

## Supreme Court tips the scales

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I am writing to express my growing concern over the apparent bias and imbalance within the Supreme Court. Recent rulings have starkly highlighted this issue, raising significant questions about the court's impartiality and adherence to the principles of justice. The Dobbs decision, which ended 50 years of women's reproductive rights and the granting of immunity to the President for official acts, are examples of rulings decided on political, rather than legal, considerations.

The appointment of three justices by former President Donald Trump has tipped the balance of the Supreme Court in a way that undermines its role as a fair and neutral arbiter of the law. The Founders of our nation meticulously designed a system of government built on the principle of checks and balances, ensuring that no single branch would hold excessive power over the others. This Supreme Court's power grab threatens that foundational principle.

The Supreme Court is meant to be an independent body that safeguards the Constitution and protects the rights of all citizens. However, the current composition of the court, heavily influenced by Trump's appointments, renders partisan decisions instead of upholding unbiased judicial standards and precedent. This damages the court's credibility and undermines public trust in its rulings.

A judiciary perceived as biased not only erodes confidence in the legal system but also jeopardizes the democratic values upon which our country is built. It is imperative that we address this imbalance and ensure that the Supreme Court remains a pillar of fairness and justice, immune to political influence.

We must restore balance and integrity to the Supreme Court, whether through reforms in the appointment process, term limits for justices, or other mechanisms that can prevent any single administration from exerting undue influence. The health of our democracy depends on a judiciary that is impartial and committed to the principles of justice for all.

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