

## **Boom! Lawyered: It's Here! The First Direct Challenge to 'Roe v. Wade'**

### **Jess Pieklo**

I'll do my best to soothe your soul, but also we've never been through anything like this before.

### **Imani Gandy**

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### **Jess Pieklo**

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### **Imani Gandy**

Also, we have a website, [rewirenewsgroup.com](http://rewirenewsgroup.com) is a legitimate website that has articles that are amazing. And you should go and read it. I feel like there are people who don't know that: A) we have a podcast and B) that podcast is tied to this amazing website where we have all of this amazing work. This week, our legal fellow Caroline Reilly continues to crush it with this amazing article about progressive death care. It's entitled "What is progressive death care? And what does it have to do with abortion?" And it details all of the ways in which states across the country are trying to make people treat their abortions as if they are funerals. They're hiring people to bury fetal remains, and we need to talk about it. It's an amazing article. I actually personally really enjoyed it, specifically because I have a very fraught relationship with grief and death. Yeah, so I think talking about it in a progressive way, tying it to reproductive justice is just a really illuminating way to look at these issues.

### **Jess Pieklo**

And we've talked about these fetal burial laws on the podcast before and just really how degrading they are to pregnant people who are, you know, just in various stages of, you know, grief or not, related to a loss. And so the idea that there are progressive groups that folks in the progressive community are like, you know what, this legal regime is garbage, we still need to serve people and are stepping up to fill a need. Wow. And honestly, I've seen no reporting on this anywhere else.

### **Imani Gandy**

Nope. Nowhere else. You know what else there wasn't any reporting on until you got this exclusive? The Democratic coalition of lawmakers who reintroduced the Access to Birth Control Act, literally just, you

know, slid into your DMs and was like: Hey, Jess, you want this exclusive? And so we have this exclusive with Carolyn Maloney, Representative Katie Porter, Senator Cory Booker, a whole bunch of other folks are reintroducing this bill that would guarantee that people cannot be turned away at pharmacies when they're trying to access birth control. And in the words of a certain president of this United States, it's a big fucking deal.

**Jess Pieklo**

You know what I love about this legislation, too, is the acronym is the ABC Act. And it's like birth control is so fucking basic. It really is just ABC. So like-

**Imani Gandy**

Fundamental.

**Jess Pieklo**

Access to birth control, it should be that basic as the alphabet. So thank you for that shout out. That was, yeah, we were psyched to have that, it was great.

**Imani Gandy**

And I do want to take some time for a fan shout out.

**Jess Pieklo**

Oh, yeah.

**Imani Gandy**

Katie O'Connor ESQ. Apparently someone who also did not have the sense not to go to law school, like you and me. So they tweeted: thanks so much to the Boom! Lawyered team for giving me the quote, "fun idea" to reread Gorsuch's dissent in June Medical Services.

**Jess Pieklo**

Sorry, that was me,

**Imani Gandy**

And I have to say, you know, like, sorry, but not sorry, because, frankly, we need more, more lawyers, more people with legal minds, reading these dissents and just sort of commiserating with us. It's entirely selfish. I just need people like Katie O'Connor to commiserate with me and Jess about Neil Gorsuch's big dirty abortion game. You should listen to our episode from last week. We broke it down. We broke it down. And now! Badampabadampah! It's time for our big SCOTUS preview.

**Jess Pieklo**

I love all these airhorns you've got going on. Somewhere in this house is a vuvuzela? I'll have to bust it out.

**Imani Gandy**

We have to bust it out for what we're going to talk about today, which is SCOTUS oral arguments in Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization. J-Wooo! Oh my goodness. It's the first direct challenge to Roe vs. Wade since well, Roe vs. Wade basically, and it's here. It's coming.

**Jess Pieklo**

I feel like Planned Parenthood vs. Casey is like, "Hey, guys, what about me? Planned Parenthood vs. Casey? I'm here!" Because like, you know, Casey is on the ropes too. But whatever. It's really, this is Roe's show and man, it is. Imani, like, we're here.

**Imani Gandy**

I don't, I don't. Oy oy oy oy oy oy. But let's talk about it.

**Jess Pieklo**

I feel things. So many things.

**Imani Gandy**

I have a lot of feelings. I want to feel my feelings during this episode. And so that's what we're gonna do. We're going to talk about what is going on with Dodd vs. J-Woo, we're gonna preview what to expect that this Court is going to do when it hears oral arguments on December 1. Start your engine!Vroom vroom vroom.

**Jess Pieklo**

I'm really a fan of this one.

**Imani Gandy**

So I kind of can't believe that this moment is here. You remember, back in May lo those many months ago, when the Supreme Court first announced that they were taking this case, this case that really should not be even here. We should not be here! Jess, talk to me.

