992’s *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey*, which had declared a constitutional right to abortion and severely limited the ability of states to outlaw the practice.

Mississippi’s 2018 Gestational Age Act [stated](#) that “except in a medical emergency or in the case of a severe fetal abnormality, a person shall not intentionally or knowingly perform ... an abortion of an unborn human being if the probable gestational age of the unborn human being has been determined to be greater than fifteen weeks.”

An abortion clinic challenged the law in federal court and claimed it violated Supreme Court precedent on abortion. This eventually made its way to the Supreme Court, where the law was upheld and *Roe* and *Casey* were tossed.

Justice Samuel Alito wrote the opinion, in which Justices Clarence Thomas, Neil Gorsuch, [Brett Kavanaugh](#), and Amy Coney Barrett joined. Thomas and Kavanaugh also filed concurring opinions, while Roberts filed an opinion concurring in the judgment. Justices Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor, and Elena Kagan filed a dissenting opinion.

Garland lamented that “the Supreme Court has eliminated an established right that has been an essential component of women’s liberty for half a century a right that has safeguarded women’s ability to participate fully and equally in society.”

Since the May 2 leak of a draft of the Supreme Court’s opinion, there have been heightened threats against Supreme Court justices and anti-abortion advocates, including a [rash of attacks](#) and vandalism [targeting anti-abortion activist groups](#) and pregnancy centers across the country.

More than 100 [House Republicans](#) sent a letter to Garland last week calling on the DOJ to investigate the incidents as acts of domestic terrorism.

Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) also [pressed](#) Garland on the domestic terrorism classification earlier this month.

The House GOP letter argued that “terrorists have targeted numerous pro-life crisis pregnancy centers two of which culminated in the firebombing and destruction of property by the terrorist group Jane’s Revenge” in [Buffalo, New York](#), and [Madison, Wisconsin](#).

“The FBI is investigating a series of attacks and threats targeting pregnancy resource centers and faith-based organizations across the country,” a spokesperson for the FBI's national press office [said](#) last week. “The FBI takes all threats seriously and we continue to work closely with our law enforcement partners and will remain vigilant to protect our communities.”

Earlier in June, 16 Republican senators, along with a number of national anti-abortion groups, sent a [letter](#) to Garland telling him “the criminal acts perpetrated against those who oppose legalized abortion are a clear effort to intimidate or coerce individuals who hold pro-life values.”

The gun-toting suspect who traveled from California to Maryland this month in an [alleged plot](#) to kill Brett Kavanaugh over the leak of the draft *Dobbs* decision has been [indicted](#) by a federal grand jury for an “attempt to assassinate” the Supreme Court justice. [Nicholas Roske](#), 26, showed up at Kavanaugh’s house after midnight with burglary tools, a knife, a gun, and a pair of special boots with outer soles allowing stealth movement inside a house, though he walked away when he spotted a pair of deputy U.S. marshals, who were part of the Supreme Court justice's security force, outside Kavanaugh's home, according to court records.

Roske told investigators he was angry about the leak of the draft *Dobbs* decision and also believed Kavanaugh would play a role in [upholding](#) Second Amendment rights.

[GOP](#) Senate leadership also [sent a letter](#) to the [DOJ](#) last week demanding answers over a lack of criminal prosecution surrounding “illegal picketing” outside the homes of justices.

The U.S. attorney and the FBI’s assistant director in charge of the nation’s capital said in a [joint statement](#) this month that “we will not tolerate violence, destruction, interference with government functions, or trespassing on government property,” including at the Supreme Court. It did not mention the justices' homes.

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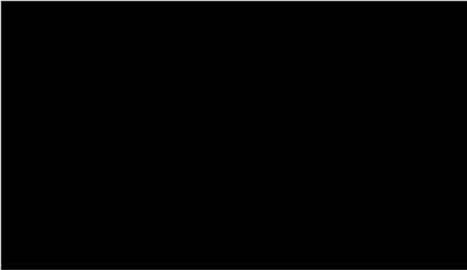
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FNC 6/24/2022 2:54:09 PM: ...the issue of abortion back to the state so that example that worked so far is Arizona, where abortion will be illegal and California, where it will be legal, and Merrick Garland said the Justice department recognizes the fact people will have to cross state lines for abortion and DOJ. does not seem to mind that happening. >> Sandra: hearing cheers in the background, wondering who is walking about. a lot of members of congress are seizing on the moment to talk to the folks. David, thank you very much. >> trace: David Kilmeade, laid it out this goes back to the states, if you live in Arizona and abortion is outlawed in Arizona, you can drive across the border to California and voters get to decide how the state reacts. >> Brian: hallmark gun legislation since 1993, pretty big, and then New York, and then you have Roe v. Wade come down and most important what president Biden said at the end of the speech, guys, calm down, protest, I want it peacefully, also said went out of his way, took half the speech to say this is about politics.

[CNN: CNN Newsroom With Alisyn Camerota and Victor Blackwell](#)



CNN 6/24/2022 2:45:27 PM: ...Attorney General Merrick Garland says the entire department, quote, strongly disagrees with today's ruling by the supreme court. You'll remember the important context here, it was Merrick Garland who would have been on the supreme court for this decision had Mitch McConnell not blocked the process, and instead ushered in former president trump's pick of Neil Gorsuch. CNN senior Justice correspondent Evan Perez joins me live. what is Merrick Garland's plan? >> reporter: Alisyn, you point out the tremendously consequential decision in 2016, why Merrick Garland is now in this position, and he says, and you know, based on what has been happening the last few weeks, that the Department of Justice is going to be essentially going state to state, as these states try to react to what this ruling from the Supreme Court to enact different laws, and so you can expect that this is going to be state-by-state combat between the states and the justice department. I'll read you just a part of what Merrick Garland's statement today says. It says, the ability to decide one's own future is a fundamental American value and few decisions are more significant and personal than the choice of whether and when to have children. The Justice Department will use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom, and we will not waver from the department's founding responsibility to protect the civil rights of all Americans, and in other parts of the statement, you can already see where this is going, Alisyn. for instance, the statement says that the department will work with other federal agencies to ensure that there are -- there's access to reproductive tools that women have, and that includes, for instance, the FDA's approval of methopristone which is one of the ways states might try to do it is to ban over-the-counter on the availability of drugs that are used to abort, used to have abortions, so these are the types of things that the justice department, you can expect, is going to be fighting the states in the coming months and perhaps years to come as this issue is far from being settled.

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FBN 6/24/2022 2:43:15 PM: ...now. >> yes. you have these groups like [inaudible] that are saying they are going to carry out this night of rage and summer of rage, and it's inappropriate for the attorney general or the president or the white house or anyone to be fanning those flames of rage. there are plenty of times decisions have come down from the court that I didn't agree with, but I respect the court and their right to make those decisions. and what we see with this is that as they exercise their right to revisit a decision, as they looked at the Dobbs case, and attorney general finch of Mississippi who led this effort and did a wonderful job with this effort, laying out that case, that the court looked at that reasoning that she had presented to the court, in her briefings and the argument that her team made, and they decided yes, indeed, this is something that should go back to the states, to the people to have their say.

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NEWSM 06/24/2022 02:39:40 PM: ...encouraging voters to make this a voting issue in the midterm elections in November. Attorney General Merrick Garland, of course, was nominated to the supreme court by President Obama, but denied a hearing. by the republicans controlling the upper chamber at that time with that seat now filled by justice Neil Gorsuch, a member of the conservative majority in the Dobbs case. Garland also blasted the ruling today for upending the doctrine of stericis, by which the nation's highest court typically respects the precedent set in previous rulings, and the attorney general added, and I quote under the freedom of access to clinic entrances act, the department of justice will continue to protect health care providers and individuals seeking reproductive health services in states where those services remain legal. this law prohibits anyone from obstructing access to reproductive health services. through violence, threats of violence or property damage, and the attorney general added, we stand ready to work with other arms of the federal government that seek to use their lawful authorities to protect and preserve access to reproductive care. in particular, Garland said. The FDA has approved the use of the medication. mifepristone states may not ban mifepristone, based on disagreement with the FDA expert judgment about its safety and efficacy. we're told President Biden was in the oval office when the Dobbs decision came down.

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AG Garland, who in an alternate world held Gorsuch's seat after being nominated and thwarted by McConnell, condemns the decision



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From Merrick Garland, regarding access to medical abortion:

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Attorney General Garland said states can't ban FDA-approved abortion pills. But it's far from legally settled. It'll likely have to be litigated in the courts, according to [@washingtonpost](#), though there's really no clear precedent. Via [@axios](#):



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Attorney General Garland says states can't ban FDA-approved abortion pills
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Reuters: [U.S. attorney general vows to protect existing reproductive rights](#)

WASHINGTON, June 24 (Reuters) - The Justice Department will use every tool at its disposal to protect reproductive freedom, and federal agencies may continue to provide reproductive health services to the extent authorized by federal law, Attorney General Merrick Garland said after Friday's U.S. Supreme Court ruling on abortion.

"This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country," Garland said in a statement. "And it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of limited financial means."

Washington Post: [U.S. law protects RU486, crossing state lines for abortion, Garland says](#), by Devlin Barrett

Attorney General Merrick Garland signaled Thursday that in response to the [Supreme Court's historic decision](#) allowing states to limit or ban abortions, the Justice Department is preparing for legal battles on a host of related issues from women traveling to states where the procedures are legal, to accessing pills that can induce abortions.

There is little the Justice Department can do to alter the impact of the Supreme Court's decision, which is now the law of the land and is expected to significantly restrict abortion access in [13 states](#) in the short term. As conservative-leaning state legislatures respond to the ruling, similar restrictions are likely to spread to another dozen or so states.

"This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States," Garland said [in a statement](#).

But Garland, a former federal appeals court judge, also laid down important markers for how the Biden Justice Department will handle any legal aftershocks of the decision, such as if states try to pass laws preventing women from traveling to other states to get abortions.

Garland said “bedrock constitutional principles” protect women’s rights to seek reproductive care in states where abortions remain legal. New York’s Democratic governor, Kathy Hochul, immediately declared her state a “safe harbor” for those seeking abortions.

Garland also signaled that abortion counseling services must be allowed even in states where abortion is banned, calling it a “fundamental” principle of the First Amendment that “individuals must remain free to inform and counsel each other about the reproductive care that is available in other states.”

The stern and lengthy statement from the nation’s top law enforcement official shows that the Justice Department, like many advocates on either side of the abortion debate, expect Thursday’s decision will lead to a flurry of new state laws and therefore court fights about abortion-related issues.

The department, Garland pledged, “will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom.” He also noted that the Biden administration wants Congress to pass legislation to reestablish nationwide abortion rights.

Garland said the department is ready to work with the FDA to ensure American women have access to Mifepristone, often referred to as the abortion pill.

Many Republican legislatures have tried banning the pills from being prescribed or shipped by mail, but some women have been able to circumvent those restrictions. States, Garland said, “may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA’s expert judgment about its safety and efficacy.”

