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What about **evangelical Christian Judge Raymond Kethledge** of the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals ?

Revised:

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Our Founding Fathers on Religion in Government

John Jay:

"Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers."

[Source: October 12, 1816. The Correspondence and Public Papers of John Jay, Henry P. Johnston, ed., (New York: Burt Franklin, 1970), Vol. IV, p. 393.]

CLL comment: John Jay was the first Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court (1789), appointed by President George Washington.

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[Selected excerpts, emphasis added]

The internal White House debate over who should replace Justice Anthony Kennedy on the Supreme Court reflects the broader political split within the Republican Party - and the mistrust that is nursed by outside-the-Beltway social conservatives about the more establishment and business-oriented wing of the party.

So it is perhaps no surprise that a quintessentially Washingtonian fight has erupted between the supporters of the two leading candidates for the Supreme Court nomination, Judge Brett Kavanaugh and Judge Amy Coney Barrett.

While Barrett's supporters portray Kavanaugh as insufficiently conservative, Kavanaugh's supporters portray Barrett as insufficiently experienced - a judge whose conservative credentials are not yet clear in her opinions.

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[CLL: Ecumenical; e.g., AFA] Social conservatives seem to have coalesced behind Barrett, who spent much of her career as a law professor at Notre Dame. She is a mother of seven children, two of them adopted from Haiti, and she is an active member of a particularly conservative [CLL: Roman] Catholic religious group called People of Praise.

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While [CLL: ecumenical] social conservatives have repeatedly thanked Trump for the [CLL: Jesuit-educated] Gorsuch nomination, they seem to want more. In an open letter last week, leaders of the American Family Association, the American Principles Project and other [CLL: ecumenical] socially conservative groups urged the appointment of Barrett.

"It is better to have a vacancy until next year than to fill the seat with a weak nominee who will betray your legacy and the constitution for the next 40 years," they wrote.

[CLL Note: AFA President Tim Wildmon is a member of the Romish/ecumenical Council for National Policy]

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While nobody is saying that the president has really and finally made up his mind, those opposed to Kavanaugh are running out of time to gin up a real opposition within the conservative movement.

Of course, there is always the possibility that knocking out Kavanaugh would not mean knocking in Barrett. It might also mean that another one of the below judges gets the nod, including [Judge Raymond Kethledge of the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in Michigan](#). The president met with Kethledge and reportedly got along with him.

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Amy Coney Barrett of Indiana, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit

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In her academic writing, she has written somewhat dismissively of the doctrine of respecting the Supreme Court's precedents - a doctrine known as stare decisis. "There is little reason to think that reversals [of past decisions] would do much damage" to the court's reputation, she wrote. "I tend to agree with those who say that a justice's duty is to the Constitution" rather than to a precedent she thinks is clearly in conflict with it.

[CLL comment: This is exactly right. Fidelity to the WRITTEN TEXT of the US Constitution is primary and superior to stare decisis. Stare decisis is used as a convenient tool by those who wish to perpetuate child-murder by "abortion". Consider the 1986 [Bowers v. Hardwick](#) case, the US Supreme Court rightly upheld the Georgia statute criminalizing acts of sodomy; but then wrongly overturned Bowers v. Hardwick, overturning the Texas statute criminalizing sodomy in the 2003 [Lawrence v. Texas](#) case (Majority Opinion written by [Reagan - appointee](#) Anthony Kennedy), **ONLY 17 YEARS LATER !!!**]

Such comments are likely to raise a red flag to Republican senators like Susan Collins of Maine, who have said they would not vote for a nominee who has expressed doubts about stare decisis when it comes to abortion and other long-standing Supreme Court decisions.

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Raymond Kethledge of Michigan, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit

Bush renominated Kethledge in 2007, and he was finally approved by the Senate in 2008. He is 51, and among all the reported short-listers, **he is the only non-Catholic**. [He is an evangelical Christian](#) .. .

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[CLL comment: Does Raymond Kethledge rightly have the same understanding of the proper role of stare decisis as does apparently Amy Coney Barrett, i.e., that the legal principle of stare decisis is subordinate to the primary responsibility of a judge to be faithful to the WRITTEN TEXT of the United States Constitution ? If so, President Trump, then Raymond Kethledge is your man for appointment to the United States Supreme Court.]

