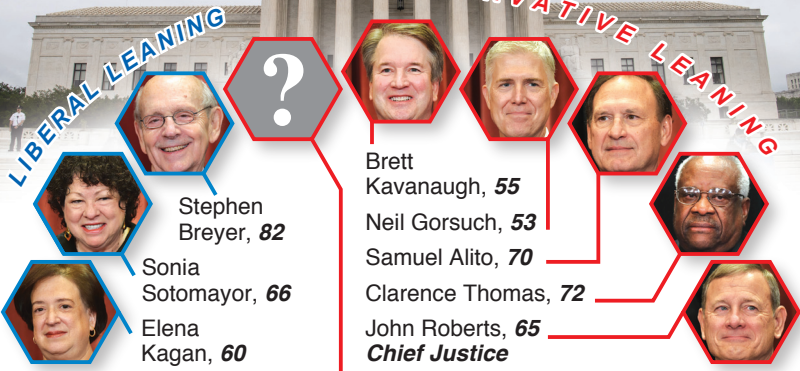


Election battle over U.S. Supreme Court

President Donald Trump has angered Democrats by seeking to replace the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg before the election – a move which could cement the Court's conservative majority for years to come

Trump has already appointed two justices: **Neil Gorsuch** in 2017 and **Brett Kavanaugh** in 2018

Ideological balance of nine members is crucial to rulings on key issues of U.S. law



TOP CONTENDERS TO REPLACE JUSTICE GINSBURG

Amy Coney Barrett, 48

Member of Chicago-based 7th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Favourite

among religious conservatives due to staunch opposition to abortion. She has also voted in favour of Trump's hardline immigration policies

Barbara Lagoa, 52

Atlanta-based 11th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Would suit

President Trump because of Cuban-American heritage and ties to Florida – crucial state in November's vote