The attorney general said federal agencies “may continue to provide reproductive health services to the extent authorized by federal law,” an indication that there may be a fresh spate of legal battles over what kind of reproductive health care may be provided by doctors working for the federal government.

“Few rights are more central to individual freedom than the right to control one’s own body,” Garland said.

NBC: [Attorney General Merrick Garland vows to 'use every tool' to protect abortion rights](#), by Ryan Reilly
Attorney General Merrick Garland, who as Barack Obama's 2016 Supreme Court nominee was denied a confirmation vote by then-Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, vowed to put the full weight of the Department of Justice behind protecting abortion rights.

"The Justice Department strongly disagrees with the Court’s decision," he said. "This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country. And it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of limited financial means."

"The Justice Department will use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom. And we will not waver from this Department’s founding responsibility to protect the civil rights of all Americans," he added.

NBC: [AG Merrick Garland says states cannot ban access to medications for abortions](#), by Joy Wang
Attorney General Merrick Garland vowed to protect access to Mifepristone, which is used along with another medication to end early pregnancies.

"In particular, the FDA has approved the use of the medication Mifepristone. States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA’s expert judgment about its safety and efficacy," he wrote in a statement.

The [Food and Drug Administration approved in 2016](#) the use of the medications in terminating abortions.

The "Department will continue to protect healthcare providers and individuals seeking reproductive health services in states where those services remain legal," his statement added. "This law prohibits anyone from obstructing access to reproductive health services through violence, threats of violence, or property damage."

USA Today: [Misoprostol and mifepristone medicine: What is the abortion pill?](#), by Marina Pitofsky

The Supreme Court has [overturned its landmark decision in Roe v. Wade](#), which provided a national constitutional right to an abortion.

The ruling, decided in a 6-3 vote on the court, rocked the United States from coast to coast. It allows states to protect abortion rights for people or implement bans and restrictions. The decision also drew attention to how abortion

procedures have changed since the court's 1973 decision in Roe v. Wade.

Though there are multiple kinds of abortion procedures, online interest in mifepristone spiked after the court's Friday decision.

But what is mifepristone? How does it work to end a pregnancy? Here's what you need to know.

What does mifepristone do to a pregnancy?

Mifepristone is used with another medication called misoprostol to end a pregnancy that is less than 70 days developed. The pills are taken [about two days apart](#).

Mifepristone stops the "supply of hormones that maintains the interior of the uterus. Without these hormones, the uterus cannot support the pregnancy and the contents of the uterus are expelled," [according to the Mayo Clinic](#).

Sometimes called a "medicinal abortion" or "pill abortion," the approach was first authorized by the Food and Drug Administration in 2000.

How do I get mifepristone and misoprostol?

The medicine must be prescribed by a doctor. It is not available over-the-counter in pharmacies or other stores, though in some places only a telemedicine visit is required to get mifepristone and misoprostol.

Though the requirements for obtaining the medications have [changed frequently](#) in recent years, [in December 2021](#), FDA officials allowed "abortion pills" to be available by mail and prescribed via telehealth medical appointments.

Is it legal in my state?

In the wake of the Supreme Court's Friday decision, you can see what abortion laws look like in your state [here](#).

Attorney General Merrick Garland on Friday noted that "the FDA has approved the use of the medication Mifepristone."

"States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy," he said.

How long does it take to work?

The process starts when a person takes the first pill, mifepristone. Between 24 and 48 hours after, the person takes misoprostol, which typically comes in four tablets.

A patient [may either](#) put two in each cheek and let them dissolve, or the pills can be inserted into the vagina. Within a few hours, the misoprostol will cause a person's cervix to dilate and their uterus to contract, emptying the embryo from the person's uterus.

Symptoms can include cramping, bleeding, chills, nausea and vomiting. The most significant pain and bleeding will last no longer than one to two hours, and the process is completed within 24 hours, though some bleeding is normal for about two weeks.

Is the abortion pill dangerous?

No, health officials say. When used within the first 10 weeks, mifepristone and misoprostol [safely terminated](#) 99.6% of pregnancies with low rates of complications. Abortion by pill is used in approximately 54% of terminated pregnancies in the U.S., according to data from the [Guttmacher Institute](#).

Voice of America: [Biden, Top US Officials Plead for Peaceful Protests Following Abortion Ruling](#), by Jeff Seldin

WASHINGTON Top U.S. officials warned Americans Friday against resorting to violence following the Supreme Court ruling that struck down the constitutional right to abortion, which sparked emotional responses from those on both sides of the debate.

Abortion rights opponents outside the Supreme Court in Washington celebrated following Friday's ruling, chanting "Goodbye, Roe!" to mark the court's 5-4 decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, the case that established the right to an abortion nearly 50 years ago.

At the same time, groups of abortion rights supporters also gathered outside the court, chanting "My body, my choice," while carrying signs reading "Overturn Roe? Hell no!" and "Rise up for abortion rights."

'No intimidation'

Despite emotions running high among both groups, the demonstrations appeared peaceful, and President Joe Biden called on all Americans to keep it that way, both in Washington and across the country.

"No intimidation. Violence is never acceptable," Biden said in an address to the nation in which he also accused the Supreme Court of taking away a fundamental right and "literally taking America back 150 years."

"We must stand against violence in any form, regardless of your rationale," Biden added. "Keep all protests peaceful, peaceful, peaceful."

Earlier, U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland also warned Americans against resorting to violence in reaction to the court's ruling.

"Peacefully expressing a view is protected by the First Amendment," Garland said in a statement. "Violence and threats of violence are not. The Justice Department will not tolerate such acts."

U.S. officials and law enforcement agencies have been bracing for weeks for potential fallout from the Supreme Court ruling on abortion, which was first leaked in early May.

"We have been working closely with our law enforcement partners in order to prepare for demonstrations related to the Supreme Court," the U.S. Capitol Police, which is responsible for security for Congress and the Capitol, told VOA in an email Friday.

U.S. homeland security officials have also cited the ruling as a key factor in an ever more dangerous and volatile threat environment.

"Individuals who advocate both for and against abortion have, on public forums, encouraged violence, including against government, religious and reproductive health care personnel and facilities, as well as those with opposing ideologies," the Department of Homeland Security warned in its latest bulletin, issued this month.

There have also been concerns about the safety of the Supreme Court's nine justices. The Justice Department announced round-the-clock security details for all justices last month.

A 26-year-old California man, Nicholas John Roske, was arrested June 8 outside the home of Associate Justice Brett Kavanaugh. Police said Roske was carrying a gun, ammunition, a knife and other items, and that he said he was planning to kill himself and Kavanaugh. Roske has been charged with attempted murder.

WCBE (NPR Columbus): [Ohio AG Dave Yost files paperwork to put 'heartbeat' law in place immediately](#), by Karen Kasler

Ohio's Republican attorney general has asked a federal court to lift a legal hold on the state's six-week abortion ban passed and signed in 2019 to put that so-called "heartbeat" law into effect immediately.

Attorney General Dave Yost said in the [two-page filing](#) that the hold on the law was based on cases establishing a constitutional right to abortion, which the Dobbs ruling overturned.

Ohio was one of the first states to consider a six-week abortion ban when it was proposed in 2011. It was introduced every two years after that.

The ban did pass in 2018, but outgoing Gov. John Kasich, a Republican, vetoed the bill. The decision to veto that legislation came just a few weeks before leaving office, even though he had signed all previous measures restricting abortion passed during his administration.

The 'heartbeat' bill passed again in 2019 and was signed into law by Gov. Mike DeWine, a Republican, who had said during his 2018 campaign that he would approve it. The ACLU of Ohio immediately sued and the law was put on hold.

Yost also put out a statement about the possibility of violent protests, which so far hasn't happened.

After the Dobbs decision, Yost noted that the abortion debate will continue, but "passion is no license to violence."

"I call again on my federal colleague, Attorney General Merrick Garland, and my fellow state attorneys general to publicly commit to holding violent protesters accountable under the law, no matter which side they are on," Yost said in the video.

Earlier this week Yost and 18 other Republican attorneys general wrote a letter to Garland, asking him to "take swift action in response to recent terrorist acts against anti-abortion organizations." They cited media reports as well as statements from religious groups.

On January 6 Yost did call for criminal prosecution of those who stormed the U.S. Capitol as well as those involved in Black Lives Matter protests at a federal courthouse in Portland, Oregon in 2020.

Republican lawmakers, who hold a supermajority in the House and Senate, have said they plan to work on a bill that bans abortions in Ohio now that Roe v. Wade has been overturned. The legislature is on break but will likely take up the issue at some point this year.

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PM: ...threatened Justice kavanaugh and gorsuch by name, said you have unleashed the whirlwind you won't know what hit you, and it's really cynical to see democrats condoning violence. i call upon merrick garland the attorney general to be on watch to stop any violence today, not to allow radicals who want to employee mob violence, to threaten pro life pregnancy center, to enforce the rule of law and pause for a second also and say look, as much as we need to be vigilant preventing violence, i believe it's a moment for incredible celebrations. this is a momentum moment. 49 years in the coming, and today's decision is a vindication for the rule of law, but it's also a testament to millions of activists, millions of women who march in the march for life, who organize behind the provincial campaign, george w. bush, donald trump, this is 49 years of hard work to reverse the decision

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CNN 6/24/2022 2:06:22 PM Right, we could hear their language talking about basically trying to galvanize voters and now it's in the hands of voters. but in terms of what the president was saying about the department of Justice and keeping this from being criminalized or women being criminalized, what can they do there? >> reporter: the president gave a window into these debates that have been going on behind the scenes. legal debates, policy debates, regulatory debates as they've tried to figure out pathways to address particularly states that are continuing to allow abortions that may border with states that will not anymore. the Justice Department, the president making very clear, will fight back on any efforts to criminalize things like travel. of course t fda obviously t fda, the health and human services Department will be looking at abortion pills that can be purchased as well, making sure those remain legal. there are going to be a series of things rolled out over the course of the next several weeks on the regulatory side on what the Justice Department can do that underscores the administration's efforts, knowing this was coming but also note this. vice president kamala harris is in illinois today. she has been a key player behind the scenes over the course of the last several months on this issue. she will be rolling out a rather sweeping maternal health proposal, set of proposals, on that trip to illinois and while this was long in the works before this decision came through, it certainly takes on a new moment of urgency in this administration, given some of the health challenges they believe will be raised by what happened today, alisyn. >> okay, phil mattingly, thank you for all of that reporting. >>>

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FNC 6/24/2022 1:36:51 PM: ...nation the contending size of the nation a night of peace, and it's not the supreme court's job to find a right to abortion in the constitution. so absolutely, Department of justice should defend churches and pro life centers and the justices bravely stuck to the constitution text in history, i commend them for that. >> trace: i was kind of fascinated by the reaction of the obamas, and control room has called for 13, the president came out against the decision of course. michelle obama's reaction. she says, quoting here, i am destined to learn before roe was made law of the land, when women risk losing their lives getting illegal abortions. our hearts may be broken today but tomorrow we have to find the courage to creating the more just america we all deserve. we have so much left to push for, rally for, to speak for, and i know we can do this together. it's interesting to me because as we have noted the former president is a constitutional law student, he's an attorney, so he knows what he's talking about. he knows very well that roe was never a constitutional issue.

