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RESPONSES REACTIONS & COMMENTS ON SUPREME COURT LEAK

Blackburn on Roe vs Wade

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) called out the Democrats' blatant attempt to use the media to attack the integrity of the Supreme Court after a leaked opinion revealed the Court may overturn Roe v. Wade.

When The Left Doesn't Get Their Way, They Use the Media to Attack The Courts

"We have to protect the institutions...this is what the Democrats do when they do not get their way. They go to the media. They would coach the witnesses because they want things to go their way. If they can't get it done legislatively, and if they are not going to get it done in the Court, they attack the courts."

Democrats Want To Protect "Women's Rights" But Can't Define "Woman"

"They have said a 'woman's right to choose,' even though bear in mind two weeks ago, they couldn't define 'woman.' Today, they're out there and they're saying, 'no, it is a woman's right to choose.' This lawsuit, this argument before the Supreme Court,

was not to outlaw abortion, it was just to say the proper place for these decisions is at the state level. And thereby the states should have the ability to make the decision as to how they're going to move forward. Now, that is federalism 101. Things that are not enumerated in the Constitution, they go to the states, and the states make the decisions. That's why you have the state legislatures that are in charge of elections. It's why state legislatures set their rates of local and state taxations. It is why state legislatures take a lead on issue after issue like schools and school boards and curriculum, because that is federalism. The left is wrong to go after saying this would outlaw abortion because that is inaccurate."

We Must Defend The Integrity Of The Court From The Left's Radical Attacks

"I have to tell you quite honestly, that the American people are sick of all of the fighting that left is doing regularly—just going after issue, after issue, taking to the streets, all of the protesting and the unrest. What



they would like to see is some civility. What we have to do is realize this is up to Chief Justice Roberts, to assemble the Justices to find out what happened to meet with the clerk. There's a very small circle of people that would have access to a draft opinion. So, they are going to get to the bottom of this. We need to support the Chief Justice and the integrity of the Court as they go through this process."

Democrats Won't Stop Until**They Legalize Abortion On Demand**

"I'm the only pro-life female on the Senate Judiciary Committee. What they do is try to go after the personal destruction attacks. You can't be a conservative woman in their mind and you cannot be fully recognized and your opinion matter unless you submit to the leftist agenda and the leftist agenda is abortion on demand up to the last minute."

53 Democratic State Parties Issue Statement on Leaked SCOTUS Intent to Overturn Roe v. Wade

Last night, a draft opinion circulated indicating the Supreme Court's intent to overturn Roe v. Wade. In anticipation of this "egregiously wrong" SCOTUS ruling, Tennessee's Republican supermajority has already passed a trigger law that would immediately ban abortions once this decision is finalized. "I am disappointed that the court's conservative majority has decided to turn the highest court into an incubator for dangerous Republican political ideology." - Hendrell Remus, TNDP Chair

Given the additional powers this anticipated decision will yield to state

and territorial legislatures, the listed State Parties, representing almost all of the states and territories of the nation, signed on to jointly offer the following statement:

"The shockwaves of Donald Trump's presidency are neither gone nor forgotten. We are heartbroken - but not surprised - to see the draft opinion of the United States Supreme Court indicating it intends to overturn a half-century constitutional jurisprudence in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*.

"Many of us live in states where abortion access has been overturned

or torn apart by extremist Republicans who have no business interfering in personal health decisions. Abortion bans are not favored by a majority of Americans, and they never will be. They are, however, supported by an extremist group of right wing primary voters and donors - and that's why the GOP continues to fight to restrict abortion access nationally and in our legislatures.

"In the wake of this decision, the Supreme Court's anticipated opinion will signal a return of power to the elected representatives of each state and territory. Therefore, it is important

now, more than ever, that we protect and exercise those rights that remain intact — our First Amendment rights to associate and to vote representatives into office who will stand firm and protect their constituents from the threats and whims of conservatives.

"Across America, our State Democratic Parties will work tirelessly to recruit, train, and support Democratic candidates for state and federal office who will fight for the right to abortion. We encourage our federal legislators to codify Roe immediately. We cannot and will not wait."

Signed by:

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Black Activists Hope Supreme Court Abortion Rumor Holds True While Leaked Opinions Set Poor Precedent, Possible Ruling Applauded

Washington, D.C. - Members of the Project 21 black leadership network expressed cautious optimism regarding a leaked document indicating that the U.S. Supreme Court may overturn Roe v. Wade and return the issue of abortion back to the states. They also criticized apparent political motivations behind the leak.

"Along with the rest of America, I am waiting for verification and confirmation that this is the justices' true decision," said Project 21 member and pro-life leader Day Gardner. "However, I was immediately overcome with tears of joy - giving praise and glory to God in Christ for even the slightest possibility, the slightest hope of ending the horrible practice of killing pre-born children."

A draft of the majority opinion in the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* was leaked to the media this week, leading many to speculate that the Court plans to overturn two cases - *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* - to allow state law to again dictate the legality of abortion.

"Finally, the disproportionate murder of pre-born black babies can come to an end," said Project

21 member Mike Hill. "Per capita, more pre-born innocent black babies are murdered in the womb than any other segment in America. Margaret Sanger's eugenics agenda and its devastating effect on black America is coming to its bloody end. Now the battle shifts to the state level."

According to a report by Politico, an initial draft of the majority opinion in the Mississippi-initiated abortion case, authored by Justice Samuel Alito, will overturn the *Roe* and *Casey* rulings that are central to federal protection of abortion. Alito is credited with having written in the opinion: "It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives."

"According to a draft, it looks like the Supreme Court is going to send abortion back to the states. I am not surprised," said Project 21 member Marie Fischer. "The basis of *Roe v. Wade* was privacy, but the COVID pandemic and government mandates threw out privacy for millions of Americans. The left ultimately could not have its cake and eat it too. Either push mandates and vaccines that strip privacy rights from individuals or keep privacy for all."

This is the first time in modern history that a draft opinion in a pending Supreme Court case has been leaked. Because this is the most controversial case before the Court in decades, the leak has further politicized the issue and raised concerns about undue influences being put on justices to change their votes or alter their opinions.

"An initial draft of this Supreme Court opinion should not have been released publicly. Releasing drafts of Court decisions could undermine the ability of the justices to decide future cases," said Project 21 member Deryck Green. "Having said that, and if the news is correct, Justice Alito is both morally and politically right in his legal analysis. Morally, *Roe* was a terrible decision. It lacked legal expertise and seems to violate the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. Legally, it's wrong because abortion clearly isn't found in the U.S. Constitution. Therefore, the decision regarding its legality should be left to the individual states to decide.

"The hope is that, despite this leak, the justices who are in favor of overturning this legal precedent will hold firm and steadfastly refuse to

change their minds," added Green. "This has the moral potential to save an untold number of lives - particularly black lives - since non-Hispanic black women generally have higher rates of abortions than their multiethnic peers."

"Casey and *Roe* were unfounded and wrongly decided," said Project 21 member Patrina Mosley. "We look forward to an official opinion release that ends the tragedy of abortion. If so, this will be the second greatest reversal in our country after slavery."

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