From CLL :

"Stare Decisis" is a legal term, a legal principle, to stand by precedent (that is, normally).

It is NOT primary. It does not trump fidelity to the written text of the United States Constitution.

It does not trump adherence to the Oath of Office taken by each United States Supreme Court

Justice to uphold the United States Constitution (written text).

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If a SCOTUS Opinion is abominable, evil, immoral, and unconstitutional (e.g., Roe, and Obergefell), it should be ignored as void.

Excerpt from Article VI., U.S. Constitution

Marbury vs. Madison (1803)

<https://caselaw.findlaw.com/us-supreme-court/5/137.html>

"... an act of the legislature, repugnant to the constitution, is void." "... a law repugnant to the constitution is void; and... courts, as well as other departments, are bound by that instrument."

The United States Supreme Court is "bound by that instrument", i.e., the United States Constitution.

The United States Constitution is NOT whatever the Justices say it is.
The United States Constitution is what the WRITTEN TEXT says it is !!!

Federal Judiciary Oaths

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oath_of_office#Federal_Judiciary_Oaths

In the United States, federal judges are required to take two oaths. The second is the same oath that members of Congress take:

[Emphasis added]

I, (name), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter.
[So help me God.] [FN 80]

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Subject: Are Roman Catholic/Jesuit-educated candidates over-represented on President Trump's SCOTUS shortlist ???

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ABC News

Trump has now met with 7 Supreme Court candidates, says he'll 'hit a home run' with pick

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/trump-meets-scotus-nominees-sources/story?id=56330233>

Jul 4, 2018 [Excerpt, emphasis added]

Trump has met with seven potential Supreme Court nominees.

The four potential nominees who met with Trump on Monday, one of whom may fill the seat soon vacated by Justice Anthony Kennedy, were: Brett Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett, Raymond Kethledge and Amul Thapar, sources told ABC News.

ABC News also learned on Tuesday that Trump spoke with current Utah Sen. Mike Lee on Monday.

Trump was expected to meet with Justice Joan Larsen of the 6th Circuit, the second woman he's interviewed, sources familiar with the president's meetings told ABC News on Monday. The seventh person interviewed

is believed to be Thomas Hardiman,
circuit judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit.

Donald Trump Supreme Court candidates

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Donald_Trump_Supreme_Court_candidates

ABC News

The Note: Trump's golden Supreme Court opportunity

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/note-trumps-golden-supreme-court-opportunity/story?id=56374023>

Jul 5, 2018 [Excerpts, emphasis added]

Judge **Brett Kavanaugh's** defense by **Bush-era Republicans** is almost certainly hurting him in Trump's mind.

Judge Amy Coney Barrett, meanwhile, has age, gender, and a previous appointment by Trump – followed by Senate confirmation – on her side.

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ABC News can confirm that Republican Senators Rand Paul of Kentucky and Tom Cotton of Arkansas both called the President Tuesday to express their **concerns about front-runner DC Appellate Court Judge Brett Kavanaugh**, according to a source close to the process.

Paul expressed concern over **Kavanaugh's position on the Fourth Amendment**, specifically his opinion in favor of bulk metadata collection and **his ruling that Obamacare is not unconstitutional**. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas also called the **White House** about **Kavanaugh**.

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And as ABC News has reported, anti-abortion rights groups and activists have been quietly lobbying against Kavanaugh and in favor of circuit judge Amy Coney Barrett.

But a source close to the process said that Kavanaugh is still under "serious consideration."

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

Why, in 2018, 242 years after the Declaration of Independence, are there no clearly *** Christian Protestant, Evangelical, or Baptist Justices on the US Supreme Court !?

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Demographics of the Supreme Court of the United States

[https://en.wikipedia.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_the_Supreme_Court_of_the_United_States#Religion)

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One News Now

AFA backs Barrett among short list for SCOTUS

[CLL Note: **AFA President** Tim Wildmon **member** of ecumenical **Council for National Policy**]

https://www.onenewsnw.com/legal-courts/2018/07/03/afa-backs-barrett-among-short-list-for-scotus?utm_source=OneNewsNow&utm_medium=email&utm_term=16790817&utm_content=755410589378437248&utm_campaign=34753

July 3, 2018

[Posted] Comment:

Roberto Carlos • a day ago

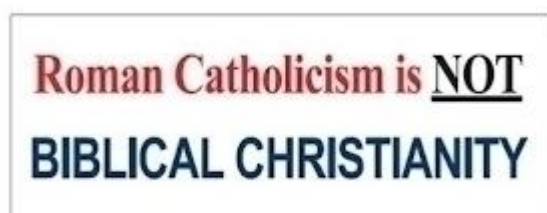
How many children does she have? What are their ages? Who cares for them while she is performing as a judge?

