

Timeline of the Roberts Supreme Court Decisions, highlighting Chief Justice Roberts' conservative agenda:

2010, Infesting Politics with Money: Roberts joined the 5-4 decision in *Citizens United*, setting aside precedent to find a First Amendment right for corporations, allowing unlimited “dark money” in elections — one of the most consequential decrees of the past hundred years. Managing things behind the scenes, Roberts shaped the Court’s approach.

2013, Destroying Voting Rights, particularly for BIPOC people: Roberts wrote the majority opinion for *Shelby County v. Holder*, which effectively dismantled the Voting Rights Act.

2013, Opposing LGBTQI+ Rights: Roberts voted to oppose marriage equality in *United States v. Windsor*, in which the 5-4 majority found that major parts of the Defense of Marriage Act were unconstitutional.

2014, Destroying Reproductive Freedom, Women’s Rights: Roberts joined the 5-4 decision in *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores*, allowing private, for-profit corporations to invoke religious objections to prevent employees from accessing contraception.

2015, Opposing LGBTQI+ Rights: Roberts opposed marriage equality in the landmark 5-4 ruling in *Obergefell v. Hodges* that legalized same-sex marriage, doing something he’d never done before: read aloud his dissenting opinion. Reading dissents aloud in the Supreme Court is typically done only for opinions that justices feel particularly vociferous about.

2018, Destroying Workers’ Rights: Joined the 5-4 majority that undermined workers’ rights to organize in *Janus v. AFSCME*.

2018, Supporting Systemic Racism, Religious Discrimination and Executive Abuses: Issued the opinion for the 5-4 majority upholding President Trump's Muslim travel ban in *Trump v. Hawaii*, obvious as it was that the administration's intent was discrimination on the basis of religion and race/cultural origin.

2018, Opposing LGBTQI+ Rights: Joined the 5-4 majority allowing the Trump administration to ban transgender servicemembers from the military.

2022, Eroding Separation of Church and State: Roberts authored the majority 6-3 opinion in *Carson v. Makin*, further eroding church and state separation explicitly delineated in the Constitution. The decision requires Maine to give public money to private religious schools for religious education when a student lives in an area without public schools. Maine's tuition program already did this but required that the schools' curricula align with secular state standards. The Court's Christian supermajority decided that didn't go far enough. In his opinion, Roberts suggested that the concept of secular schooling is just a smokescreen for "discrimination against religion."

2022, Anti-Environment: Roberts authored the 6-3 directive in *West Virginia v. Environmental Protection Agency* to limit the EPA's ability to regulate carbon emissions from power plants, showing how little he really cares about Maine's clean air, clean water. A victory for coal companies; a travesty for children's health and our future.

2022, Destroying Reproductive Freedom, Women's Rights: Roberts wrote a concurring opinion with the Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, claiming it was Constitutional for Mississippi to ban abortion after 15 weeks, even after rape, incest or abuse. He further said that abortion regulations that considered whether the fetus is "regarded as 'viable' outside the womb" should be "discarded." Roberts thinks we should be forced to be incubators for a fetus even if it can't exist without the person it is inside of. The Conservative Bloc

effectively overturned *Roe v. Wade* around the country and has led to the imprisonment of women for miscarriages, hospitalizations for women with life-threatening complications, women being forced to give birth to dead babies, and more horrific experiences.

2023, Ending Affirmative Action, Supporting Systemic Racism: Roberts delivered a decision with the 6-3 Conservative Bloc, ruling that Affirmative Action violated the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment, rewriting over four decades of precedent aimed at supporting diversity and equality (*Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. President and Fellows of Harvard College*).

2023, 6-3 Conservative Bloc ruled that the Biden administration's plan to relieve student debt was not authorized by Congress.

2023, Opposing LGBTQI+ Rights: The 6-3 Roberts majority ruled that a web designer could refuse to create sites for same-gender weddings, despite the state's law that prohibited discrimination based on sexual orientation (*303 Creative LLC v. Elenis*).

2023, Anti-Environment: Roberts led a 5-4 ruling weakening the Clean Water Act and the EPA's ability to regulate discharges into wetlands, with experts saying this would leave millions of acres of wetlands subject to pollution without penalty (*Sackett v. EPA*).

