

## Sample List of U.S. Supreme Court Cases to Discuss

*Bush v. Gore* (2000) 5/4

Florida's recount of the vote in the 2000 presidential election violated the Equal Protection Clause and had to be stopped.

*Cruzan v. Director Missouri Department of Health* (1990) 5/4

The parents of someone in a "persistent vegetative state" (ongoing and perhaps permanent coma) did not have a constitutional right to terminate her treatment despite the hospital's objection.

*Diamond v. Chakrabarty* (1980) 5/4

Genetically modified organisms can be patented.

*District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008) 5/4

The Second Amendment guarantees citizens the right to possess handguns.

*Husted v. A. Philip Randolph Institute* (2018) 5/4

Upholds Ohio's practice of dropping voters from the rolls if they don't vote for one federal election cycle and fail to respond to a mailed notice.

*Michigan v. EPA* (2015) 5/4

The EPA behaved illegally when it decided to regulate hazardous emissions from power plants without considering the financial costs and benefits of those regulations.

*National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius* (2012) 5/4

This case upholds the Affordable Care Act (i.e., "Obamacare") as a constitutional tax.

*Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey* (1992) 5/4

Despite arguments by the states that *Roe v. Wade* should be overturned, the Court reaffirms the central holding of *Roe* that women have the constitutional right to an abortion prior to the time of the fetus's viability to live independently. However, the Court also recognizes that the State has interests in the protection of the fetus that allow it to regulate the abortion decision, as long as the regulations do not impose an undue burden on the woman's right.

*San Antonio Independent School District v. Rodriguez* (1973) 5/4

Under the Equal Protection Clause, Texas does not have to equalize school funding between wealthy and poor districts.

*Trump v. Hawaii* (2018) 5/4

Upholds the constitutionality of President Trump's Executive Order forbidding entry to the United States of foreign citizens from a number of Muslim-majority countries (the so-called "Muslim ban").

## **Cases Not Yet Decided**

*Caniglia v. Strom* (cert. granted November 20, 2020; argued March 24, 2021)

Can police enter a house without a warrant to check on an elderly person's well-being or a threatened suicide?

*Cedar Point Nursery v. Hassid* (cert. granted November 13, 2020; argued March 22, 2021)

Can the State of California allow union organizers access to an agricultural business's property to speak with employees or does this violate the Fifth Amendment's protection of private property?

*United States v. Tsarnaev* (cert. granted March 22, 2021)

Did the Court of Appeals err in deciding that Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's death sentence had to be overturned because of errors made by the trial court?