

# Not all Trump's Supreme Court choices are pro-life

*"The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government."* –Thomas Jefferson

*Abortion and racism are both symptoms of a fundamental human error. The error is thinking that when someone stands in the way of our wants, we can justify getting that person out of our lives. Abortion and racism stem from the same poisonous root, selfishness.* –Alveda King

President elect Trump stated, "Justice Scalia was a remarkable person and a brilliant Supreme Court Justice. His career was defined by his reverence for the Constitution and his legacy of protecting Americans' most cherished freedoms. He was a Justice who did not believe in legislating from the bench, and he is a person whom I held in the highest regard and will always greatly respect his intelligence and conviction to uphold the Constitution of our country. My list of potential Supreme Court justices is representative of the kind of constitutional principles I value and, as President, I plan to use this list as a guide to nominate our next United States Supreme Court Justices."

At the third debate Trump described the 21 candidates he had identified on two separate lists as "pro-life. "They will have a conservative bent. They will be protecting the Second Amendment. They are great scholars in all cases, and they're people of tremendous respect. They will interpret the Constitution the way the Founders wanted it interpreted, and I believe that's very important."

Okay, President Trump, let's take a closer look at your choices, or should we say, The Federalist Society and Heritage

Foundation's choices...[\[Link\]](#)

From the moment Justice Antonin Scalia died unexpectedly in February, Heritage Foundation has been at the forefront of the debate over the Supreme Court vacancy. That now includes influencing the list of potential replacements being considered by Donald Trump, the Republican Party's presidential nominee. It is why all these nominees must be completely vetted, because very few of them are pro-sanctity of life.

### **Trump's Supreme Court Choices**

[Here is the full list](#) of the 21 judges Trump would consider appointing for the Supreme Court. He has stated that they are all conservatives, but they are not all pro-life!

Asked what he would do to protect the "sanctity of human life," Trump said it starts with the Supreme Court.

"I will protect it, and the biggest way to protect it is through the Supreme Court and putting people in the court," he said. Then vet them President Trump!

Trump went on to say that he favored overturning Roe v. Wade and that, "I will appoint Supreme Court judges who will be pro-life."

### **Which Nominees are Pro-Life?**

Andy Schlafly is President, [Legal Center for Defense of Life](#); Attorney, Eagle Forum Education & Legal Defense Fund; and General Counsel, [Association of American Physicians & Surgeons](#).

Thanks to Schlafly and several Eagle Forum members who have researched President Trump's list of potential Supreme Court justices, they've concluded the following:

- *12 of 21 are not serious contenders due to age,*

*controversy, or political motivation for including them.*

- *3 of 21 are not really pro-life, as research proves based on their writings and statements.*
- *3 of 21 are probably not pro-life, as they have been unusually silent on the issue.*
- *1 of 21 is possibly pro-life, and could be good on the issue.*
- *2 of 21 are certainly pro-life and will remain pro-life despite pressure by the pro-abortion media.*

Schlafly states, “Our challenge is to have one of the two ‘certainly pro-life’ candidates selected as the nominee. Trump wants to pick a pro-lifer, but obstacles include the media, Senators, Capitol Hill staff, and possibly bad luck.”



### **Nominees Who are Not Pro-Life**

What Schlafly and others state is very true. Cabinet members leave after merely a few years, but Supreme Court nominees typically hold power for 30+ years. Trump’s upcoming nomination to fill the vacancy of pro-life Justice, Scalia, is as important as the election itself. **We cannot afford another David Souter mistake!**

Six of the 21 candidates on Trump’s list are being pushed by the media because they are most likely **NOT PRO-LIFE**. Here’s the list of the six candidates that we need **to speak out against and veto:**

***Diane Sykes** – She ruled against a pro-life Indiana law, and required taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood; as a state court judge [Sykes sentenced](#) two veteran abortion protesters to 60 days in jail.*

***Steven Colloton** – Colloton wrote or joined multiple pro-*

*abortion opinions: one to eviscerate a pro-life South Dakota law, and another to side with a fellow pro-abortion judge against a pro-life Nebraska law.*

