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William Pryor : **Roman Catholic** Inquisitor of former Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore (**2003**),
support for transgender "rights" [sic]

Thomas Hardiman : Attended Roman Catholic Notre Dame and attended law school
at Roman Catholic **JESUIT** Georgetown University Law Center

Donald Trump Supreme Court candidates
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Donald_Trump_Supreme_Court_candidates

In a nation of approximately **325 million** people, with **almost half Protestants** (**46.5%**):

Why are there no clearly ******* Christian Protestant, Evangelical, or Baptist Justices
on the US Supreme Court !?

Among the current nine US Supreme Court Justices, there are five Roman Catholics, three
followers
of Judaism, and Gorsuch ******* (" **Raised Roman Catholic** , **attends Episcopal Church** " [**FN 75**]
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Demographics of the Supreme Court of the United States
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_the_Supreme_Court_of_the_United_States#Religion

***** Neil Gorsuch** was raised Roman Catholic, and graduated in 1985 from
JESUIT Georgetown Preparatory School .
Georgetown Preparatory School is a **Jesuit** college preparatory school for boys grades 9

through 12.

"It is among the most selective prep schools. The only Jesuit boarding school in the United States, ..."

Gorsuch attends an Episcopal church, however, " Gorsuch has not publicly stated if he considers himself a

[Roman] Catholic who attends a Protestant church , or if he has fully converted to Protestantism , ..."

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[2017] Glenn Beck

Who Trump's Supreme Court Pick Will Be and What It Means

http://www.glennbeck.com/2017/01/30/who-trumps-supreme-court-pick-will-be-and-what-it-means/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20170131GBDaily&utm_term=Glenn%20Beck

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[Excerpts, emphasis added]

3. **William Pryor:** The Partisan (Right of Alito, Left of Clarence Thomas) Pryor is on the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta and he is the oldest of the possible choices. At 54, he would still have a long career ahead of him on the bench, however. He is by far the most outspoken of the three and the definitely the least liked by the Democrats. Choosing Pryor would fit the mold of Trump not caring what anyone says, but the President would be in for a fight to get him confirmed. Chances are he would get through, but it would expend a lot of political capital - which remains to be seen if that even matters for this administration. One sticking point for evangelicals was when he, as Attorney General of Alabama, had Judge Roy Moore ousted for refusing to obey a federal court order to remove the ten commandments from the state judicial building. Pryor stated this was only to follow a court order, but this is one knock on him the far right has held on to, as well as his recent support for transgender rights. He is not afraid to say what he believes, which is why the left calls him a bomb-thrower and considers him a culture warrior. Many on the right see him as a conservative star on the rise as he is a fierce critic of Roe v Wade, has upheld the Georgia voter ID law and has called sectarian prayers opening a local commission meeting constitutional. He's probably not a Scalia-in-waiting, but who is? He's more

in the mold of an Alito, but this all may be moot if the reports are correct, as it looks like he's probably on the outside looking in.

2. **Thomas Hardiman**: The Centrist (**Left of Roberts** , Right of Kennedy) Hardiman is definitely the more moderate of the choices, something conservatives are wary of after appointments like Kennedy and Roberts haven't turned out the way they had hoped for. He is the only one of the candidates or sitting members of the bench without an Ivy League pedigree. He grew up in public schools in a blue collar family and **went to [CLL: Roman Catholic] Notre Dame** and **put himself through law school at [CLL: Roman Catholic JESUIT] Georgetown** by driving a taxi. He fits the bill with regard to his pro-life stance and he is strong on the second amendment, but he is seen as a government friendly conservative like William Rehnquist and has sided with Big Brother on censorship issues. He is 51 and like the other two candidates would likely have influence for decades to come. He might be the most confirmable of the three, having been confirmed 95-0 on the appellate court with votes from Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and Diane Feinstein. He is a former trial judge who has been serving on the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia, which happens to be the same court as President Trump's sister - Maryanne Trump Barry. He receives a glowing recommendation from her and Barry is thought to have significant influence on her brother - so don't be surprised if Hardiman ends up being the nominee.

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Date: Thu, 28 Jun 2018

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"Washington, DC and much of the nation was sent into an uproar on Wednesday after longtime Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy announced he would soon retire after three decades on the bench," [reports](#) Business Insider.

"The question then became who President Donald Trump would nominate to succeed Kennedy, considering the court's swing vote on many recent decisions.

[18 months ago, William Pryor and Thomas Hardiman were second and third on the short list of 25 possible nominees, but President Trump selected Neil Gorsuch.]

"Trump said Kennedy's successor would be selected from his list of 25 candidates that he originally pitched during the presidential campaign. He already selected Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch from that list when he was faced with replacing former Justice Antonin Scalia. Meanwhile, Senate Majority Leader

Mitch McConnell said the Senate will vote on a Trump nominee this fall.

