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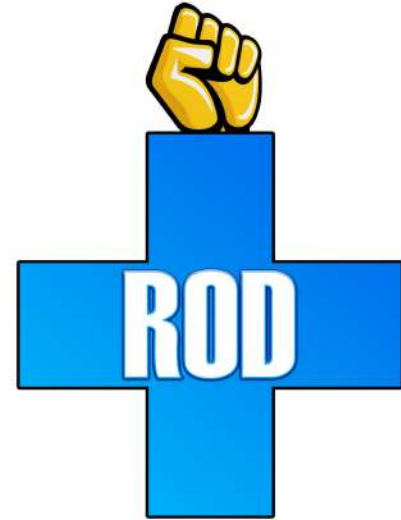
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What Is the Supreme Court and What Does It Do?

Understanding America's Highest Court

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What Is the Supreme Court?

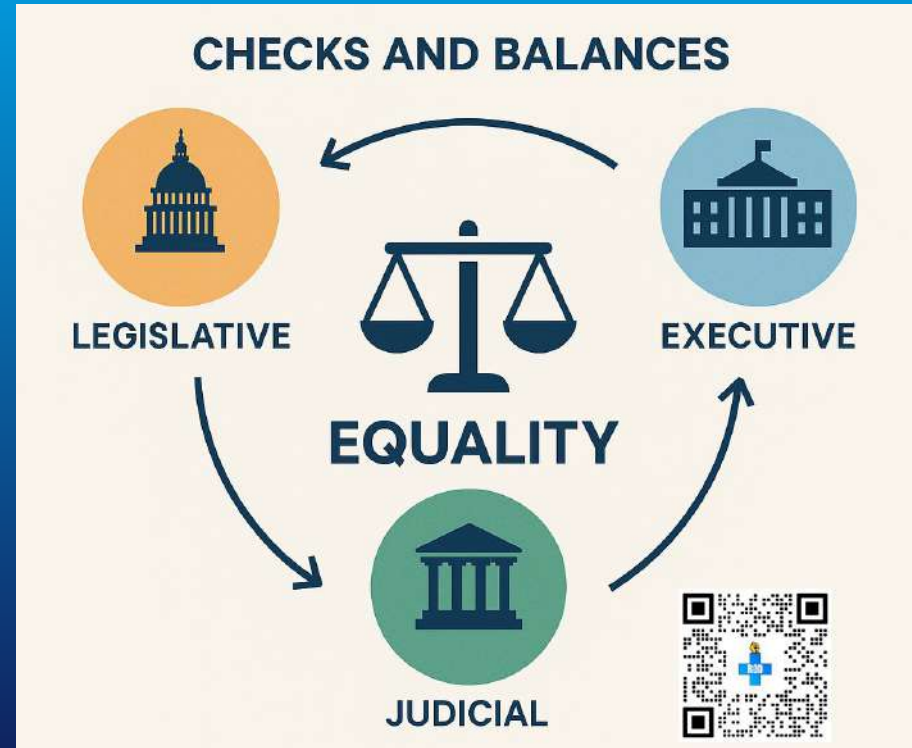


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- It's the highest court in the United States.
- It has the final say on laws and rules.
- It's part of the judicial branch (the part of the government that handles laws).

Why Does It Matter?

- It protects our rights and freedoms.
- It can stop bad laws or actions by the government.
- It makes sure all laws follow the U.S. Constitution.



Who's on the Supreme Court?



Front row, left to right — Associate Justices Sonia Sotomayor, Clarence Thomas, Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., Associate Justices Samuel A. Alito, Jr. and Elena Kagan. Back row — Associate Justices Amy Coney Barrett, Neil M. Gorsuch, Brett M. Kavanaugh and Ketanji Brown Jackson.

- There are 9 justices (judges).
- One is the Chief Justice.
- They are picked by the President and approved by the Senate.
- They serve for life, or until they retire.

What Does the Court Actually Do?

- It hears cases that are very important or confusing.
- It decides if laws or government actions are legal.
- It sometimes changes the law with big decisions.



Real-Life Example #1 – Brown v. Board (1954)



- The court said segregated schools were unfair.
- This helped start the Civil Rights Movement.

Real-Life Example #2 – Roe v. Wade (1973)

- The court ruled that women had the right to choose an abortion.
- This decision was changed in 2022 by another case (Dobbs v. Jackson).



Real-Life Example #3 – Obergefell v. Hodges (2015)



- The court said same-sex marriage is a right.
- That meant LGBTQ+ couples could legally marry in all 50 states.

Can the Supreme Court Make Mistakes?

- Yes, it can make decisions people disagree with.
- Sometimes it changes its mind years later.
- That's part of how democracy works.



Why Should You Care?



- The Court affects your rights, your body, your vote, and more.
- Knowing what it does helps you stay informed and speak up.

What Can You Do?

- Learn about the justices.
- Vote for leaders who pick justices.
- Speak out about rulings that matter to you.

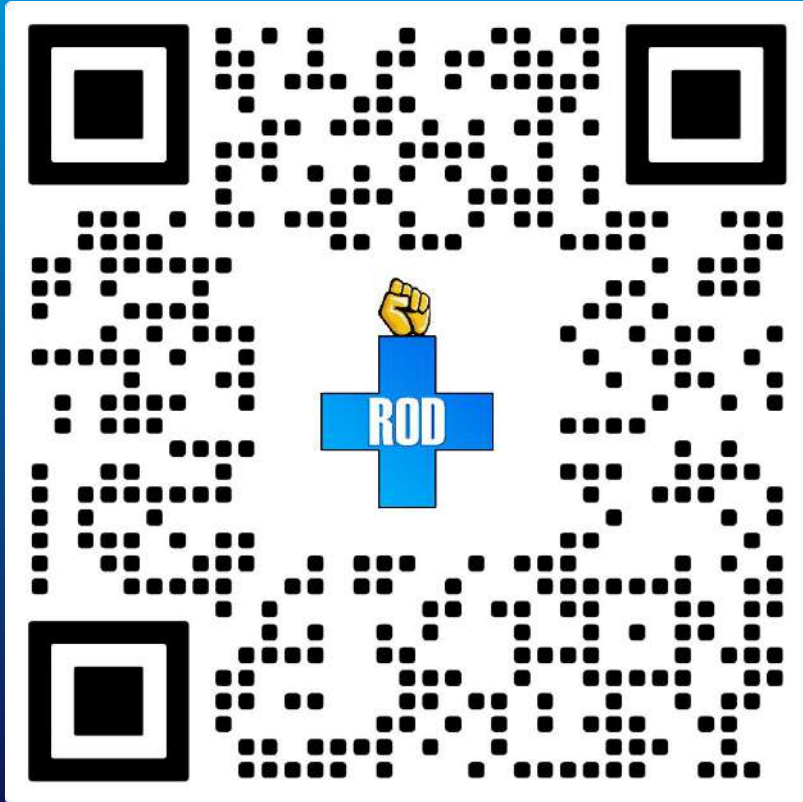


Final Thoughts



- The Supreme Court is powerful.
- But it's also part of a system where people like you have a voice.
- Democracy works better when we all understand how it works.

Thank you!



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