



The Supreme Court is sometimes **conservative (on the right)**, sometimes **moderate (in the middle)**, and sometimes **liberal (on the left)**. It depends on who is on the Court and what the case involves. Here is a look at where the current nine justices stand:



Chief Justice **JOHN ROBERTS**: Nominated by President George W. Bush, he was sworn in on Sept. 29, 2005. He is conservative but says his rulings will be based on law, not ideology, making his votes fall on the liberal side in some cases.



RUTH BADER GINSBERG: Appointed by President Bill Clinton in 1993, she is a moderate-liberal and strong voice for gender equality, workers' rights and the separation of church and state.



NEIL GORSUCH: Appointed by Trump in 2017 after a heated political battle over the seat that was left open when Justice Scalia died unexpectedly. President Obama appointed someone else, but the Senate Majority Leader refused to hold hearings to approve the appointment. Over a year passed with the seat unfilled. When Trump was elected, he chose Gorsuch and the Senate confirmed him. He is a conservative with a strict view of the Constitution.



STEPHEN BREYER: Appointed by Clinton in 1994, he is considered a moderate with a practical approach. He is reluctant to make sweeping changes to established law but has been mostly liberal in his more recent opinions.



SAMUEL ALITO: Appointed by G.W. Bush, he is known as a fairly conservative judge, who interprets the Constitution in a strict manner. He is known to maintain the traditional views of history and unlikely to make decisions that bring big change in social issues.



ELANA KAGAN: Appointed by President Barack Obama in 2010, she had never been a judge but a lawyer instead. She is liberal in cases involving individual rights but has a leaning toward conservative views about the military and economy.



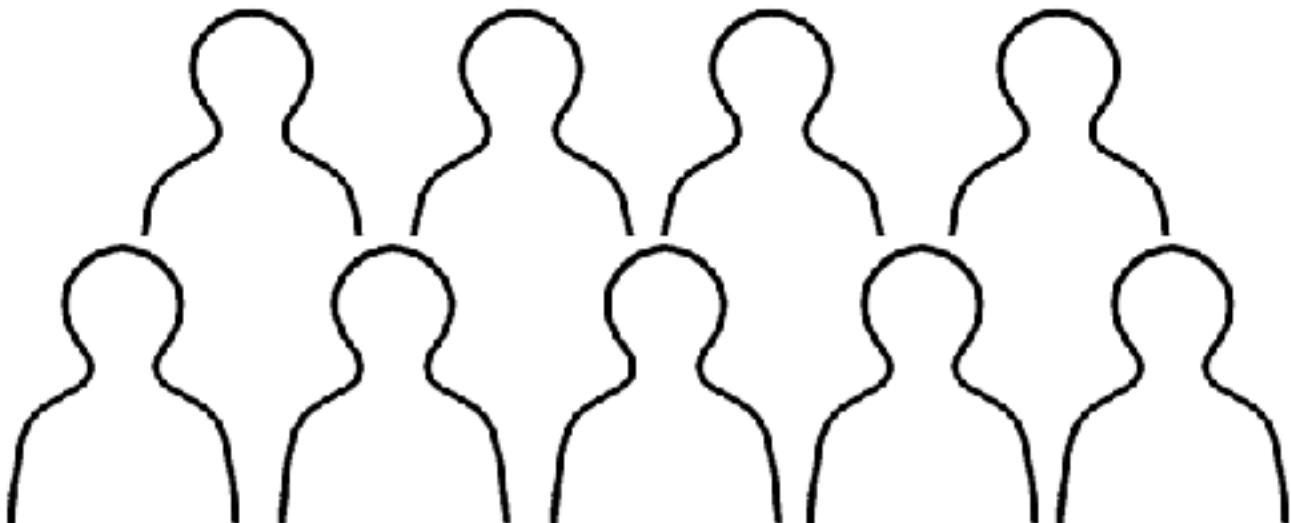
CLARENCE THOMAS: Appointed by the elder Bush in 1991, Thomas is considered to the Court's most conservative justice, favoring a strict application of the Constitution. His confirmation hearing was heated.



SONYA SOTOMAYOR: Appointed by Barack Obama in 2009; she is a moderate liberal who is known for defending the rights of the accused and for her concern for equality, especially educational equality, for all citizens.



BRETT KAVANAUGH: Appointed by President Donald Trump in 2018, Justice Kavanaugh started his time on the court after very contentious confirmation hearings. He is expected to be a conservative member of the court.



Name the Current Supreme Court Justices: Copy the name of each justice into one of the outlines above. Write "Justice Kagan," for example, inside one silhouette and "Justice Alito" in another. Spell and capitalize correctly.