2024, Expanding Executive Branch Power, for Trump/Tyranny: In a 6-3 decree, Roberts authored the Conservative Bloc ruling that the President has absolute immunity for official actions taken under his core constitutional powers, presumptive immunity for other official actions, and no immunity for unofficial actions. [Roberts had gone out of his way to take on this case, and in an](#)

[unprecedented move, authored the majority opinion, after it being initially assigned to another Justice.](#)

Justice [Sonia Sotomayor](#), in a furious dissent, called the conservative majority's decree "utterly indefensible", and wrote: "The relationship between the President and the people he serves has shifted irrevocably. In every use of official power, the President is now a king above the law." (*Trump v. United States.*)

2024, The Conservative Bloc, with an opinion written by Roberts, [overturned one of its most important 40-year precedents, the Chevron doctrine](#) (*Relentless Inc. v. Department of Commerce*), that for the past 40 years has guided the work of the federal government in critical areas of public life, from food and drug safety to environmental protection. This was long a goal of the conservative legal movement.

2024, War on the Poor: Roberts, again with the Conservative Bloc, ruled that unhoused people sleeping outside can be fined, jailed, and criminalized, even when they lack access to shelter (*City of Grants Pass, Oregon v. Johnson*).

2024, Anti-Environment: Roberts with the conservative majority put a hold on the EPA's attempt to reduce air pollution that drifts across state lines (*Ohio v. Environmental Protection Agency*).

2024, The Conservative Bloc stripped the Securities and Exchange Commission of a major tool in fighting securities fraud, a decision that could have far-reaching effects on other regulatory agencies (*SEC v. Jarkesy*).

2024, Mass Shootings: The Conservative Bloc struck down a federal ban on 'bump stock' devices for guns, the devices that ramp up semiautomatic firearms to discharge ammunition almost as rapidly as machine guns; bump stocks have been

behind some of the most deadly mass shooting massacres in recent history (*Garland v. Cargill*).

2024, Destroying Voting Rights, particularly for BIPOC people: The Conservative Bloc proclaimed that South Carolina Republicans needn't redraw its congressional map to consider Black voters. This could give lawmakers more leeway to discriminate in redistricting all over the country (*Alexander v. South Carolina State Conference of the NAACP*).

2025, Expanding Executive Branch Power, for Trump/Tyranny: The Conservative Bloc weakened the power of the judiciary branch when they ruled that federal judges had exceeded their power by issuing temporary pauses on President Trump's executive order ending birthright citizenship. The ruling did not address the constitutionality of the order itself, but it allowed President Trump to end birthright citizenship in some parts of the country (*Trump v. CASA*).

2025, Opposing LGBTQI+ Rights: The Conservative Bloc dictated that parents can opt-out their children from classroom storybooks and discussions of LGBTQI+ themes, expanding religion in public life at the expense of other rights (*Mahmoud v. Taylor*).

2025, Opposing LGBTQI+ Rights: The Conservative Bloc (with Roberts writing the majority opinion) upheld a Tennessee law that prohibits medical providers from prescribing gender-affirming care such as puberty-delaying medication and hormone therapy to transgender young people (*United States v. Skrmetti*). This edict harms transgender and gender nonbinary youth, allowing politicians to supersede the rights of minors, parents and medical professionals.

2025, War on the Poor, Destroying Reproductive Freedom, Women's Rights and Health Care: The Conservative Bloc found a way for states to kick Planned Parenthood out of Medicaid, in an incredibly consequential decree putting cancer

screenings, STI testing, birth control, and other necessary care at risk for one million in South Carolina with potential nationwide implications, including other health providers paid for by Medicaid (*Medina v. Planned Parenthood South Atlantic*).

2025, Expanding Trump's War on Immigrants: The Supreme Court, in an unsigned order, where all three liberal-tending justices dissented, allowed men to be deported in as little time as *immediately*, without due process, to a country they are not from and have no connection to, and to be deported within six hours' notice *if the country cannot promise the deportee will not be tortured or prosecuted* (*DHS v.D.V.D.*). In a fierce dissent, all three liberal-tending justices wrote that, "The government has made clear in word and deed that it feels itself unconstrained by law, free to deport anyone, anywhere without notice or an opportunity be heard."

