

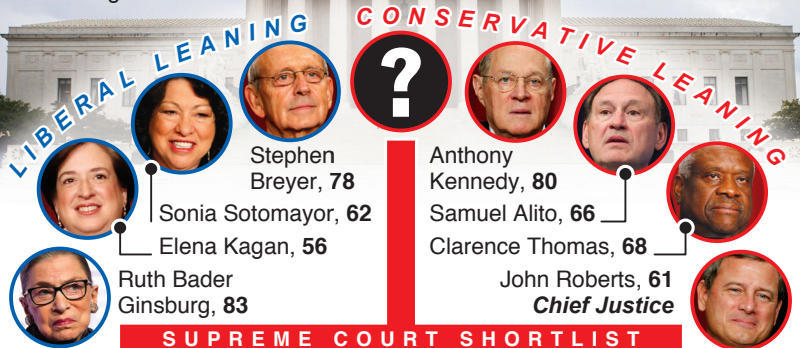
# Battle brews over Trump's pick for high court

President Trump is to announce his choice for the vacant seat on the Supreme Court, which will restore its conservative majority.

But Democrats have vowed to block the nomination after the Republican-led Senate refused to consider Obama's nominee last year

Supreme Court judges have lifetime tenure. They give final ruling on issues such as gun laws, abortion and civil rights

Seat on court has been vacant since death of Supreme Court Justice **Antonin Scalia** in Feb 2016



**Neil Gorsuch, 49**

Strong advocate for "originalism" – idea that Constitution should be strictly interpreted as Founding Fathers would have done, more than 200 years ago



**Thomas Hardiman, 51**

Supported gun rights and police powers, including case in which he sided with jails seeking to strip-search all inmates arrested for even minor offences



**William Pryor, 54**

Has criticised Supreme Court's 1973 landmark ruling making abortion legal across U.S., as "worst abomination in the history of constitutional law"