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# **Our Bodies, Our Rights:** **What's Going On at the** **Supreme Court?**

## **Part 3: What is Roe v. Wade?**

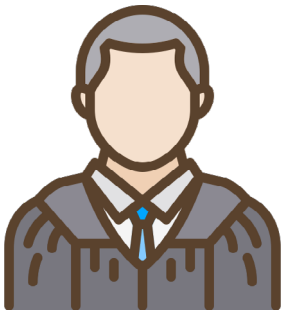
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# Words to Know in Part 3



## Abortion

When a person decides to end their pregnancy without giving birth.



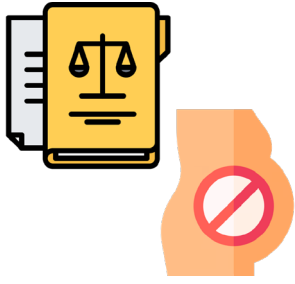
## Justice

A judge on the Supreme Court.



## Lawsuit

When you take someone to court. You tell the court what the person did or is trying to do to you. Then, you ask the court to tell the person what to do.



## Roe v. Wade

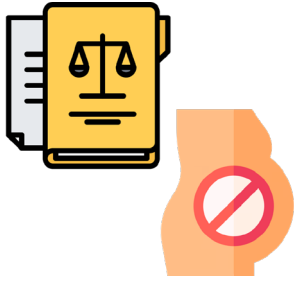
A Supreme Court case decided in 1973. We sometimes call Roe v. Wade “Roe” for short. A woman who went by the fake name Jane Roe needed an abortion in Texas. But Texas law said that abortion was illegal. So Jane Roe brought a lawsuit to try and change the law so she could get an abortion. The Supreme Court decided that abortion had to be legal in most cases during pregnancy.



## Supreme Court

The highest court in the United States. They have the final say on laws.

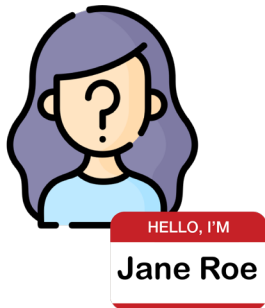
# What is Roe v. Wade?



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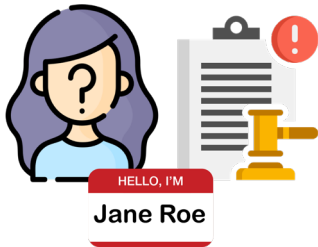


A woman used the fake name “Jane Roe” for privacy.



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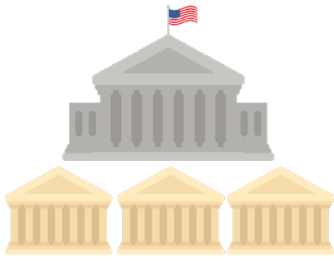


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The case made its way to the Supreme Court.

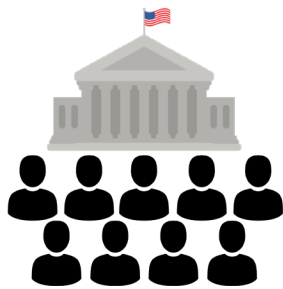




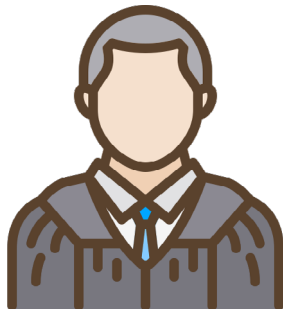
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The Supreme Court is made up of 9 judges.



**Justice** is what we call a judge on the Supreme Court.



The President of the United States picks justices to be on the Supreme Court.



Supreme Court decisions matter to people with disabilities.



Some Supreme Court decisions said people with disabilities have certain rights.



Other Supreme Court decisions said people with disabilities do not have certain rights.



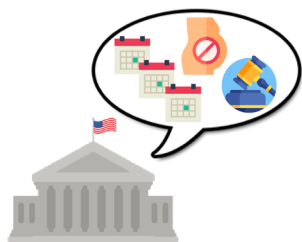
The Supreme Court made a decision in Roe v. Wade.



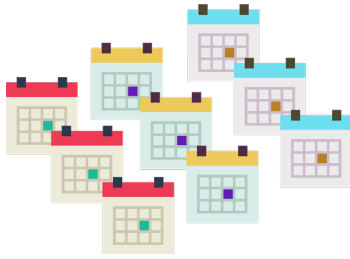
They decided that it wasn't okay for states to make abortion totally illegal.



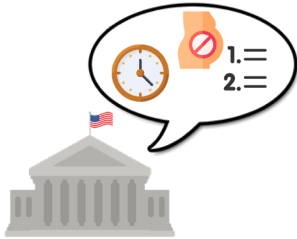
The Supreme Court said that states could make some laws about when abortion could be illegal.



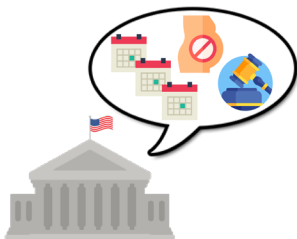
But the Supreme Court said that states had to let abortions be legal at least for the first few months of a person's pregnancy.



A pregnancy is usually about 9 months long.



The Supreme Court made rules about abortion based on how long someone had been pregnant.



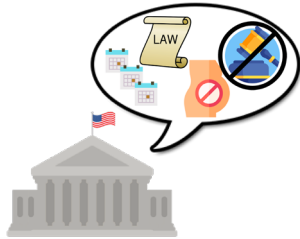
The Supreme Court said that abortion had to be legal during the first 3 months of pregnancy.



The Supreme Court said that states can pass some laws about abortion in the second 3 months of pregnancy.



But the laws can only be to protect the health of the pregnant person.



The Supreme Court said that states can pass laws to make abortion illegal in most cases in the third 3 months of pregnancy.