**Jess Pieklo**

I do remember because the Supreme Court does the most low-key announcements it's taking cases ever, right? They just like, it's just an order list. And we're up early, because you know, that's how it goes. When you cover the Supreme Court and live in the vortex. And we're looking at orders and we're on Slack. And it's like, you know, case, case, case, case, case, boom, there's JWWHO. Like they had thought about this case over a dozen times. And there wasn't like fanfare or anything. It was just like, hey, yeah, you know what, now we're gonna take it. And I lost my mind.

**Imani Gandy**

We both lost our minds, we collectively lost our minds. And here's the thing, Mississippi and the entire anti-choice movement, they have asked the Supreme Court to overturn Roe vs. Wade. Like at bottom, that's what the Mississippi case is about. And the court just might do it. Right? And so it's been a while since we talked about Mississippi, particularly with all of the Texas shenanigans that have been ongoing. So we're gonna spend this episode reminding folks what this case is all about.

**Jess Pieklo**

That's a really good call. Okay, let's do it. So. Many moons ago. Long before the days of abortion vigilantes and Supreme Court Justice Amy COVID Barrett on the bench.,

**Imani Gandy**

[laughs] COVID Barrett.

**Jess Pieklo**

Anti-choice activists were hard at work on a plan they were convinced, truly convinced, would punch their ticket to overturning Roe vs. Wade.

**Imani Gandy**

That plan included a piece of model legislation cooked up by rando lawyers. And Jess, do you know where that plan was cooked up? Hmm. It was cooked up in 2018. During the Evangelicals for Life conference.

**Jess Pieklo**

I mean, seems legit.

**Imani Gandy**

Seems absolutely legit. An attorney at Alliance Defending Freedom. Kevin Theriot is his name, as if it's really relevant. But he basically stood up and said, "Hey, y'all, we've got a plan to reverse Roe." And then he laid out exactly what we've seen happen over the last three years, right? Introduced legislation in Mississippi based on this model legislation cooked up by rando lawyers. This legislation banned abortion at 15 weeks with only a few narrow exceptions. So you introduce this legislation. You pass this legislation. You get the Mississippi governor to sign this legislation. And then you just wait, you just play possum, right? And you wait to get sued. And then you take it straight to the Supreme Court. And here's what's really irritating about this particular ban and this particular lawsuit. There is not a single appellate court in the country that has ever upheld one of these bans. Right? All lawyers involved knew that the 15 week ban was unconstitutional. Mississippi admitted it and yet nobody cared. Right?

**Jess Pieklo**

Right.

**Imani Gandy**

The entire point of the law was that it was unconstitutional. Because...?

**Jess Pieklo**

They want a test case.

**Imani Gandy**

They want a test case, ladies and gentlemen and nonbinary people who are listening to this podcast right now.

**Jess Pieklo**

And this, like, you know, I mean, sure, test cases are a way that advocates push the envelope when it comes to advancing the law. And you know, that's how schools got desegregated. So it's not like I'm gonna say all test cases are bad test cases. What is so bad about what the anti-choice movement does, and that's different, is that there's not a legitimate difference of opinion here. This is just fully a political agenda. Right? The polling is consistent. People in this country overwhelmingly support the legal right to abortion. Like you said, there's not a lawyer in this country who actually thinks this law is constantly Shanell they just are going ahead with it anyway. And so it's really an effort by, you know, minority rule in this country to slap that into constitutional law. And God like, here we are.

**Imani Gandy**

Yeah, here we are. And so we've laid out they had this plan, right. They met at the Evangelicals for Life conference, and they concocted this plan, but they needed accomplices, right? Yeah, Alliance Defending Freedom can't do this on their own.

**Jess Pieklo**

Nope.

**Imani Gandy**

A bunch of anti-choicers can't do this on their own. And that's where the Mississippi Legislature comes in. In 2018, Mississippi lawmakers passed this 15 week ban with the main goal of sparking a legal challenge that they hoped would end up before the Supreme Court.

**Jess Pieklo**

And can we just again, I'm—this is gonna be my thing. I got a hobbyhorse for this episode, and I'm gonna ride it. I'm sorry. But this is so devious, because like you said, this is a plan that requires accomplices. Mississippi Legislature. You know who else is an accomplice in this plan? A captured federal judiciary, Because like you said, you know, no federal court has upheld this bill. No federal court has ever ruled a law like this on its face constitutional even though we've let Texas's six week ban take effect. And so, you know, that's like supervillain stuff. To say, we're gonna lose a bunch of times before we win big. And we have to just sit and have patience there. Like, there are a lot of attorneys and advocates who would have been like, you know, what, even the Fifth Circuit isn't even on our side, folks, like let's find a different thing. It's not like the anti-choice community doesn't have a whole bucketload of plans. They just like,

pick a new one out, right? You capture state legislatures, and you capture the federal courts. And that's how you get to a direct challenge for Roe vs. Wade.

