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## Senate Confirms Amy Coney Barrett to United States Supreme Court



On Monday night October 26, 2020, the United States Senate voted 52 to 48 to confirm Judge Amy Coney Barrett as the next Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, marking a conservative shift in the federal judiciary's balance of power.

President Donald Trump selected Barrett, his third appointee to the nation's highest court, to replace left-wing Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg following her death last month. Senate Republicans faced intense pressure from the Right to fill the vacancy prior to the November presidential election, amid intense opposition from the Left, which demanded the seat be left empty so whoever wins the election could fill it.

A Catholic mother of seven widely regarded as a pro-life originalist, Barrett was a member of Notre Dame's Faculty for Life group, she is reported to have signed a letter published by Becket Law criticizing the Obama administration's contraception mandate, and signed a 2006 ad declaring "we...oppose abortion on demand and support the right to life from fertilization to natural death." She has also written multiple articles critical of the stare decisis doctrine, which grants weight to past rulings' status as precedent, regardless of whether they were rightly decided.

Many pro-life leaders have expressed their enthusiastic approval of Barrett's confirmation:

Planned Parenthood director turned pro-life advocate Abby Johnson commented:

"I'm going to remember this day when Amy Coney Barrett, an accomplished woman in her own right, achieved the pinnacle of her profession while raising a family, embracing her role as a wife, and demonstrating that it's all possible without abortion. Her confirmation hearings were a testament alone to her astute legal mind, her compassion for others, and ability to fulfill her role as the next Supreme Court Justice.....She has done all of this by embracing her very femininity, not rejecting it."

Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the Susan B. Anthony List had this to say:

“Justice Barrett’s confirmation marks a turning point in the fight to protect unborn children and mothers. The American people can now see a glimmer of light at the end of a dark tunnel, when the Supreme Court may finally return to the people the ability to enact laws that reflect their values and save lives.”

The replacement of liberal pro-abortion Justice Ginsburg with Barrett is widely recognized as a significant rightward shift for the Supreme Court. Conservatives hope this will mitigate damage to their causes should Trump lose to former Vice President Joe Biden next week.

At the same time, many on the Left have called for Biden to cancel out Barrett if he wins by “packing” the Supreme Court, or adding judges beyond its current nine members to create a new, left-wing majority. Biden has repeatedly refused to explicitly say whether he would answer such calls, but has said he wants to institute a “bipartisan commission of scholars” to brainstorm and propose unspecified “reforms” to the federal judiciary.

“While we are extremely pleased with Justice Barrett’s appointment to the high court, PLM realizes there is still much work left to do to insure the protection of all vulnerable innocent lives and defeat the Culture of Death,” stated PLM President Laura Duran. “PLM will continue its work and solicits your prayer and involvement.”

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## RALLY FOR LIFE

Saturday, October 31

9:00 – 10:00 AM

2903 N. State St., Jackson, MS



## FALL CLOSING EVENT

Sunday, November 1

2:00 - 3:00 PM

2903 N. State St., Jackson, MS



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PLM CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, December 5, 2020

at 5:00 PM

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