According to the Bible a woman should not be ruling over men. Catholics are not Christian. Being a Catholic is a man made religion.

We need a Christian on the SCOTUS. Why is AFA promoting her?

Roman Catholicism is NOT **Biblical Christianity** .

<http://christianlifeandliberty.net/2012-03-22-Roman-Catholicism-is-NOT-Biblical-Christianity-ROMAN-CATHOLICISM-IS-A-FALSE-RELIGION.docx>



ROMAN CATHOLICISM IS A FALSE RELIGION .

http://www.jesus-is-savior.com/False%20Religions/false_religions.htm#roman

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TRUE CHRISTIANITY vs ROMAN CATHOLICISM

<http://rainhadocanto10-evangelicalchristian.blogspot.com/>

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Are there no Christian Protestant, Evangelical, or Baptist Justices in America qualified

for appointment by President Trump to the US Supreme Court !?

What about current Alabama Supreme Court Associate Justice Tom Parker, who is also presently a **candidate** for Chief Justice ?

Tom Parker (Alabama)

[https:// ballotpedia. org /Tom_Parker_\(Alabama\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Tom_Parker_(Alabama))

Despite the orchestrated "hit" job by the CFR / Globalist Washington Post and the Romish / CFR / faux 'conservative' National Review, and others, Christian constitutionalist former Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore is also the quality of judge needed on the US Supreme Court:

[**Report**]

Romish / CFR / faux 'conservative' National Review's **editorial** attacks Republican US Senate candidate Roy Moore (Nov 10) November 16, 2017

Roy Moore

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roy_Moore

Roman Catholicism is incompatible with constitutional republicanism:

The US Supreme Court has done to the US Constitution what the Roman Catholic Church Hierarchy has for centuries done to God's Word, the Holy Bible : usurped, perverted, ignored, corrupted and

rejected the authority of the written text for its own pronouncements:

The Christian Statesman - "For the Crown Rights of Jesus Christ"

" Court Tradition, or the Constitution Alone? "

November-December 2005 Vol. 148., No. 6, pp. 15-19.

Excerpts [pp. 15-16]:

'... the [US] Supreme Court became to the [US] Constitution what the Roman Catholic Church had become to the Bible.

Constitutionally speaking, there are few "Protestants" today. Few believe in the doctrine of the [US] Constitution alone.

Few even know it exists.'

We Are All Constitutional Romanists Now [4]

'During the Reformation, Roman Catholics and Protestants were divided by a basic, theological question. On what did authority rest? Did it rest on the Bible plus church tradition or on the Bible alone? The same theological question divides Romanists and Protestants today. Rome holds to tradition. Protestants reject it.'

'In the constitutional realm, a similar question should divide Americans today. On what does the legal authority of the government of the United States rest? On the Constitution plus Court precedents or on the Constitution alone? In the political establishment there is no doubt. The Constitution plus Court precedent are the pillars of authority. This gives the men and women of the legal establishment great power ... when it comes to the ultimate law of the United States, virtually all Americans today are "Romanists." '

'Of course, ignorance permits deception. Americans must become constitutionally literate. There must be a reformation in the way citizens see the role of the [Supreme] Court. There must be a people who raise the banner of "The Constitution Alone." Christians must be those people. They should be able to see the parallel between Scripture Alone and Constitution Alone.'

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[Thomas Hardiman](#) : Attended Roman Catholic Notre Dame and attended law school at Roman Catholic [JESUIT](#) Georgetown University Law Center

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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
Jan 30, 2017

[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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[edited, emphasis added]

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Subject: Justice Kennedy retires, but Pryor and Hardiman are bad
From: Chaplain Klingenschmitt, PhD
Date: Thu, 28 Jun 2018

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Justice Kennedy retires, but Pryor and Hardiman are bad

"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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