Shortly after the Supreme Court's order, the acting director of ICE [issued a memo saying that "in exigent circumstances" immigrants can be given as little as six hours' notice to be deported somewhere where they might face prosecution or torture, and no notice at all if the country has assured them they will not face torture.](#)

2025, Expanding Executive Branch Power, for Trump/Tyranny: Allowed the destruction of the Department of Education, setting a shocking precedent for executive/authoritarian power of many more departments (*Department of Education v. New York*).

2025, Expanding Trump's War on Immigrants, Systemic Racism, and Racial Profiling: The Court's Conservative Bloc via the so-called emergency "shadow docket" [allowed the continuation of racial profiling during ICE and Border Patrol's roving-patrol traffic stops.](#) These justices gave immigration agents the green light to harass and arrest anyone they guess to be undocumented—even *if a central*

reason for the stop was based on perceived race. Justice Sotomayor, one of the three Justices who dissented, spoke out: “We should not have to live in a country where the Government can seize anyone who looks Latino, speaks Spanish, and appears to work a low wage job. Rather than stand idly by while our constitutional freedoms are lost, I dissent.” (*Vasquez Perdomo v. Noem*).

2026, Destroying Voting Rights, particularly for BIPOC people: Further gutted the Voting Rights Act, and disenfranchised BIPOC people from voting in particular, in *Louisiana v. Callais*. All three liberal-tending justices dissented. Justice Kagan, writing for all three, wrote: “I dissent, then, from this latest chapter in the majority’s now-completed demolition of the Voting Rights Act.”

2026, Expanding Executive Branch Power, for Trump/Tyranny: Gave Trump the power to fire more federal employees, making an exception for the Federal Reserve (*Trump v. Cook*).

2026, Anti-environment, anti-human health, anti-worker: U.S. Supreme Court voted to prioritize the pesticide industry over human health in the landmark *Monsanto v. Durnell* case. The ruling removed our right to sue pesticide companies for failing to warn customers about a product's toxicity, if the EPA doesn't require a warning labeling. The case centered around the dangers of Monsanto's herbicide glyphosate, the main chemical in Roundup. (John Durnell filed a lawsuit in a Missouri state court against Monsanto, arguing that Roundup gave him cancer.) The ruling is a huge loss for farmworkers, their families and other communities harmed by pesticides.

2026, Destroying Voting Rights, particularly for BIPOC people: The Conservative Bloc allowed Alabama to intentionally discriminate against Black voters in *Allen v. Milligan*.

2026, Impunity for Law Enforcement Officers, Approving Systemic Racism and Religious Discrimination: The Conservative Bloc decreed that an inmate, whose

hair was forcibly shaved against his will, and whose religious beliefs as a Rastafarian were violated, could not sue the officers for damages (*Landor v. Louisiana Dept of Corrections and Public Safety*).

2026, Impunity for Law Enforcement Officers: The Conservative Bloc overturned a lower court's decision that could have allowed a Sergeant to have to face consequences for the excessive force "pain compliance technique" he used on a nonviolent protestor in Vermont. The conservative justices gave qualified immunity to the Sergeant (*Zorn v. Linton*).

2026, Spreading Guns: The Conservative Bloc took away the rights of states to regulate guns, concluding "A state may not prohibit licensed concealed-carry permit holders from carrying handguns on private property open to the public unless the property owner gives express permission." (*Mullin v. Al Otro Lado*).

2026, Expanding Executive Branch Power, for Trump/Tyranny: Roberts, writing for the Conservative Bloc, gave Trump more power to fire heads of independent agencies at will, overturning the 1935 precedent *Humphrey's Executor v. United States*. (*Trump v. Slaughter*).

2026, Accelerating Trump's War on Immigrants: The Conservative Bloc gave the Trump Administration the green light to immediately cancel the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for millions of migrants with legal standing, making them vulnerable to immediate deportation to countries that are not safe. All three liberal-leaning justices dissented. (*Mullin v. Doe*).

