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SUPREME COURT RULES ON THE *ROE V. WADE* OF MARRIAGE

Leola, South Dakota – Concerned Women for America of South Dakota expresses deep disappointment in today's U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). The Court's decision may do as much damage to our Republic and continue to divide us as *Roe* continues to do 40 years later. The Supreme Court continues to lose credibility at an alarming rate.

In *Windsor*, the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) case, the Court acted as a super legislature. Over one thousand laws were passed with the traditional definition of marriage in mind. Today the Court used its powers to amend those laws with one stroke of the pen. This is simply reckless.



The Supreme Court rulings fly in the face of reams of research showing that the best household arrangement for children is a married mom and dad. The Court's conclusions contradict centuries of experience across time and cultures for the best family structure for strong nations.

Today's decisions will have very real-life consequences for American families, especially as it relates to our religious liberties. Those who hold a Biblical view of marriage can expect much persecution from the government in the years to come. States like South Dakota that have affirmed the traditional definition of marriage can expect to be dragged into court in the future. The Justices have thrust us into another life-long battle for religious freedom and a bitter dispute for truth, just as they did with *Roe*. We fear that today's ruling is a slippery slope.

As we learned from the recently published brochure by the Department of Justice declaring that "silence" on the issue of same-sex relationships "would be treated as disapproval," Christians will need to violate their religious beliefs under this new "era" of so-called tolerance that enjoys now the stamp of approval of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Ultimately, the decision of nine black-robes judges (or five) cannot change what God—the Supreme Judge--has established—marriage between one man and one woman. Traditional marriage was instituted prior to any government or court of law. To redefine marriage would be like redefining gravity. The Truth is the Truth, and we will continue to fight for it no matter what.

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