

# Fallout from Roe v Wade

The U.S. Supreme Court's reversal of Roe v Wade – the constitutional right to abortion – has raised fears among civil liberties groups that the ruling could lead to challenges to other rights



## ■ Justice Clarence Thomas:

*"In future cases, we should reconsider all of this court's substantive due process precedents, including Griswold, Lawrence, and Obergefell"*

## ■ 1965, Griswold v Connecticut:

In 7-2 decision, Supreme Court rules that First, Third, Fourth, and Ninth Amendments to U.S. Constitution protect right of marital privacy. Ruling quashes Connecticut state restrictions on contraception

## ■ 2005: Obergefell v

**Hodges:** Justice Kennedy delivers 5-4 opinion holding that Constitution guarantees right to marry as one of fundamental liberties it protects, and that applies to same-sex couples

■ **President Joe Biden:** *"Today, the Supreme Court of the United States expressly took away a constitutional right from the American people that it had already recognized"*

## ■ 2003, Lawrence v Texas:

In 6-3 opinion delivered by Justice **Anthony M. Kennedy** (left), Court rules that Texas law prohibiting private homosexual activity between consenting adults violates Due Process Clause of Fourteenth Amendment to U.S. Constitution

**Gay rights groups hail verdict as historic day for civil rights, whereas conservatives castigate decision as sign of country's moral decay**

