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SCOTUS Overturns Roe v. Wade
CBTU Statement on Recent Supreme Court Decision

On Friday, June 24, the Supreme Court of the United States did something unprecedented in the history of this country – removed rights held by the citizenry. In a 6 – 3 ruling, SCOTUS denied women the right to body autonomy and left the fate of their health in the hands of state politicians. Never before has the Court removed liberties previously gained. Never before has the court created a new precedent of oppression. The court has a history of maintaining a status quo of bad policies, but they have taken such a fascist step as to deny people rights the court once granted them. There can be no denying that this court is now based on religious zealotry, corporate fascism, and in direct opposition to the people they are lording over.

While there are many troubling things with this ruling, it should be noted the nature of evil inflicted on the citizenry by allowing state governments to regulate healthcare. We currently have a political system that is ravaged with voter disenfranchisement, systemic gerrymandering, and shadow donors pulling strings behind the curtain. Allowing these individuals to determine the fate of women's health is putting the fox in the hen house. Our electeds in many states do not reflect the will and voice of the people. As a matter of fact, the majority of Americans support some form of access to pregnancy termination based on the health needs of the woman and baby. The people want this, the court has ruled against.

The truly scary part is this is the tip of the iceberg. Justice Thomas explicitly said in his decision that this ruling allows the court to overturn other rulings like same-sex marriage and access to contraception. This court has made it clear they will legislate based on their religious and personal convictions and not the rule of law or the will of the people. These are dark and scary times for our democracy. CBTU condemns SCOTUS and their oppressive ruling. CBTU challenges our members and allies to rise up in this face of disempowerment. CBTU will always stand for body autonomy, be it women's right to choose access to birth control, or the overall right for us to receive quality healthcare. All are interconnected. All speak to our rights as citizens and humans. All are now in jeopardy due to this extremist court.