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FNC 6/24/2022 1:30:02 PM: ...who believe a certain way. >> trace: and before gorsuch and kavanaugh and there was merrick, he issued a statement, the justice Department disagrees with the court's decision. travelling to obtain reproductive care may not be feasible, but women who reside in states who banned access to reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal, so it gives you an idea of the politics of roe versus wade versus the actual legality of it. >> kayleigh: and ruth bader ginsburg, it halted, and she was -- and the interesting lines in the opinion were this. said roe abruptly ended the political process, imposed the same highly restrictive regime on the entire nation and declare on page 35, and thus return the power to weigh those arguments to the people and their elected representatives. when a supreme court opinion reads more like a statute than a reasoning based on history, precedent and text, that's a problem and if you read roe, a numbered list, trimesters, cite science here and there, it reads like legislation, no supreme court opinion should do. >> trace: science, but the same who went for science in covid you have to follow it and now it doesn't matter.

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CNBC 6/24/2022 12:04:24 PM: ...states cannot restrict travel, cannot make it illegal for women to go from a state that bans abortion to a state that doesn't receive care. that's a point that attorney general merrick garland made in a statement. says states shouldn't be able to do that. also says under the first amendment, people should be free to get counsel on reproductive care available in other states that shouldn't be illegal. the dissenters filed a long, impassioned joint dissent. they say the supreme court says that from the very moment of fertilization a woman has no rights to speak , a state can force her to bring a pregnancy to term even at the steepest personal and family cost

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MSNBC 06/24/2022 11:59:45 AM: We are hearing from attorney general garland in a statement that is also describing some of what the federal government can do. merrick garland saying the justice department disagrees with this decision. it will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of paemeople across the country, with the most disproportionate felt by people of color and those of limited financial means. we are getting a sense from the attorney general of what the justice department can do. it amounts to strict enforcement of current laws that would protect some of the other things that are necessary for women to get abortions, particularly if and when they are banned in many of the states. the justice department in this statement pointing out that women who reside in states that have banned access must remain free to seek that care in states where it's legal. i think we can expect to see the justice department making sure that there are not infringements on the rights of women who live in states to travel to another state where it will remain legal in search of an abortion. merrick garland talking about the abortion pill and the fact that states are not going to be allowed to pass laws more restrictive, to prohibit access to drugs that the fda has authorized as safe and effective for women to use. we are also hearing from the justice department on the issue of access to abortion clinics and the fact that it's not legal under the freedom of access to clinic entrances act to block people's physical access to walk into an abortion clinic. the justice department saying it's going to make sure that that right is protected. as you can see, these are steps around the margins. this is not the biden administration saying we are going to enforce the ability for women across the country to get an abortion. that's something that only congress can do. that's why we expect a key element of what president biden will have to say to be about the election and making sure to elect politicians who will ensure a woman's right to choose in future. ...

<p>CNBC: TechCheck</p> 	<p>CNBC 6/24/2022 11:44:13 AM: I have just gotten a statement from the attorney general merrick garland. the journalist of it is, quoting now, the supreme court has eliminated an established right that has been an essential kpoen it's of women's liberty for half a century. a right that safeguarded women's ability to participate fully and equally in society and the reflouncing of this fundamental right, which it had repeatedly recognized and reaffirmed, the court has upended the doctrine of stare disuses, a key pillar of the rule of law. that from merrick garland. dobbs vs. jackson women's health in mississippi overturns roe v. wade republican lawmakers are weighing in.</p>
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<p>National Public Radio</p>	<p>NPR 6/24/2022 1:39:14 PM: ...have the votes to do that, then Americans must make this a defining issue in the November elections Biden suggested abortion rights will be on the ballot in the midterm elections. Attorney general, merrick Garland denounces today's court decision as a devastating blow to reproductive freedom and says the Justice Department will work tirelessly to protect abortion rights listening to hear now</p>
<p>Bloomberg Radio</p>	<p>WBBR 6/24/2022 11:54:22 AM: We also heard from Attorney general Merrick Garland. He says the Justice Department will use every tool at its disposal to protect reproductive freedom. We're also waiting for a live comments from the House Republican leadership. They issued a statement moments after the decision came down, saying this will save countless lives. Obviously Republicans are jubilant following this decision we actually heard from Republican Senator Lindsey Graham, crediting President Trump saying that a former President Trump saying all these decades of toiling in the vineyards fighting for conservative justices has paid off the the political battle lines just to put it in a cliché having drawn a very quickly a much different political landscape now following the abortion-rights decision from the Supreme court pollen that right anything</p>

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Garland: Justice Department to 'use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom' after high court ruling.

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Day 2 of AG Garland disagreeing with [#SCOTUS](#). In part, "this decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom... it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect – with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of limited financial means."

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Merrick Garland: “The Supreme Court has eliminated an established right that has been an essential component of women’s liberty.. The Justice Department strongly disagrees with the Court’s decision... DOJ will use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom.”

<p>“Today, the Supreme Court overturned <i>Roe v. Wade</i> and <i>Planned Parenthood v. Casey</i> and held that the right to abortion is no longer protected by the Constitution.</p> <p>“The Supreme Court has eliminated an established right that has been an essential component of women’s liberty for half a century – a right that has safeguarded women’s ability to participate fully and equally in society. And in renouncing this fundamental right, which it had</p> <p>WHERE THOSE SERVICES REMAIN LEGAL, THIS LAW prohibits anyone from obstructing access to reproductive health services through violence, threats of violence, or property damage.</p> <p>“The Department strongly supports efforts by Congress to codify Americans’ reproductive rights, which it retains the authority to do. We also support other legislative efforts to ensure access to comprehensive reproductive services.</p> <p>“And we stand ready to work with other arms of</p>	<p>reproductive care may not be feasible in many circumstances. But under bedrock constitutional principles, women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal. Moreover, under fundamental First Amendment principles, individuals must remain free to inform and counsel each other about the reproductive care that is available in other states.</p> <p>determined that federal employees engaging in such conduct would not violate the Assimilative Crimes Act and could not be prosecuted by the federal government under that law. The Justice Department is prepared to assist agencies in resolving any questions about the scope of their authority to provide reproductive care.</p> <p>***</p> <p>“The ability to decide one’s own future is a</p>
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In a lengthy statement, AG Garland says DOJ "will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom" after Dobbs.



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Attorney General Garland is out with a lengthy statement on the Dobbs ruling. Here's how it begins

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More of Garland's statement: "Under bedrock constitutional principles, women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal," adding that speech about how to access care is protected.

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New: AG Merrick Garland says SCOTUS overturning Roe v Wade has eliminated a fundamental right — adds “the FDA has approved the use of the medication Mifepristone. States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA’s expert judgment about its safety and efficacy.”

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Merrick Garland makes clear DOJ's position that states cannot ban the abortion pill: "the FDA has approved the use of the medication Mifepristone. States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA’s expert judgment about its safety and efficacy."

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NEW: [@TheJusticeDept](#) statement on [#SCOTUS](#) abortion ruling warns against violence

“Peacefully expressing a view is protected by the 1st Amendment” per AG Merrick Garland

"Violence & threats of violence are not. The Justice Department will not tolerate such acts"

following statement following the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs, State Health Officer of the Mississippi Department of Health, et al. v. Jackson Women's Health Organization et al.*:

"Today, the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* and held that the right to abortion is no longer protected by the Constitution.

"The Supreme Court has eliminated an established right that has been an essential component of women's liberty for half a century — a right that has safeguarded women's ability to participate fully and equally in society. And in renouncing this fundamental right, which it had repeatedly recognized and reaffirmed, the Court has upended the doctrine of *stare decisis*, a key pillar of the rule of law.

"The Justice Department strongly disagrees with the Court's decision. This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country. And it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect — with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of limited financial means.

"But today's decision does not eliminate the ability of states to keep abortion legal within their borders. And the Constitution continues to restrict states' authority to ban reproductive services provided outside their borders.

"We recognize that traveling to obtain reproductive care may not be feasible in many circumstances. But under bedrock constitutional principles, women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal. Moreover, under fundamental First Amendment principles, individuals must remain free to inform and counsel each other about the reproductive care that is available in other states.

*Advocates with different views on this issue have the right to, and will, voice

continue to protect healthcare providers and individuals seeking reproductive health services in states where those services remain legal. This law prohibits anyone from obstructing access to reproductive health services through violence, threats of violence, or property damage.

"The Department strongly supports efforts by Congress to codify Americans' reproductive rights, which it retains the authority to do. We also support other legislative efforts to ensure access to comprehensive reproductive services.

"And we stand ready to work with other arms of the federal government that seek to use their lawful authorities to protect and preserve access to reproductive care. In particular, the FDA has approved the use of the medication Mifepristone. States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy.

"Furthermore, federal agencies may continue to provide reproductive health services to the extent authorized by federal law. And federal employees who carry out their duties by providing such services must be allowed to do so free from the threat of liability. It is the Department's longstanding position that States generally may not impose criminal or civil liability on federal employees who perform their duties in a manner authorized by federal law. Additionally, the Department's Office of Legal Counsel has determined that federal employees engaging in such conduct would not violate the Assimilative Crimes Act and could not be prosecuted by the federal government under that law. The Justice Department is prepared to assist agencies in resolving any questions about the scope of their authority to provide reproductive care.

"The ability to decide one's own future is a fundamental American value, and few decisions are more significant and personal than the choice of whether and when to have children.

"Few rights are more central to individual freedom than the right to control one's own body.

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AG Merrick Garland's statement on [#Dobbs](#) is powerful. FDA approval of medication abortion preempt any state restrictions on access. DOJ should announce it will legally challenge any state that bars access to FDA approved drugs, including Mifepristone



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BREAKING: Merrick Garland signals the next legal fight over reproductive rights: abortifacient drugs like Mifepristone, which have been approved by the FDA.

"States may not ban Mifepristone," Garland says.

The argument would be that an FDA decision pre-empts state law.

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Associated Press: [Biden vows abortion fight, assails 'extreme' court ruling](#), by Chris Megerian, Fatima Hussein, and Zeke Miller

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden said Friday he would try to preserve access to abortion after the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, and he called on Americans to elect more Democrats who would safeguard rights upended by the court's decision. "This is not over," he declared.

"Let's be very clear, the health and life of women across this nation are now at risk," he said from the White House on what he called "a sad day for the court and the country."

Biden added that "the court has done what it's never done before — expressly taking away a constitutional right that is so fundamental to so many Americans."

Republicans and conservative leaders celebrated the culmination of a decades-long campaign to undo the nationwide legalization of abortion that began with *Roe v. Wade* in 1973.

"Millions of Americans have spent half a century praying, marching, and working toward today's historic victories for the rule of law and for innocent life," said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., an architect of efforts to tilt the Supreme Court to the right.