"When Gorsuch was selected, 3rd Circuit Court Judge Thomas Hardiman came in a close second. He may just have his turn this time around.

"Hardiman, 52, was voted onto the appeals court in 2007 by a 95-0 tally. Both Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, the ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, voted to approve him.

"Hardiman also has the backing of Trump's closest judicial source: his sister.

"Maryanne Trump Barry, a fellow 3rd Circuit judge, holds a high opinion of Hardiman. As an adviser who spoke with the president told Politico last year, "Maryanne is high on Hardiman."

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THE FOLLOWING EMAIL IS FROM JANUARY 2017:

3 Judges remain on Trumps SCOTUS short-list

President Trump has narrowed the list of potential nominees to the Supreme Court to three, and already favors one of them in his mind, but will announce Thursday.

"President Donald Trump has narrowed his first Supreme Court nomination to three finalists, with 10th Circuit judge Neil Gorsuch and 3rd Circuit judge Thomas Hardiman emerging as front-runners while 11th Circuit Judge Bill Pryor remains in the running but is fading, according to people familiar with the search process," [reports](#) Politico.

"Trump interviewed at least those three finalists in New York during the transition, according to a person familiar with the search.

Trump himself said Tuesday he would make a selection for the court's empty seat next week and summoned top Senate leaders to the White House to discuss his impending choice to replace Justice Antonin Scalia,

who died nearly a year ago.

"The president wants to move as quickly as he can," said Leonard Leo, one of Trump's advisers on the court pick and a top official at the Federalist Society.

"Leo declined to discuss Trump's short list, but he praised both Gorsuch and Hardiman effusively.

"Under our Constitution, the power rests with the people, and that was at the core of Justice Scalia's legacy, and you heard from President Trump's inauguration that is the core of Trump's agenda, and that's very much the core of what Neil Gorsuch's record is as a jurist," Leo said. "He's an excellent writer. He's got sharp analytical ability, strong intellect and he's got a lot of strength and courage. Those are things that the president very much wants in a nominee."

Pryor was barely previously confirmed 53-47 by the Senate, but Hardiman and Gorsuch were both nearly unanimously confirmed.

[Dr. Chaps' comment: I've heard criticisms by pro-lifers of all 3 of these nominees, but thank God they'll be far better than anyone Hillary Clinton would have put on the bench. I'm still concerned about the rights of unborn children, and religious freedom in a 'transgender' evolving world. Let's pray.]

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4 questions Trump must ask Supreme Court nominee

I came across an insightful **column** by Nate Madden encouraging President Trump to carefully select a true conservative for the Supreme Court to replace Justice Scalia.

"Recent Marist polling found that 80 percent of Americans believe that appointing originalists to the highest bench in the land was either an 'immediate' or 'important' priority. Now, short lists are circulating and the Trump

transition team is reportedly holding meetings with potential nominees...

"Here's what Trump's team (and eventually the Senate) ought to be asking candidates:

1. What are rights, and what does the Constitution have to do with them?

"One of the most visible consequences of the judicial oligarchy is a never-ending regime of ever-changing rights. Rather than being fundamental, transcendent, and bound up with our human dignity, 'rights' are now construed to mean whatever the state wants them to mean...

2. What does the 14th Amendment really do?

"The 14th Amendment was originally written with the intent of undoing the legal atrocities of chattel slavery. Since then, its provisions have been used as a blanket justification to codify a never-ending list of positive rights into the body of constitutional case law. This modern understanding of the amendment has not only been used to create 'rights' to abortion and same-sex marriage, but has also been used by leftist judges to arbitrarily manufacture 'rights' to early voting, transgender bathrooms, and a host of other issues...

3. Does the Supreme Court create "settled law?" Is it the final arbiter?

"What the founders envisioned as the weakest branch of government has now become a place where political discourse goes to die. Antonin Scalia pointed out as much in the Obergefell decision months before his death. Is Obergefell v. Hodges truly 'settled law?'...

4. What is the Supreme Court's role?

"This is an area ripe for review. If the court isn't meant to act as a super legislature – as it has been doing for the past few decades – then what is it meant to do? The best answer for this would be to rule on issues of statute – along with its areas of original jurisdiction – while sharing the role of constitutional interpretation along with the other branches and the states.

"However, the pithiest answer might be, 'Whatever the Constitution and the Congress allow it to rule on, and nothing more.'"

[Dr. Chaps' comment: The most important decision Mr. Trump will make in 4 years will happen this week. WE MUST PRAY that God gives him wisdom to select a Scalia or better conservative, and not some liberal pretender.]

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