**Joan L. Larsen** – *Larsen is a feminist law professor who declared recently that there is [sexism in law](#), and she has repeatedly mentioned Roe v. Wade without criticizing it. Larson clerked for Justice Scalia, but many of his clerks were not pro-life. She has no federal judgeship experience and is similar to David Souter in her weakness in writing ability, which makes her susceptible to influence by the liberal media.*

The following three would probably NOT be pro-life on the Supreme Court

**Raymond Kethledge** – *He joined a decision that favorably cited a precedent that censored a pro-life advertisement.*

**Allison Eid** – *She has been unusually silent on abortion. She tersely dissented from a denial of [certiorari](#) before the Colorado Supreme Court in a challenge to an injunction against abortion protesters, initially on only the limited grounds of the length of the injunction, and then later, [only on the free speech grounds](#).*

**Neil Gorsuch** – *Unusual and persistent silence on abortion throughout law school and as a judge, yet repeatedly cited the [Blackmun decision](#) that gave abortionists legal standing to challenge pro-life laws.*

## **Pledge for a Pro-Life Nominee**

In a letter to President Trump, entitled, "Coalition Letter on the Pledge for a Pro-Life Nomination for Justice Scalia's Seat on the U.S. Supreme Court," signed by pro-life conservative groups and organizations, true pro-life justices are put forward for consideration as nominees.

As the letter states in part,

*As you stated during the campaign and in your 60 Minutes interview after your election, you are pro-life and you pledged to nominate justices to the Supreme Court who are pro-life. In addition, Phyllis Schlafly and other conservatives endorsed you in reliance on your public pledge to replace the late Justice Antonin Scalia with someone as close to his views as possible.*



*Justice Scalia never ducked the abortion issue, and always sided with the pro-life position. His replacement should be nothing less.*

*You indicated that you will make your nomination from a list of 21 candidates that was provided to you by others. Unfortunately, the list omits any women who have a pro-life record, and includes a total of only four women out of 21. This was probably an oversight, because many well-qualified women with pro-life records are available for nomination, and they should be considered for this important position. For example, [Judge Jennifer Elrod](#) of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit has credentials equal to or better than those on the list, and she would be an outstanding nominee for Justice Scalia's seat.*

*Attempts to nominate a "stealth" candidate lacking in a record on abortion was the failed approach of the past, and would be inconsistent with the transparency of your incoming Administration. Despite that, at least a half-dozen of the candidates on the list lack a pro-life record. We urge you not to consider these candidates lacking a pro-life record for the position of Justice Scalia's seat on the Supreme Court. Several of these judges on the list have even written or spoken in ways that are at odds with the pro-life position.*

## Pro-Life Judges

In addition to Judge Elrod as recommended above, her elder colleague [Judge Edith Jones](#) would also be a stellar choice. She is likewise a female jurist who has qualifications superior to most on the current list, and yet was inexplicably omitted.



There are several outstanding candidates who have pro-life records that would fulfill your pledge. For example, [Justice Charles Canady](#) of the Florida Supreme Court, who is on your current list, would be a fabulous nominee. Judges Elrod and Jones, and Justice Canady, are all experienced judges who have been transparent about their views and have an unblemished record on the bench. Any of these would be a tremendous addition to the U.S. Supreme Court.

## Senate Confirmations of Trump Choices

Not all senate republicans are staunchly pro-life, yet they have vowed to confirm the president's nominee.

"We're going to confirm the president's nominee one way or the other. And there's an easy way and there's a hard way," said Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn (right). (| Getty.)



If Republicans change the Supreme Court confirmation threshold to a simple majority, Trump could conceivably install even more conservative justices to the Supreme Court with relative

ease. Three current justices are in their late 70s or early 80s. [[Link](#)]

This is why it is **mandatory that President Trump keeps his promise** to choose true pro-life Justices!

## **Conclusion**

President-elect Trump is going to announce his top choices very soon. Please repost this article and email it to your lists.

If you know any pro-life, pro-family leaders who are willing to sign this coalition letter to the Trump campaign regarding Supreme Court Justice nominees, immediately contact [Andy Schlafly](#) or [Priscilla Gray](#).