Although Biden has previously expressed [conflicted feelings about abortion](#), he delivered a forceful defense

on Friday. Noting that Republican-controlled states now had a clear path to ban abortion even in cases of incest or rape, he said “it just stuns me.”

And he warned that other legal precedents ensuring same sex marriage and access to birth control could also be at risk.

“This is an extreme and dangerous path this court is taking us on,” he said.

The overturning of *Roe v. Wade* was not unexpected — a draft of the decision leaked nearly two months ago — but it still reverberated throughout Washington in what has suddenly become a new era in the country’s battle over abortion.

The White House and the Justice Department said they would look for ways to blunt the impact of the ruling, and Biden said his administration would try to ensure that abortion medication is available as widely as possible and women aren’t prevented from traveling across state lines to end pregnancies.

However, no executive actions were announced on Friday, and Biden conceded that his options were limited. Protesters convened on [the Supreme Court](#), where a crowd of abortion-rights supporters quickly swelled to the hundreds. One chanted into a bullhorn, “legal abortion on demand” and “this decision must not stand.” Some shouted “the Supreme Court is illegitimate.”

“It’s a painful day for those of us who support women’s rights,” said Laura Free, an Ithaca, New York, resident and women’s rights historian who came to Washington to do research. When she learned of the decision, she said, “I had to come here.”

A competing faction demonstrated in favor of the ruling, holding signs saying “the future is anti-abortion” and “dismember Roe.”

Garrett Bess, with Heritage Action for America, a lobbying arm of the conservative Heritage Foundation, said his organization would be working in states to continue efforts to limit abortion.

“This has been a long time coming,” he said.

Biden and other Democrats hope to use outrage over the court decision to rally voters in [November’s midterm elections](#). Although nationwide legislation ensuring access to abortion appears out of reach, more Democratic victories at the state level could limit Republican efforts to ban the practice.

“Congress must act, and with your vote, you can act,” Biden said. “You can have the final word.”

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said the court’s ruling “is outrageous and heart-wrenching” and fulfills the Republican Party’s “dark and extreme goal of ripping away women’s right to make their own reproductive health decisions.”

Many Republican-controlled states are poised to severely restrict abortion, or even ban it outright.

In a statement, Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department “will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom.” He said that in addition to protecting providers and those seeking abortions in states where it remains legal, “we stand ready to work with other arms of the federal government that seek to use their lawful authorities to protect and preserve access to reproductive care.” He also noted that the Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of mifepristone, a drug used to end pregnancies.

“States may not ban mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA’s expert judgment about its safety and efficacy,” Garland said.

Lawrence Gostin, who runs the O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health at Georgetown Law, said before Friday’s ruling that he expected the Biden administration to be “to be nibbling around the edges, and is not going to do anything really profound.”

Gostin said he’s discussed a variety of options with administration officials but believes they are “gun shy” given the potential for legal challenges that could lead to more roadblocks from a Supreme Court dominated by conservatives.

Some of Gostin’s suggestions included having Medicaid cover the cost of traveling across state lines to end pregnancies, as well as expanding access to abortion medication that can be delivered by mail.

The Rev. John Dorhauer, the general minister and president of the United Church of Christ, drove from Cleveland to Washington to attend one meeting earlier this month. Another virtual meeting was held this week, featuring Vice President Kamala Harris.

“It was rather impressive to see the commitment the White House and the vice president’s office has had to gather advocates from around the country,” Dorhauer said.

However, there are also concerns that the administration was not ready.

Dr. Colleen McNicholas, chief medical officer of Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri, attended a recent virtual meeting with abortion providers and said she expects “a true health crisis.”

“I think that we should have been preparing for far longer than we have been,” McNicholas said. “Do I think that they recognize that this a problem? Yes. Do I think that they’re prepared in this moment? No.”

New York Times: [Garland Says Justice Department Will Protect the Access to an Abortion](#), by Katie Benner

Attorney General Merrick B. Garland called the Supreme Court decision to strike down the right to an abortion “a devastating blow to reproductive freedom,” and he vowed to use the Justice Department’s authority to protect the right to the procedure.

In a detailed statement, Mr. Garland said that the decision undermines stare decisis, a longstanding doctrine that the court should respect precedents. That principle has helped to uphold the rule of law by keeping the court’s work consistent and preserving the public’s faith that it act as a neutral arbiter.

Mr. Garland called on Congress to pass a federal law that protects the right to an abortion, which he said has “safeguarded women’s ability to participate fully and equally in society.” His plea comes as Republicans, energized by the Supreme Court’s decision, are encouraging state legislatures to ban abortions in every state in the country.

“The Justice Department strongly disagrees with the court’s decision,” Mr. Garland said in a statement. “This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country. And it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of limited financial means.”

Mr. Garland has put civil rights at the center of his tenure as attorney general, and he told The New York Times in an interview in March that a woman’s right to control whether and when to have a family is a central civil rights issue.

“It is a right that women have relied on, and are continuing to rely on,” Mr. Garland said. “If precedent means anything, it means that we continue to honor rights that a series of Supreme Courts, even with different members, have continued to uphold.”

Mr. Garland personally worked on the Justice Department’s response to the Texas abortion law that all but bans the procedure, including a lawsuit that the department filed to stop the state from enforcing the statute and its Supreme Court brief on the matter. (The court recently allowed the law to stay in effect until lower courts decide its fate.)

Ever since the draft opinion was leaked this spring, the Justice Department has been examining how it can protect the right to an abortion if Roe v. Wade were to be struck down.

In his response to the decision, Mr. Garland said that in states that still allow abortions, the Justice Department would continue to protect health care providers and individuals seeking reproductive health services.

He said that the department would allow federal agencies in some circumstances to continue to provide reproductive health services.

“The Justice Department is prepared to assist agencies in resolving any questions about the scope of their authority to provide reproductive care,” he said.

And he said that the department will work with other federal agencies to protect and preserve access to reproductive care, noting that the Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of the medication Mifepristone for medical abortions. “States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the F.D.A.’s expert judgment about its safety and efficacy,” he said.

Politico: [POLITICO Playbook PM: A fractured Supreme Court upends American politics](#), by Ryan Lizza and Eli Okun

One sentence overturning a nearly 50-year-old constitutional protection: “Held: The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion; Roe and Casey are overruled; and the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives.”

THE FRACTURED COURT Roe v. Wade was decided 7-2 in 1973. The Supreme Court’s decision to overturn it was decided 5-4, with the nine justices divided into four warring camps. The six conservatives were split into three distinct groups on what the decision means for other privacy rights, and the three liberals pointedly warned which faction they believed was ascendant:

1. SAMUEL ALITO, BRETT KAVANAUGH and AMY CONEY BARRETT took pains to make it clear that the Dobbs decision doesn’t affect other rights protected using the same constitutional logic of Roe.

Key excerpts from the majority opinion: “We hold that Roe and Casey must be overruled. The Constitution makes no reference to abortion, and no such rights implicitly protected by any constitutional provision, including the one on which the defenders of Roe and Casey now chiefly rely—the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. That provision has been held to guarantee some rights that are not mentioned in the Constitution, but any such right must be ‘deeply rooted in this Nation’s history and tradition’ and ‘implicit in the concept of ordered liberty.’ ... The right to abortion does not fall within this category. ...

“Roe was egregiously wrong from the start. Its reasoning was exceptionally weak, and the decision has had damaging consequences. And far from bringing about a national settlement of the abortion issue, Roe and Casey have enflamed debate and deepened division. It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people’s elected representatives.” Read the full opinion

2. Meanwhile, CLARENCE THOMAS, who joined the majority, also wrote a concurring opinion calling explicitly for future SCOTUS decisions that attack so-called due process precedents, including, he said, protections for same-sex marriage, private sexual acts and contraception.

Key excerpt from Thomas’ concurrence: “Because the Due Process Clause does not secure any substantive rights, it does not secure a right to abortion. ...

“[W]e should reconsider all of this Court’s substantive due process precedents, including Griswold [the 1965 ruling affirming the right of married persons to obtain contraceptives], Lawrence [the 2003 ruling affirming the right for adults to engage in private, consensual sexual acts], and Obergefell [the 2015 ruling affirming the right to same-sex marriage]. Because any substantive due process decision is ‘demonstrably erroneous,’ ... we have a duty to ‘correct the error’ established in those precedents. ...

“Because the Court properly applies our substantive due process precedents to reject the fabrication of a constitutional right to abortion, and because this case does not present the opportunity to reject substantive due process entirely, I join the Court’s opinion.”

3. Chief Justice JOHN ROBERTS, who has modeled himself on JOHN MARSHALL, was unable to cobble together a consensus. His lonely concurrence, written more in sadness than in anger, set out the compromise path that was not taken: a proposal to strike down Roe's viability standard, and thus uphold the Mississippi law, but keep Roe's core constitutional right to an abortion.

Key excerpt from Roberts' concurrence: "[T]here is a clear path to deciding this case correctly without overruling Roe all the way down to the studs: recognize that the viability line must be discarded, as the majority rightly does, and leave for another day whether to reject any right to an abortion at all. ...

"The Court's decision to overrule Roe and Casey is a serious jolt to the legal system regardless of how you view those cases. A narrower decision rejecting the misguided viability line would be markedly less unsettling, and nothing more is needed to decide this case. ...

"Both the Court's opinion and the dissent display a relentless freedom from doubt on the legal issue that I cannot share. I am not sure, for example, that a ban on terminating a pregnancy from the moment of conception must be treated the same under the Constitution as a ban after fifteen weeks. ... I therefore concur only in the judgment."

4. STEPHEN BREYER, SONIA SOTOMAYOR and ELENA KAGAN's withering dissent written more in anger than in sadness mocked the majority's legal reasoning, scoffed at their obsession with what was on the minds of dead white men in 1868, the year the 14th Amendment was ratified, and warned that, despite the "too-much-repeated protestations" of the majority, "it was Thomas' concurrence that was a harbinger of where the court is headed.

Key excerpt from their dissent: "Whatever the exact scope of the coming laws, one result of today's decision is certain: the curtailment of women's rights, and of their status as free and equal citizens. Yesterday, the Constitution guaranteed that a woman confronted with an unplanned pregnancy could (within reasonable limits) make her own decision about whether to bear a child, with all the life-transforming consequences that act involves. And in thus safeguarding each woman's reproductive freedom, the Constitution also protected "[t]he ability of women to participate equally in [this Nation's] economic and social life." ...

"But no longer. As of today, this Court holds, a State can always force a woman to give birth, prohibiting even the earliest abortions. A State can thus transform what, when freely undertaken, is a wonder into what, when forced, may be a nightmare. ...

"[N]o one should be confident that this majority is done with its work. The right Roe and Casey recognized does not stand alone. To the contrary, the Court has linked it for decades to other settled freedoms involving bodily integrity, familial relationships, and procreation. Most obviously, the right to terminate a pregnancy arose straight out of the right to purchase and use contraception. ... In turn, those rights led, more recently, to rights of same-sex intimacy and marriage. ... They are all part of the same constitutional fabric, protecting autonomous decision making over the most personal of life decisions.

