

Judge Amy Coney Barrett

A Nomination That Will Put Reproductive Rights At Risk

President Donald Trump nominated Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Amy Coney Barrett to replace Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the U.S. Supreme Court. Trump and his allies in the U.S. Senate know what is at stake with this nomination – and by nominating Judge Barrett, women’s rights are in jeopardy. The Supreme Court makes key decisions that determine whether women have health care protections, workplace protections and freedom to make their own decisions about their bodies. The American people deserve to have their voices and votes count in this process.

BARRETT HAS REPEATEDLY CRITICIZED ROE v. WADE:

Barrett has repeatedly criticized *Roe v. Wade*. For example, she [wrote](#) the “framework of *Roe* essentially permitted abortion on demand, and *Roe* recognizes no state interest in the life of a fetus.” Barrett [signed](#) a 2006 letter calling for the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*. Saint Joseph County Right to Life’s two-page newspaper ad stated that the signatories called for putting “an end to the barbaric legacy of *Roe v. Wade*. The group has also confirmed that it opposes in vitro fertilization and supports the criminalization of doctors who perform abortions.

BARRETT DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT ROE IS A “SUPER PRECEDENT”:

In an [article](#) published in 2017, Barrett expressly cited the substantive due process right to an abortion as an example of a ruling that was not, in her eyes, a “‘super precedent’ – cases so deeply embedded that their overruling is off the table,” despite the fact that it was decided over 40 years ago, the Supreme Court has repeatedly upheld its fundamental holding, and countless people’s lives have been shaped by its critical protections.

BARRETT HAS FOUGHT ACCESS TO CONTRACEPTION:

Barrett signed a [letter](#) authored by The Becket Fund, which has been labeled a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), criticizing the nation’s health care law’s requirement that employers provide contraceptive coverage as part of their employer-sponsored health insurance plans. The letter opposed the compromise that would have ensured women’s access to contraception as well as accommodated religious liberty interests by requiring insurance companies, rather than religious employers, to provide the contraceptive coverage.

AS A JUDGE, BARRETT HAS REPEATEDLY RULED AGAINST ABORTION RIGHTS:

Judge Barrett joined a [dissent](#) that tried to vacate and reconsider a ruling that blocked an Indiana law that would require anyone under 18 to obtain parental consent to seek an abortion and did not provide for a judicial bypass, contrary to Supreme Court precedent. She also joined a [dissent](#) that argued that a state should be able to restrict abortion when the reason for that choice is the fetus's gender, race, sex, national origin or disability, including life-threatening disabilities, even though that provision was not being considered.

BARRETT IS FAVORED BY TRUMP AND ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE ANTI-CHOICE ADVOCATES:

Trump has [said](#) overturning *Roe* “will happen automatically, in my opinion, because I am putting pro-life justices on the court. I will say this: It will go back to the states, and the states will then make a determination.” On whether Judge Barrett, if confirmed, would overturn *Roe*, Trump [said](#), “It’s certainly possible.” Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the anti-choice Susan B. Anthony List, called Barrett’s confirmation to the Seventh Circuit “a victory for the pro-life movement.” Americans United for Life (AUL), another ultra-conservative anti-choice group, openly endorsed Barrett’s nomination when she made the short-list stating that “[w]e are confident that if appointed to the Supreme Court, Judge Barrett would prove herself a trusted caretaker of the Constitutional protections extended to every human person in America, including human lives in the womb.”