

The Supreme Court Nomination Blog

Interest group reactions (second update)

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Many of the groups that are likely to be active in the nomination debate have released their initial reactions to Justice O'Connor's retirement. Here is a quick overview:

Liberals

NWLC's NominationWatch blog has [this post](#) listing Justice O'Connor's notable decisions protecting women's rights. The post also flags the cases the court will hear next term that could have significant implications for women's rights.

The Alliance for Justice has released a poll on popular attitudes towards the selection of the next Justice and the confirmation process. A PowerPoint version of the results is [here](#).

DailyKos has [this post](#) with "action items" for liberals concerned about the next Justice.

NOW posts [this list](#) of reproductive rights cases in which Justice O'Connor was the swing vote. The group also has an action alert entitled, "[Save the Court. . . Save Women's Lives.](#)"

NARAL has [this report](#) on the impact of a retirement on a woman's right to choose. Their "[Bush v. Choice](#)" [blog](#) has several entries today, including commentary, links, and analysis of media coverage.

PFAW has a lengthy press release [here](#).

The National Jewish Democratic Council's statement can be found [here](#).

Conservatives

At the National Review Online, the [BenchMemos blog](#) has a continuing series of posts covering a potential nomination.

The Committee for Justice [warns](#) red-state Democrats that they will be held accountable for attacks on the President's nominee to replace Justice O'Connor.

Focus on the Family's James Dobson issued [this press release](#) today.

The latest posts at [ConfirmThem](#) speculate about the possibility of a Garza nomination.

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Older Links -- Liberals

ThinkProgress has [this post](#) with an excerpt from Senator Orin Hatch's autobiography in which the Senator describes his role in President Clinton's selection of Justices Ginsburg and Breyer.

EarthJustice.org has a release titled, "[Next Justice Will Play Crucial Role in Nation's Highest Court.](#)"

The Alliance for Justice has [this press release](#) urging President Bush to consult with Democrats before selecting a nominee.

Marcia Greenberger, Co-President of the National Women's Law Center, has [these remarks](#) posted on NWLC's Nomination Watch site.

NOW's President Kim Gandy issued [this statement](#) arguing that Justice O'Connor's departure leaves reproductive rights uncertain.

The Democratic Party declares "[No Decision More Important](#)" than Justice O'Connor's replacement.

At ACSBlog, Peter Rubin calls Justice O'Connor's retirement a "[Seismic Event.](#)" Another post asks, "[What would happen if a more conservative Justice replaces Justice O'Connor?](#)"

Daily Kos links to a news story and provides some [instant reactions](#).

NARAL's [homepage](#) declares that "the battle for the Supreme Court has begun" and encourages visitors to email their senators.

PFAW is also mobilizing financial and other support [here](#).

Older links -- Conservatives

The Manhattan Institute's PointofLaw.com blog has this post on the future of [State Farm v. Campbell](#), a decision imposing constitutional limits on punitive damages.

The National Review Online's "[Bench Memos](#)" blog has a series of posts on Justice O'Connor's retirement and nomination politics.

["ConfirmThem"](#) is blogging the morning's developments.

Older Links -- Other reactions

Senator Frist's office has [this](#) release.

A video of President Bush's 11:15 am statement is at [whitehouse.gov](#).