"The majority (or to be more accurate, most of it) is eager to tell us today that nothing it does 'cast[s] doubt on precedents that do not concern abortion.' ... Either the mass of the majority's opinion is hypocrisy, or additional constitutional rights are under threat. It is one or the other. ... But we cannot understand how anyone can be confident that today's opinion will be the last of its kind."

Good Friday Afternoon.

WHAT IT MEANS IN THE STATES ...

All or nearly all abortion has now effectively been outlawed in Missouri, per the St. Louis Post-Dispatch ... and Kentucky, per the Louisville Courier Journal, plus South Dakota and Louisiana. Other states' bans will take effect in 30 days, like Idaho, per Boise State Public Radio.

In Texas, almost all abortion will be outlawed in 30 days, per the Texas Tribune. Texas A.G. KEN PAXTON announced he would close agency offices early today as a "memorial" to "almost 70 million babies who have been killed in the

womb.”

A chart shows the states in which abortion is illegal or soon-to-be illegal in the U.S. following the Supreme Court's ruling on *Roe v. Wade*.

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HOW WASHINGTON RESPONDED ...

President JOE BIDEN: “The health and life of women in this nation are now at risk,” Biden warned in hastily scheduled remarks to the nation this afternoon. Biden directed federal agencies to take steps to help ensure access to medication abortion and travel across state lines to obtain abortions. He also urged Americans to vote in November in an acknowledgment of Democrats’ relative powerlessness on the issue, Biden said only Congress could re-enshrine the right through legislation, and only if voters put more pro-abortion-rights leaders in office.

Biden castigated the court for its decision. “Today, the Supreme Court of the United States expressly took away a constitutional right from the American people that it had already recognized,” he said. “This decision is a culmination of a deliberate effort over decades to upset the balance of our law. It’s a realization of an extreme ideology and a tragic error by the Supreme Court.” More from Jonathan Lemire and Eugene Daniels

DOJ: A.G. MERRICK GARLAND said in a statement that states may not ban medication abortion drugs. He said the Justice Department will “work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom.”

DONALD TRUMP to Fox News’ Brooke Singman: “This is following the Constitution, and giving rights back when they should have been given long ago ... I think, in the end, this is something that will work out for everybody.” But, but, but: Behind the scenes, Trump has actually been telling Republicans privately that he worried the decision would be bad for the party in swing districts, per NYT’s Maggie Haberman.

The House GOP: Chatter has already started about trying to pass a national 15-week abortion ban, per CNN’s Mel Zanona.

Senate Judiciary Dems: Chair DICK DURBIN (D-Ill.) announced his committee will hold a hearing responding to the ruling next month.

Speaker NANCY PELOSI at her press conference this morning: “Reproductive freedom is on the ballot in November.”

Senate Majority Leader CHUCK SCHUMER: “Millions upon millions of American women are having their rights taken from them by five unelected Justices on the extremist MAGA court.”

Senate Minority Leader MITCH MCCONNELL: “The Court has corrected a terrible legal and moral error, like when *Brown v. Board* overruled *Plessy v. Ferguson*.”

Sen. JOE MANCHIN (D-W.Va.): “I trusted Justice Gorsuch and Justice Kavanaugh when they testified under oath that they also believed *Roe v. Wade* was settled legal precedent and I am alarmed they chose to reject the stability the ruling has provided for two generations of Americans.”

Sen. SUSAN COLLINS (R-Maine): “This decision is inconsistent with what Justices Gorsuch and Kavanaugh said in their testimony and their meetings with me, where they both were insistent on the importance of supporting long-standing precedents that the country has relied upon.”

House Majority Whip JIM CLYBURN (D-S.C.) told USA Today’s Dylan Wells, in remarks that have ticked off the left:

"It's a little anticlimactic, I think we all expected this. And I'm hopeful, you know I have to read the decision to see exactly the extent to which we can move legislatively to respond to it."

Yahoo News: [Supreme Court strikes down Roe v. Wade in seismic shift for abortion rights](#), by Tom LoBianco
House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Friday that she would work to make abortion rights a top issue for voters in the midterm elections, shortly after the Supreme Court [issued a ruling](#) that overturned Roe v. Wade and ended federal abortion rights.

"Be aware of this: The Republicans are plotting a nationwide abortion ban. They cannot be allowed to have a majority in the Congress to do that," Pelosi said. "A woman's right to choose, reproductive freedom, is on the ballot in November."

Democrats had expected that federal abortion protections established in the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision would be overturned after a draft of the decision was leaked to Politico in May, and had already been pushing to make abortion an election-year issue as they fight to keep control of the House and Senate in this year's midterms.

But even with the ruling long expected from the majority-conservative Supreme Court, Pelosi still expressed anger at Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell in particular for his role in blocking then-President Barack Obama's nomination of Merrick Garland, who now leads the Justice Department, to the high court in 2016, and later speeding Amy Coney Barrett through to a confirmation after the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

"The inconsistency, the hypocrisy I don't respect that process," Pelosi said.

Democrats hold the slimmest of majorities in the House and the Senate and are widely expected to lose control of the House to Republicans in November.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer pushed a [proxy vote on abortion protections](#) at the start of May as a means of putting Democrats and Republicans on the record prior to the November elections.

But it remains unclear whether the issue will drive voters, who face a seemingly endless barrage of pressing issues including high gas prices, a baby formula shortage, inflation, continued mass shootings and more.

Insider: [US Attorney General: States Can't Ban Approved Abortion Pills](#), by Dominick Reuter and Julia Naftulin
US Attorney General Merrick Garland [said Friday](#) that states can't ban the abortion medication mifepristone "based on disagreement with the FDA."

The US Food and Drug Administration had already ruled on the pill's "safety and efficacy," and that decision could not be overturned by states seeking to limit access to abortion, he said.

[Garland's comments](#) came moments after the US Supreme Court handed down a decision [overturning 50 years of precedent](#) over Americans' right to abortion.

"Women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal," Garland said. "Moreover, under fundamental First Amendment principles, individuals must remain free to inform and counsel each other about the reproductive care that is available in other states."

Since the FDA approved the abortion pill mifepristone in 2000, self-managed at-home abortions which can be done in the first 11 weeks of pregnancy have [become increasingly common](#) in the US. In 2020, medication abortion with pills accounted for [54% of all abortions](#) in the country, according to preliminary data collection from the Guttmacher Institute.

In December 2021, the FDA authorized abortion pills to be permanently sent by mail. In April 2021, the Biden administration lifted a federal ban on mail-order abortion pills. The goal was to ensure safe abortion care during the pandemic, when Americans were being urged not to travel and to avoid in-person treatments where possible.

Previously, the Supreme Court voted to ban the abortion pill from mail delivery, making it the only prescription medication to have such restrictions, until the April reversal.

How the abortion pill works

Self-managed abortions are typically done using two pills together: mifepristone and misoprostol.

First, someone takes mifepristone, which blocks the production of progesterone, a hormone needed to sustain a pregnancy.

Right after, or up to two days later, they then take misoprostol, a drug that causes the uterus to contract and pushes the embryo or fetus out of their body, Yale University gynecologist Dr. Mary Jane Minkin previously told Insider.

"You will be experiencing, in a sense, a miscarriage," Minkin said.

Misoprostol normally causes cramping and bleeding one to four hours after a patient takes it, according to Planned Parenthood.

Sometimes a self-managed abortion is only done with mifepristone, but research has shown that using both drugs in tandem leads to better outcomes because it prevents the potential need for surgery to remove the fetus. After, a patient will have a follow-up appointment with a doctor to make sure the abortion is complete.

One major manufacturer of mifepristone pills, Danco Labs, said the company was "prepared for any surge" in orders following the Supreme Court decision.

"Our supply is stable and plentiful," a spokesperson said, according to ABC.

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National Public Radio	<p>NPR 06/24/2022 12:53:19 PM: ...I don't know if there's much he can do. I mean, I'm curious to see what happens next when it comes to actions following those specific warnings that he said that his Attorney General, Merrick Garland, made this point as well that the administration would defend that bedrock right as he put it, to allow women to travel over state lines to allow doctors to treat women from other States without without punishment. Curious what that specifically looks like for that fighting crisis and quarter something more broad same things what sort of protections he puts in place for for the US mainly which is of course a federal system. I think the other thing that's worth pointing out, especially as we know, recently. Somebody was arrested, armed arrested outside Justice Kavanaugh's House. Biden repeated. Toward the end of a speech ...</p>
National Public Radio	<p>NPR 6/24/2022 12:36:39 PM: ...now taking away right that people have had for 50 years nearly my entire lifetime and dissenters on the court. The 3 liberals just protested. We've heard from Attorney General Merrick Garland who says this will have a devastating impact on people, particularly people impacted financially and people color. This is going to follow in the weeks and months and years ahead. In fact, there are some questions now about whether some of the legal reasoning in this holding in this case we call Dobbs could apply to other rights including contraception between married couples, same-sex marriage and other things that involve personal lives and intimate issues and now we're expecting to hear from the President.</p>
Bloomberg Radio	<p>WBBR 06/24/2022 12:28:58 PM: ...today to overturn Roe vs. Wade and Casey versus planned Parenthood's referring to what the Democrats had done for many years as what he called a radical agenda that now is going to return and also warning the Attorney General to make sure that they protected against possible violence in demonstrations against what has been done saying that 140 days that there's going to be a new Sheriff in town at least they're going to have he thanks a majority House and they would Merrick Garland to account for a summary now where we are. We turn now to our Washington correspondent Joe Matthews, of course, the host of sound on every day week at 5 p.m. eastern time here up at the Supreme court, United States. So what's the agenda of the roads ...</p>

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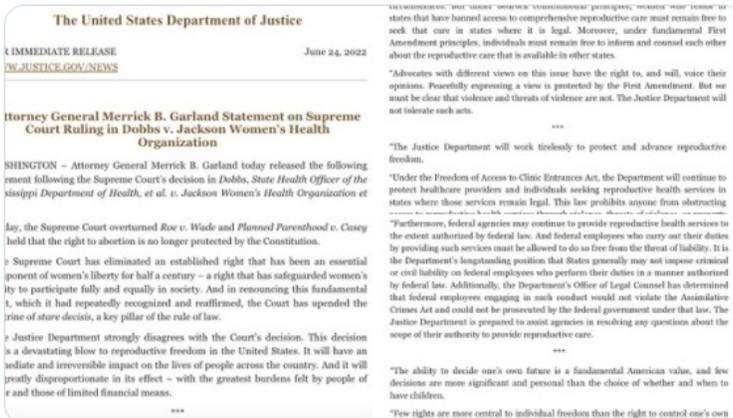
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Just in: AG Garland with a lengthy statement reacting to SCOTUS overturning *Roe v. Wade*, calls it a "devastating blow" to reproductive freedom in the U.S. and that DOJ will "will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom."