2026, Infesting Politics with Money: The Conservative Bloc vastly expanded the ability for more corruption in politics in *National Republican Senatorial Committee v. Federal Election Commission*. Justice Kagan warned in her dissent: "As a result, a donor will be able to give a party as much as half a million dollars (as compared to the \$7,000 he can give directly to the candidate) to cover the candidate's bills...So

the Court ushers back in the same opportunities for quid pro quo corruption that the contribution limits were meant to check. ...And the result will be...a legal regime increasingly unable to stop political corruption, and thus to preserve our institutions' democratic legitimacy.”

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Protesting Maine Summer Resident Supreme



Court Chief Justice

John Roberts

THE WAR ON IMMIGRANTS:

The Roberts Supreme Court has been particularly atrocious towards immigrants, frequently acting as accomplices, partners, in

emboldening the Trump Administration, ICE and Border Patrol to carry out reckless, terrifying, dehumanizing anti-immigrant actions—which have included murdering immigrants, and U.S.-born citizens, with impunity.

In Maine these policies hit close to home, with the aggressive arresting in January of hundreds of immigrant Mainers, of which only a tiny minority had criminal convictions.

And on July 13, 2026, in Biddeford, a federal immigration agent shot and killed Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero, a 25-year-old man with a beloved three-year-old daughter. Four bullets pierced the windshield of the car he was driving, apparently aimed directly at his head. The [grassroots immigrants rights' group Presente!](#)

[confirmed that he was authorized to work in the United States and had been issued a Social Security number.](#)

As horrifyingly sad as this murder was, ICE and Border Patrol in Maine have continued to hunt people in Maine every single day, many of whom had legal status, until it was aggressively removed by the Supreme Court.

Some recent actions destroying immigrant rights by SCOTUS include

allowing racial profiling in immigration raids and traffic stops (*Vasquez Perdomo v. Noem*), **granting immunity to law enforcement agents** (*Zorn v. Linton*), **allowing the Trump administration to arbitrarily remove protective legal status for millions of immigrants** (*Mullin v. Doe*), **allowing deportation from the United States with no notice**--even to countries the person has never been to, was not born in, and, **with six hours' notice, to countries which cannot promise the deportees will not be subjected to torture or prosecution** (*DHS v. D.V.D.*).

Many are calling the Roberts Court a kangaroo court, in that it appears to have predetermined conclusions on many of its rulings, particularly among its 6-member Conservative Bloc of people who are appointed for life, and entirely unaccountable to We the People.

We must demand resistance to tyranny from people in positions of power, and create a system where Supreme Court justices do not have virtually unlimited, lifetime power.



The Intent of The Audacity's Kayaktivism

On August 9, 2025, The Midcoast Maine grassroots group The Audacity passed a motion to declare its intent regarding actions at the Port Clyde Public Landing and in the water nearby.

The text reads: "Our intent is not to change the behavior of Chief Justice John Roberts, who we learned long ago will not listen to the public or change his ways. Rather than

change John Roberts' mind, our immediate goal is to remind the community of the ways John Roberts has repeatedly used his elite power to mislead the nation, undermine the rule of law, erode judicial standards, harm workers, eviscerate women's rights, enable torture, and put the president above the law.

Our ultimate hope is that a new president better in line with American values will appoint more prudent justices, putting Roberts back in the minority where he belongs.”

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**The August 15, 2026 "By Land or By Sea Vigils" took place simultaneously at four locations:**

**By Land or By Sea Vigils**

FMI - The Roberts Court

**At Port Clyde Landing on August 15**

Under this Chief Justice, SCOTUS has overturned Roe v. Wade, the voting rights act, legal protections for immigrants, and limits for election financing

PROTEST the Court's complicity in executive abuses by:

- Paddling and rowing in the harbor near the Island
- Standing onshore in support

Arrive at 9:30  
Water and land protests from 10:00 to 11:00  
Bring signs and/or boats!