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Attorney General Garland says the Justice Department says it "strongly disagrees with the Court's decision" and it "deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country."

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In lengthy statement, Garland also notes: "Women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal."

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AG Garland on DOJ's strong disagreement w/ the ruling: "The Constitution continues to restrict states' authority to ban reproductive services provided outside their borders." Women "must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal. "



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Associated Press: [Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade; states can ban abortion](#), by Mark Sherman

WASHINGTON (AP) — The [Supreme Court](#) on Friday ended constitutional protections for abortion that had stood in America for nearly a half-century. The decision by the court's conservative majority overturned the landmark [Roe v. Wade](#) ruling and is expected to lead to abortion bans in roughly half the states.

The ruling, unthinkable just a few years ago, was the culmination of decades of efforts by abortion opponents, made possible by an emboldened right side of the court that has been fortified by three appointees of former President Donald Trump.

Both sides predicted the fight over abortion would continue, in state capitals and in Washington, and Justice Clarence Thomas, part of Friday's majority, called on the court to overturn other high court rulings protecting same-sex marriage, gay sex and the use of contraceptives.

Clinics in at least two states, Wisconsin and West Virginia, stopped performing abortions after Friday's decision.

Abortion foes cheered the ruling, but abortion-rights supporters, including President Joe Biden, expressed dismay and pledged to fight to restore the rights.

"It's a sad day for the court and for the country," Biden said at the White House. He urged voters to make it a defining issue in the November elections, declaring, "This decision must not be the final word."

The ruling came more than a month after the stunning [leak of a draft opinion](#) by Justice Samuel Alito indicating the court

was prepared to take this momentous step.

It puts the court at odds with a majority of Americans who favored preserving Roe, according to opinion polls.

Alito, in [the final opinion issued Friday](#), wrote that Roe and Planned Parenthood v. Casey, the 1992 decision that reaffirmed the right to abortion, were wrong the days they were decided and must be overturned.

“We therefore hold that the Constitution does not confer a right to abortion. Roe and Casey must be overruled, and the authority to regulate abortion must be returned to the people and their elected representatives,” Alito wrote, in an opinion that was very similar to the leaked draft.

Authority to regulate abortion rests with the political branches, not the courts, Alito wrote.

Joining Alito were Thomas and Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett. The latter three justices are Trump appointees. Thomas first voted to overrule Roe 30 years ago.

Four justices would have left Roe and Casey in place.

The vote was 6-3 to uphold the Mississippi law, but Chief Justice John Roberts didn't join his conservative colleagues in overturning Roe. He wrote that there was no need to overturn the broad precedents to rule in Mississippi's favor.

Justices Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan — the diminished liberal wing of the court — were in dissent.

“With sorrow — for this Court, but more, for the many millions of American women who have today lost a fundamental constitutional protection — we dissent,” they wrote, warning that abortion opponents now could pursue a nationwide ban “from the moment of conception and without exceptions for rape or incest.”

The ruling is expected to disproportionately affect minority women who already face limited access to health care, according to statistics analyzed by The Associated Press.

Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department “will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom.” He said in a statement that in addition to protecting providers and those seeking abortions in states where it is legal “we stand ready to work with other arms of the federal government that seek to use their lawful authorities to protect and preserve access to reproductive care.”

In particular, Garland said that the federal Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of Mifepristone for medication abortions.

“States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy,” Garland said.

More than 90% of abortions take place in the first 13 weeks of pregnancy, and more than half are now done with pills, not surgery, according to data compiled by the Guttmacher Institute, a research group that supports abortion rights.

Mississippi's only abortion clinic, which is at the center of the case, continued to see patients Friday. Outside, men used a bullhorn to tell people inside the clinic that they would burn in hell. Clinic escorts wearing colorful vests used large stereo speakers to blast Tom Petty's “I Won't Back Down” at the protesters.

Mississippi is one of 13 states, mainly in the South and Midwest, that already have laws on the books that ban abortion in the event Roe is overturned. Another half-dozen states have near-total bans or prohibitions after 6 weeks of pregnancy, before many women know they are pregnant.

In roughly a half-dozen other states, the fight will be over dormant abortion bans that were enacted before Roe was decided in 1973 or new proposals to sharply limit when abortions can be performed, according to Guttmacher.

In Wisconsin, which has an 1849 abortion ban on the books, Planned Parenthood immediately halted all scheduled abortions at its clinics in Madison and Milwaukee following the high court's ruling.

The decision came against a backdrop of public opinion surveys that find a majority of Americans oppose overturning Roe and handing the question of whether to permit abortion entirely to the states. Polls conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and others also have consistently shown about 1 in 10 Americans want

abortion to be illegal in all cases. A majority are in favor of abortion being legal in all or most circumstances, but polls indicate many also support restrictions especially later in pregnancy.

The Biden administration and other defenders of abortion rights have warned that a decision overturning Roe also would threaten other high court decisions in favor of gay rights and even potentially, contraception.

The liberal justices made the same point in their joint dissent: The majority “eliminates a 50-year-old constitutional right that safeguards women’s freedom and equal station. It breaches a core rule-of-law principle, designed to promote constancy in the law. In doing all of that, it places in jeopardy other rights, from contraception to same-sex intimacy and marriage. And finally, it undermines the Court’s legitimacy.”

And Thomas, the member of the court most open to jettisoning prior decisions, wrote a separate opinion in which he explicitly called on his colleagues to put the Supreme Court’s same-sex marriage, gay sex and even contraception cases on the table.

But Alito contended that his analysis addresses abortion only. “Nothing in this opinion should be understood to cast doubt on precedents that do not concern abortion,” he wrote.

Whatever the intentions of the person who leaked Alito’s draft opinion, the conservatives held firm in overturning Roe and Casey.

In his opinion, Alito dismissed the arguments in favor of retaining the two decisions, including that multiple generations of American women have partly relied on the right to abortion to gain economic and political power.

Changing the makeup of the court has been central to the anti-abortion side’s strategy, as the dissenters archly noted. “The Court reverses course today for one reason and one reason only: because the composition of this Court has changed,” the liberal justices wrote.

Mississippi and its allies made increasingly aggressive arguments as the case developed, and two high-court defenders of abortion rights retired or died. The state initially argued that its law could be upheld without overruling the court’s abortion precedents.

Then-Gov. Phil Bryant signed the 15-week measure into law in March 2018, when Justices Anthony Kennedy and Ruth Bader Ginsburg were still members of a five-justice majority that was mainly protective of abortion rights.

By early summer, Kennedy had retired and was replaced by Justice Brett Kavanaugh a few months later. The Mississippi law was blocked in lower federal courts.

But the state always was headed to the nation’s highest court. It did not even ask for a hearing before a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which ultimately held the law invalid in December 2019.

By early September 2020, the Supreme Court was ready to consider the state’s appeal.

The court scheduled the case for consideration at the justices’ private conference on Sept. 29. But in the intervening weeks, Ginsburg died and Barrett was quickly nominated and confirmed without a single Democratic vote.

The stage now was set, although it took the court another half year to agree to hear the case.

By the time Mississippi filed its main written argument with the court in the summer, the thrust of its argument had changed and it was now calling for the wholesale overruling of Roe and Casey.

The first sign that the court might be receptive to wiping away the constitutional right to abortion came in late summer, when the justices divided 5-4 in allowing Texas to enforce a ban on the procedure at roughly six weeks, before some women even know they are pregnant. That dispute turned on the unique structure of the law, including its enforcement by private citizens rather than by state officials, and how it can be challenged in court.

Roberts was among the dissenters.

Then in December, after hearing additional arguments over whether to block the Texas law known as S.B. 8, the court again declined to do so, also by a 5-4 vote. “The clear purpose and actual effect of S. B. 8 has been to nullify this Court’s rulings,” Roberts wrote, in a partial dissent.

In their Senate hearings, Trump's three high-court picks carefully skirted questions about how they would vote in any cases, including about abortion.

But even as Democrats and abortion rights supporters predicted Kavanaugh and Gorsuch would vote to upend abortion rights if confirmed, the two left at least one Republican senator with a different impression. Sen. Susan Collins of Maine predicted Gorsuch and Kavanaugh wouldn't support overturning the abortion cases, based on private conversations she had with them when they were nominees to the Supreme Court.

Reuters: [U.S. Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade abortion landmark](#), by Lawrence Hurley and Andrew Chung

WASHINGTON, June 24 (Reuters) - The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday took the dramatic step of overturning the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that recognized a woman's constitutional right to an abortion and legalized it nationwide, handing a momentous victory to Republicans and religious conservatives who want to limit or ban the procedure.

The court, in a 6-3 ruling powered by its conservative majority, upheld a Republican-backed Mississippi law that bans abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy. The vote was 5-4 to overturn Roe, with Chief Justice John Roberts writing separately to say he would have upheld the Mississippi law but not taken the additional step of erasing the Roe precedent altogether.

The justices, in the ruling written by conservative Justice Samuel Alito, held that the Roe decision that allowed abortions performed before a fetus would be viable outside the womb - between 24 and 28 weeks of pregnancy - was wrongly decided because the U.S. Constitution makes no specific mention of abortion rights.

By erasing abortion as a constitutional right, the ruling restored the ability of states to ban it, fundamentally altering America's landscape on the issue of reproductive rights. Twenty-six states are either certain or considered likely to ban abortion. Mississippi is among 13 states with so-called trigger laws to ban abortion with Roe overturned.

President Joe Biden condemned the ruling, calling it a "sad day" for America and labeling the court's conservatives "extreme." He said the fight over abortion rights "is not over." Biden said his administration will protect access to contraceptives and will do everything in his power to combat efforts to restrict women from traveling to other states to obtain abortions.

A draft version of Alito's ruling indicating the court was ready to overturn Roe was leaked in May, igniting a political firestorm. Friday's ruling largely tracked this leaked draft.

"The Constitution makes no reference to abortion, and no such right is implicitly protected by any constitutional provision," Alito wrote in the ruling.

Roe v. Wade recognized that the right to personal privacy under the Constitution protects a woman's ability to terminate her pregnancy. The Supreme Court in a 1992 ruling called Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey reaffirmed abortion rights and prohibited laws imposing an "undue burden" on abortion access. Friday's ruling overturned the Casey decision as well.

"Roe was egregiously wrong from the start. Its reasoning was exceptionally weak, and the decision has had damaging consequences. And far from bringing about a national settlement of the abortion issue, Roe and Casey have enflamed debate and deepened division," Alito added.

Overturning Roe was long a goal of Christian conservatives and many Republican officeholders. Opinion polls show a majority of Americans support abortion rights.

The court's three liberal justices - Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan - issued a jointly authored dissent.

"Whatever the exact scope of the coming laws, one result of today's decision is certain: the curtailment of women's rights, and of their status as free and equal citizens," they wrote.

As a result of Friday's ruling, "from the very moment of fertilization, a woman has no rights to speak of. A state can

force her to bring a pregnancy to term, even at the steepest personal and familial costs," the liberal justices added.

The ruling empowered states to ban abortion just a day after the court's conservative majority issued another decision curtailing the ability of states to enact gun restrictions. [read more](#)

Anti-abortion activists, who had gathered outside the courthouse for days, erupted in cheers after the ruling.

"I'm ecstatic," said Emma Craig, 36, of Pro Life San Francisco. "Abortion is the biggest tragedy of our generation and in 50 years we'll look back at the 50 years we've been under Roe v. Wade with shame."

House of Representatives Speaker Democrat Nancy Pelosi, a Democrat, denounced the decision, saying that a "Republican-controlled Supreme Court" has achieved that party's "dark and extreme goal of ripping away women's right to make their own reproductive health decisions."

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department will fight to protect abortion rights and signaled legal battles to come including over pills used for medication abortion.

Justice Clarence Thomas, in a concurring opinion, urged the court to reconsider past rulings protecting the right to contraception, legalizing gay marriage nationwide and invalidating state laws banning gay sex.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh, in a concurring opinion, appeared to nix the idea advocated by a number of anti-abortion advocates that the next step is for the court to declare that the Constitution outlaws abortion nationwide. "The Constitution neither outlaws abortion nor legalizes abortion," he wrote.

Kavanaugh also said that the ruling does not let states bar residents from traveling to another state to obtain an abortion, or retroactively punish people for prior abortions.

Mississippi's law had been blocked by lower courts as a violation of Supreme Court precedent on abortion rights. Abortion is likely to remain legal in liberal states. More than a dozen states have laws protecting abortion rights. Numerous Republican-led states have passed various abortion restrictions in defiance of the Roe precedent in recent years.

Before the Roe decision, many states banned abortion, leaving women who wanted to terminate a pregnancy with few options. As a result of Friday's ruling, women with unwanted pregnancies in large swathes of America may face the choice of traveling to another state where the procedure remains legal and available, buying abortion pills online or having a potentially dangerous illegal abortion.

TRUMP'S APPOINTEES

Republican former President Donald Trump as a candidate in 2016 promised to appoint justices to the Supreme Court who would reverse Roe. He appointed three conservative justices - a third of the total - during four years in office, moving the court rightward and building a 6-3 conservative majority. Trump's appointees - Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett - were in the majority in Friday's ruling. [read more](#)

Asked in a Fox News interview whether he deserved some credit for the ruling, Trump said: "God made the decision."

Jackson Women's Health Organization, the only abortion clinic remaining in Mississippi, challenged the 2018 law and had the support of Biden's administration. Mississippi's law allows abortions when there is a "medical emergency" or a "severe fetal abnormality" but does not have an exception for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest.

A federal judge in 2018 struck the law down, citing the Roe precedent. The New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in 2019 reached the same conclusion.

The justices in 2016 struck down a Texas law imposing strict regulations on abortion facilities and doctors. The justices in [2020](#) struck down a Louisiana law that similarly placed restrictions on doctors who perform abortions. But the court has become more conservative in recent years with the addition of three appointees made by former

President Donald Trump.

Since 2018, the court lost two champions of abortion rights. Liberal Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg died in 2020, being replaced by Barrett, who as an academic before joining the judiciary signaled support for overturning Roe.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, a conservative who sometimes sided with the liberal justices on social issues such as abortion and LGBT rights, retired in 2018 and was replaced by Kavanaugh. Kennedy was part of the majority in the 1992 decision and voted to strike down the Texas abortion restriction in 2016.

Gorsuch in 2017 replaced the late conservative Justice Antonin Scalia, who was an abortion opponent.

The number of U.S. abortions increased by 8% during the three years ending in 2020, reversing a 30-year trend of declining numbers, [according to data](#) released on June 15 by the Guttmacher Institute, a research group that supports abortion rights. [read more](#)

The U.S. abortion rate peaked in 1980, seven years after the Roe ruling, at 29.3 abortions per 1,000 women of child-bearing age - 15-44 - and stood at 13.5 per 1,000 in 2017 before increasing to 14.4 per 1,000 women by 2020. In 2020, there were 930,160 U.S. abortions, with 20.6% of pregnancies ending in abortion in 2020, up from 18.4% in 2017. Mississippi experienced a 40% increase in abortions performed from 2017 to 2020.

Globally, abortion rights generally have been increasing. The U.N. World Health Organization said around [73 million abortions](#) take place globally each year, including 29% of all pregnancies.

New York Times: [Live Updates: Supreme Court Overturns Roe v. Wade in Landmark Decision; States Move to Ban Abortion](#), by Katie Benner

Attorney General Merrick B. Garland said in a statement that the Supreme Court has dealt “a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States,” by issuing a decision that both infringes on the rights of women and upends the longstanding principle that courts are to respect precedents.

Mr. Garland said that in states that still allow abortions, the Justice Department would continue to protect healthcare providers and individuals seeking reproductive health services from harassment at clinics. He said that the department would allow federal agencies in some circumstances to continue to provide reproductive health services. And he vowed to work with other federal agencies to protect and preserve access to reproductive care, noting that the FDA has approved the use of the medication Mifepristone for medical abortions.

Wall Street Journal: [Attorney General Lays Out Justice Department’s Red Lines After Ruling](#), by Aruna Viswanatha

Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department strongly disagreed with the Dobbs decision and outlined several red lines the agency believed states couldn’t cross in banning abortion.

In a statement Friday morning, Mr. Garland said states couldn’t restrict a woman’s ability to travel to another state to obtain an abortion, nor ban federally approved medication that terminates a pregnancy.

In particular, Mr. Garland said states couldn’t ban the use of mifepristone based on any disagreements they may have with the Food and Drug Administration’s expert judgment about the drug.

He also said that federal agencies could continue to provide “reproductive health services” authorized by federal law, and federal employees couldn’t be held liable for doing so.

“This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country,” Mr. Garland said, adding: “The Justice Department will use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom.”

[CBS: Attorney General Merrick Garland pledges Justice Department will use "every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom", by Melissa Quinn](#)

Attorney General Merrick Garland denounced the decision from the Supreme Court, saying in a statement that by ending the constitutional right to an abortion, the majority "upended the doctrine of stare decisis," or fidelity to precedent.

"The Justice Department strongly disagrees with the court's decision," he said. "This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country. And it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of limited financial means."

Still, Garland said states retain the ability to legalize abortion within their boundaries, and the Constitution can still limit states' power to ban reproductive services that are provided outside their borders.

"We recognize that traveling to obtain reproductive care may not be feasible in many circumstances. But under bedrock constitutional principles, women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal," he said. "Moreover, under fundamental First Amendment principles, individuals must remain free to inform and counsel each other about the reproductive care that is available in other states."

Garland made clear that peacefully protesting is protected under the First Amendment, but the Justice Department "will not tolerate" violence and threats of violence. He also reiterated that the department supports efforts in Congress to enshrine the right to an abortion into federal law and other legislative efforts to ensure access to reproductive services.

He also noted that the [medication Mifepristone](#) may be used to terminate a pregnancy after 10 weeks gestation and has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration, and it may not be banned by states "based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy."

"Few rights are more central to individual freedom than the right to control one's own body," he said. "The Justice Department will use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom. And we will not waver from this Department's founding responsibility to protect the civil rights of all Americans."

CNN: [US Attorney General Garland says DOJ "strongly disagrees" with SCOTUS decision](#), by Adrienne Vogt, Aditi Sangal, Elise Hammond, Meg Wagner and Veronica Rocha

Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Justice Department disagrees with the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

"The Supreme Court has eliminated an established right that has been an essential component of women's liberty for half a century a right that has safeguarded women's ability to participate fully and equally in society. And in renouncing this fundamental right, which it had repeatedly recognized and reaffirmed, the Court has upended the doctrine of *stare decisis*, a key pillar of the rule of law," according to the statement from Garland.

"The Justice Department strongly disagrees with the Court's decision. This decision deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States. It will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country. And it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of limited financial means," he said.

Garland reiterated that the decision today does not ban states to keep abortion legal within their borders.

"We recognize that traveling to obtain reproductive care may not be feasible in many circumstances. But under bedrock constitutional principles, women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal. Moreover, under fundamental First Amendment principles, individuals must remain free to inform and counsel each other about the reproductive care that is available in other states," he said.

"Advocates with different views on this issue have the right to, and will, voice their opinions. Peacefully expressing a view is protected by the First Amendment. But we must be clear that violence and threats of violence are not. The Justice Department will not tolerate such acts," he continued.

The DOJ "will work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom" and "strongly supports efforts by Congress to codify Americans' reproductive rights," according to his statement.

CNBC: [Roe v Wade: U.S. Attorney General Garland says DOJ 'strongly disagrees' with Supreme Court ruling](#), by Lauren Feiner

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland tried to ward off violent protests to the Supreme Court's ruling Friday overturning its landmark abortion decision Roe v Wade, asking protestors to remain peaceful.

"Advocates with different views on this issue have the right to, and will, voice their opinions," Garland said in a statement. "Peacefully expressing a view is protected by the First Amendment. But we must be clear that violence and threats of violence are not. The Justice Department will not tolerate such acts."

He said the agency "strongly disagrees" with the court's ruling and will "work tirelessly to protect and advance reproductive freedom."

"The Supreme Court has eliminated an established right that has been an essential component of women's liberty for half a century a right that has safeguarded women's ability to participate fully and equally in society," Garland said. "And in renouncing this fundamental right, which it had repeatedly recognized and reaffirmed, the Court has upended the doctrine of *stare decisis*, a key pillar of the rule of law."

Garland said Justice "strongly disagrees with the Court's decision" which "deals a devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States."

He noted that it's impact would disproportionately impact people of color and those with the least financial means. The Justice Department will continue to protect the right to an abortion in states where access was still legal, he said. While travelling for healthcare may not always be possible, "women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal," he said.

He added that people should remain "free to inform and counsel each other about the reproductive care that is available in other states" under First Amendment principles.

The DOJ will work with other agencies like the Food and Drug Administration "that seek to use their lawful authorities to protect and preserve access to reproductive care." Garland noted the FDA has approved the use of Mifepristone, an drug used to induce abortion safely at home, and said states cannot ban the drug "based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy."

"The Justice Department will use every tool at our disposal to protect reproductive freedom," Garland said. "And we will not waver from this Department's founding responsibility to protect the civil rights of all Americans."

Bloomberg Law: [Garland Says DOJ Will Protect Right to Get Abortion Out-of-State](#), by Chris Strohm

Attorney General Merrick Garland said the Supreme Court dealt "a devastating blow to reproductive freedom" by overturning Roe v. Wade but said the Justice Department will protect the right to seek abortions across state lines.

"We recognize that traveling to obtain reproductive care may not be feasible in many circumstances," Garland said in a statement. "But under bedrock constitutional principles, women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal."

The attorney general said the Justice Department will protect both individuals seeking abortions out-of-state and those who provide them. He also said people had a First Amendment right to inform and counsel each other about reproductive care across state lines.