Public parking is limited, please carpool if possible

For more information, please email [contact@audacitycat.com](mailto:contact@audacitycat.com)

**MidCoast Stands Out on August 15**

Join us from 10-11 am at

- Lincolnville Beach
- Thomaston Academy
- Wiscasset Bridge

Signs of Fascism  
Signs of Democracy  
Homemade signs

**INDIVISIBLE** Waldo County Maine

**Audacity CAT** CREATING ACTION TOGETHER

**LINCOLN COUNTY INDIVISIBLE**

The intent of the By Land or By Sea Vigils are to remind the community of the ways John Roberts has repeatedly used his elite power to mislead the nation, undermine the rule of law, erode judicial standards, harm workers, eviscerate women's rights, and place President Trump above the law. Our ultimate hope is that a new president better in line with American values will appoint more prudent justices, putting Roberts back in the minority where he belongs.

These vigils mean to bring attention to Chief Justice John Roberts' ideologically ultra right-wing transformation of the Supreme Court. Roberts, who owns summer homes on Hupper Island, off Port Clyde, and is perhaps the most powerful person in the country who summers in Maine, presides over the most unpopular Supreme Court in modern-day history.

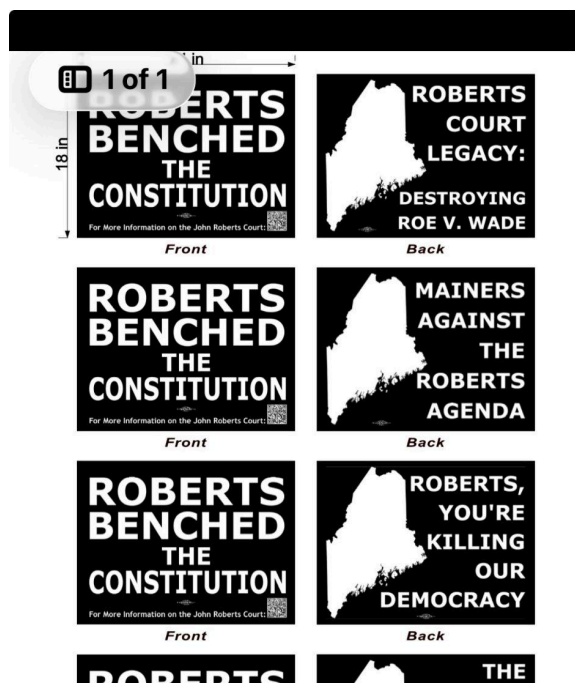
If you want, write a letter to the editor about Roberts in our backyard: (*Send to: [news@penbaypilot.com](mailto:news@penbaypilot.com), Lincoln County News [info@lcnme.com](mailto:info@lcnme.com), Bangor Daily News [letters@bangordailynews.com](mailto:letters@bangordailynews.com); [letters@midcoastvillager.com](mailto:letters@midcoastvillager.com)*) and think of other things you can do!

**Support Maine-based on-the-ground groups, particularly who are working against the war on immigrants:**

- **Presente! — Works in community to provide food and material support directly to displaced and dispossessed Afro/Indigenous-Latines in Maine.**
- **Maine Solidarity Fund: Support bail funds, legal fees, and more for our immigrant and Trans neighbors.**
- **Project Relief — Direct support specific for community members that have been detained by ICE and Border Patrol.**
- **Food for All Services — Pack and deliver food for community members.**
- **Community Relief Fund - Support bail funds, legal fees, and more.**
- **Mainers for Humane Immigration's Freedom Fund – Supports bond funds.**

- Families in Crisis Fund of the Foundation for Portland Public Schools – Supports families of PPS students with basic needs in times of crisis.
- Maine Immigrants' Rights Coalition: More than 100 organizations together in a statewide network representing diverse ethnic communities.
- ILAP (Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project): Maine's state-wide immigration legal services organization.
- Anything else to spare: Please support midcoast Maine local food pantry/heating assistance, AIO. It's going to be an incredibly hard winter as the billionaires impose austerity, hunger, loss of health care, inability to pay for heat, while they build private bunkers, missiles, ballrooms.
- Midcoast Maine independent activist group **The Audacity** (who raise funds by collecting 5 cent returnables)--the primary organizing group for the Chief Justice Roberts vigils, and for the lawn signs:  
<https://audacitycat.com/donate/>

Place an order for free Supreme Court-focused lawn signs, Liberty and Justice for ALL signs, and ICE OUT, delivered to your midcoast Maine home or business: <https://tinyurl.com/MidcoastMaineSigns>



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<https://tinyurl.com/JusticeRobertsTimeline>