A number of states have suggested their laws banning abortions will also target out-of-state providers, including those who ship abortion pills like Mifepristone. Garland noted that the Food and Drug Administration has approved Mifepristone, and said states could not ban it based on disagreement with the FDA's judgment.

"The Constitution continues to restrict states' authority to ban reproductive services provided outside their borders," Garland said.

Though he said the "Justice Department strongly disagrees with the Court's decision" and urged Congress to codify abortion rights, the attorney general also said any protests should remain peaceful.

"Peacefully expressing a view is protected by the First Amendment," Garland said. "But we must be clear that violence and threats of violence are not. The Justice Department will not tolerate such acts."

Insider: [AG Merrick Garland on Roe V. Wade Decision: 'a Devastating Blow'](#), by Ryan Barber

Attorney General Merrick Garland on Friday sharply condemned the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, saying the justices had dealt a "devastating blow to reproductive freedom in the United States" by eliminating the constitutional right to an abortion.

In a prepared statement, Garland stressed that the Justice Department disagreed with the decision and predicted that it "will have an immediate and irreversible impact on the lives of people across the country."

"And it will be greatly disproportionate in its effect with the greatest burdens felt by people of color and those of

limited financial means," he added.

Garland's comment came within hours of the Supreme Court overruling *Roe v. Wade*, eliminating the constitutional right to an abortion after almost a half-century. The decision, in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, is expected to lead to all but total bans on abortion in about half the states.

In the immediate aftermath of the ruling, Democrats including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi reupped their calls for passing legislation to codify abortion rights. Garland on Friday said the Justice Department supports those legislative efforts and emphasized that the Supreme Court's decision would not eliminate the right of states to keep abortion legal within their borders.

"We recognize that traveling to obtain reproductive care may not be feasible in many circumstances," Garland said. "But under bedrock constitutional principles, women who reside in states that have banned access to comprehensive reproductive care must remain free to seek that care in states where it is legal.

A former federal appellate judge, Garland also addressed how the Supreme Court had broken with its customary practice of heeding precedent in overturning *Roe v. Wade*. In "renouncing this fundamental right, which it had repeatedly recognized and reaffirmed, the court has upended the doctrine of *stare decisis*, a key pillar of the rule of law," he said.

Years before his confirmation to lead the Justice Department, Garland was nominated in 2016 to succeed the late Justice Antonin Scalia on the Supreme Court, but Republicans refused to hold confirmation hearings or a vote. Garland then remained in the powerful US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit.

His confirmation would have flipped a Supreme Court seat from a Republican- to a Democrat-appointed justice. But the Republicans' blockade on his nomination and Donald Trump's election in 2016 led to the conservatives instead expanding their majority on the Supreme Court.

In their dissenting opinion, Justices Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan attributed the *Dobbs* decision directly to the changed composition of the Supreme Court.

"The court reverses today for one reason and one reason only: because the composition of this court has changed," they wrote.

Referring to the doctrine of heeding past decisions, the justices continued: "Stare decisis, this court has often said, 'contributes to the actual and perceived integrity of the judicial process' by ensuring that decisions are 'founded in the law rather than in the proclivities of individuals.' Today, the proclivities of individuals rule."

"The Court departs from its obligation to faithfully and impartially apply the law," they added. "We dissent."

Axios: [AG Merrick Garland says states can't ban FDA-approved abortion pills](#), by Jacob Knutson

Attorney General Merrick Garland said in a statement Friday, in the wake of the Supreme Court's [decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*](#), that states [cannot ban mifepristone](#), a medication that is used to bring about an abortion.

Why it matters: With *Roe* overturned, prescribed drugs that terminate pregnancies are likely to become the [next major contention](#) between abortion rights activists and opponents of abortion rights.

- Already, almost half of U.S. states have banned or tightly restricted abortion pills — two medicines named mifepristone and misoprostol — and more could soon follow suit, [Axios' Oriana Gonzalez Ashley Gold and Jacquie Schrag report](#).

How it works: The pills for a medication abortion, mifepristone and misoprostol, have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in the first 10 weeks of pregnancy.

- The agency in December lifted long-standing restrictions on mifepristone, allowing doctors to prescribe the medication online and send them to patients by mail.
- Misoprostol was available with a prescription before the FDA's decision.

Despite the changes, many states have moved to make it illegal for doctors to mail the medications.

- For example, Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards (D) [signed a law](#) in June making it illegal for anyone to mail abortion pills, punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$50,000 fine.

What they're saying: "The Department strongly supports efforts by Congress to codify Americans' reproductive rights, which it retains the authority to do. We also support other legislative efforts to ensure access to comprehensive reproductive services," Garland said in the statement Friday.

- "And we stand ready to work with other arms of the federal government that seek to use their lawful authorities to protect and preserve access to reproductive care," he added.

- "In particular, the FDA has approved the use of the medication Mifepristone. States may not ban Mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy."

Yes, but: It is far from settled law as to whether states can ban the pills, and the issue will likely have to be litigated in the courts, though there's really no clear precedent, according to the [Washington Post](#).

Axios: [Abortion pills become central issue after SCOTUS ruling](#), by Tina Reed

The Supreme Court ruling [overturning Roe v. Wade](#) immediately pivots the fight over abortion access to state efforts to restrict medication abortions or so-called "abortion pills."

The big picture: The pills used to terminate a pregnancy — mifepristone and misoprostol — are FDA-approved for use in the first 10 weeks of pregnancy and are frequently prescribed online and mailed to patients.

- State efforts to restrict their use will pose thorny questions about how to enforce bans and challenge the notion of patients' rights, experts say.
- "During the last 50 years or more in the abortion culture wars, there has been a line drawn that punishments should be meted out against providers and not against women themselves," Lawrence Gostin, a law professor at Georgetown University told Axios. "I think we're about to cross that line."

State of play: Medication abortion accounted for 54% of all U.S. abortions in 2020, up from 39% in 2017, according to the [Guttmacher Institute](#).

- The FDA in December [lifted long-standing restrictions](#), making the pills more widely available, via telemedicine appointments and online prescribing that enables delivery to someone's door.

Between the lines: Republican states looking to limit access to the pills could encounter practical challenges and legal problems doing so.

- Experts say legal precedent holds that states don't have the authority to ban FDA-approved drugs, as was the case when Massachusetts in 2014 tried to impose an emergency ban of an opioid. A [federal judge struck down the ban](#), saying a state couldn't take a drug off the market that the FDA had deemed safe.
- Attorney General Merrick Garland weighed in after the Supreme Court ruling on Friday, saying, "States may not ban mifepristone based on disagreement with the FDA's expert judgment about its safety and efficacy."
- But that won't stop states from trying.
- Lawmakers in at least 20 states have proposed restrictions or bans on the pills, per [Pew's Stateline](#).
- They range from bans on dispensing the drugs to requirements that physicians tell patients that medication abortions can be reversed by administering doses of progesterone, a controversial option.
- Indiana last year prohibited medication abortions after 10 weeks of pregnancy, and Texas banned medication abortion after seven weeks of pregnancy, according to Stateline.
- That all could lead to legal fights over federal preemption.
- "The reason we have an FDA is to set a uniform standard for what's safe and effective and approved by our top public health regulatory agency," Gostin said. "If states were to start to undermine that, it would be catastrophic. Nonetheless, that's what some states are doing and, with this conservative Supreme Court and indeed conservative judiciaries throughout, the outcome of that is by no means certain."

Reality check: The efforts to ban pills will dovetail with broader state efforts to restrict abortion access now that the Supreme Court struck the federal right to the procedure. And those state laws may ultimately need to be revisited as the wider health implications become clear.

- [Health experts have warned](#) that health providers may be reluctant to intervene and help people manage miscarriages, which often use the same methods as abortions.
- Fertility services [such as in vitro fertilization](#) could also be deemed illegal in some places, depending on how states define unborn human beings and whether that applies to embryos created through the IVF process.
- Emergency contraception like Plan B and certain types of intrauterine devices could also be restricted under some state laws, Cathren Cohen, a scholar of law and policy at the UCLA Law Center [told NBC News last month](#).

"Anything that would prevent a fertilized egg from turning into a pregnancy and being born into a baby could be considered a homicide," she said, per NBC.

Washington Times: [Attorney General Merrick Garland warns against violence after Supreme Court's abortion ruling](#) by Alex Swoyer

Attorney General Merrick Garland said Friday that violence won't be tolerated in the wake of the high court overturning the landmark Roe v. Wade ruling, which gave women a national right to abortion — but he stressed the First Amendment protects peaceful protesting.

He also encouraged Congress to codify Roe into law, saying restricting abortion in some states will impact minority and poor women the hardest.

"The Supreme Court has eliminated an established right that has been an essential component of women's liberty for half a century — a right that has safeguarded women's ability to participate fully and equally in society," he said.

Mr. Garland also noted that federal workers can still help women obtain reproductive healthcare.

He said that federal agencies can provide those services in accordance with federal law.

“Federal employees who carry out their duties by providing such services must be allowed to do so free from the threat of liability. It is the Department’s longstanding position that States generally may not impose criminal or civil liability on federal employees who perform their duties in a manner authorized by federal law. Additionally, the Department’s Office of Legal Counsel has determined that federal employees engaging in such conduct would not violate the Assimilative Crimes Act and could not be prosecuted by the federal government under that law,” he said.

“The Justice Department is prepared to assist agencies in resolving any questions about the scope of their authority to provide reproductive care,” Mr. Garland added.

His comments come after progressive groups have promised revenge after the court’s ruling that upended a national right to abortion.

The justices were considering Mississippi’s state law banning abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy in the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*.

Mississippi officials argued that Roe’s holding that abortion is a constitutional right should be overturned because it’s outdated. The state said the viability standard for the fetus set out in Roe was unclear, and Mississippi had an interest in banning abortions after 15 weeks to protect women’s health and that of unborn children.

The legal challenge to the restrictions was brought by Jackson Women’s Health Organization, the state’s only abortion clinic, and a doctor who provides abortions. According to court papers, the clinic had provided abortions up to 16 weeks of gestation.

They challenged the state’s Gestational Age Act, enacted in 2018. The law, which its authors intended specifically to challenge Roe’s guidelines, banned abortions after 15 weeks unless there is a medical emergency or severe abnormality in the fetus.

The abortion providers told the court in their filing that the state’s interest in the woman’s health and children doesn’t begin until viability occurs, “months” after the 15-week marker set in the law.

In the 6 to 3 ruling, the high court said the right to abortion is not explicit in the Constitution and the issue should return to state legislatures.

The deliberations inside the court were shaken last month when a draft opinion to overturn *Roe v. Wade* was leaked and published by Politico.

Pro-choice protesters, enraged by the leak, have shown up outside the houses of Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. and Justices Brett Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett and Samuel A. Alito Jr., who authored the leaked opinion. One California man traveled to Justice Kavanaugh’s suburban Maryland home with a plan to murder him. He was stopped outside the justice’s home by authorities.

It was the first time a full draft opinion was leaked in the Supreme Court’s 233-year history.

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