**Imani Gandy**

And it worked.

**Jess Pieklo**

It did.

**Imani Gandy**

Mississippi lawmakers passed the 15 week ban. Kay Ivey signed it into law to basically taunt the states only abortion clinic, JWHO, known as the Pink House into challenging it. And they successfully did, right? They passed the law, JWHO challenged it. And here we are, days away from the Supreme Court considering the first direct challenge to Roe.

**Jess Pieklo**

I think the timeline is so important too, because like, you know, 2018 feels like, first of all five lifetimes ago. But the difference in the federal judiciary in 2018, when this case was originally sued out, to now, is truly night and day. I mean, even on the Fifth Circuit alone. The Fifth Circuit—the most conservative Federal Circuit Court of Appeals in the country right now, I think—let the Texas six week ban take effect. That's what we've been talking about for like the last month and a half, two months on this podcast is Texas, Texas, Texas, Texas. They didn't even let this Mississippi ban take effect. And it's not like they liked abortion back in 2018. Even the Fifth Circuit in 2018 wasn't as radicalized as it is now. And I think that those are just really important bookends, you know?

**Imani Gandy**

Absolutely. I mean, I recall writing a piece back in 2018, about how Mississippi's ban is unconstitutional and I actually said at the end—to paraphrase I can't remember the exact quote—I said: these sorts of pre viability abortion bans are unconstitutional for now, until Trump stacks the courts. And what happened in the next three years? Oh, Trump stacked the courts.

**Jess Pieklo**

Ugh, I legitimately just got chills.

**Imani Gandy**

Uncanny. I hate it. Thanks.

**Jess Pieklo**

Okay, so also, I feel like particularly with this case, and you know, we're guilty of it, too. There's a lot of talk about this being a quote unquote, "direct challenge to Roe" without really unpacking what that means, you know.

**Imani Gandy**

Can you do that for us?

**Imani Gandy**

So if I may..

**Imani Gandy**

Please. You have the floor, madam.

**Jess Pieklo**

Pre-viability abortion bans are unconstitutional. That was like the favorite, like improv bit that we have come up with maybe yet on this show. But it's true. You know, Roe, and Planned Parenthood vs. Casey are about abortion, yes. But they are about power, specifically the power of the state to control your reproductive life. And what these cases do is they set a limit on that state power. And that limit is a biological one, and it's fetal viability. Quite simply, Roe and Casey say that the state doesn't have the power to ban abortion before fetal viability. And what do those two cases identify as the limitation on that state power? Imani? The constitution.

**Imani Gandy**

Ooooh. You don't say.

**Jess Pieklo**

So when we sing "pre-viability abortion bans are unconstitutional," that's why! Because they are!

**Imani Gandy**

And that's why it's a really big deal that this case has happened.

**Jess Pieklo**

Yep.

**Imani Gandy**

Mississippi is effectively asking the Supreme Court to violate the United States Constitution and let the state's 15 week ban take effect, and also change abortion rights law while they are at it.

**Jess Pieklo**

It's a lot.

**Imani Gandy**

It's so much! It's too much.

**Jess Pieklo**

Also, because Mississippi is acting like this is some kind of low key request, rather than like an entire legal revolution in the works.

**Imani Gandy**

And they've been successful in a lot of respects, right, because we keep getting ding dongs writing op-eds in papers talking about how the 15 week ban is gonna be a compromise. It's not a compromise. It's what you said. There's a legal revolution in the work. It's undoing 50 years of precedent.

**Jess Pieklo**

Yeah.

**Imani Gandy**

Whoo. So before I go off on a tangent, let's ring it, let's reel it back in. The only question before the court in Dobbs vs. JWHO is whether or not states can ever ban elective abortions before fetal viability. And you know what? This feels like a trap to me.

**Jess Pieklo**

It is a trap.

**Imani Gandy**

It's a trap!

**Jess Pieklo**

Totally a trap. Look at all the landmines in the question presented. So like, you know, the QP, as the lawyers like to call it, is what the court is going to answer. And let's look at them. Elective abortion, OK.

**Imani Gandy**

Elective.

**Jess Pieklo**

All right. So like, space for fuckery right there.

**Imani Gandy**

I mean, it's like, it's like you're in high school, right? And you've got history, and you got math, and you've got you've got elective abortion. [laughs]

**Jess Pieklo**

What are you taking for electives this year? [laughs]

**Imani Gandy**

I'm just auditing it, I'm just auditing my elective abortion this year.

**Jess Pieklo**

I mean, also, can the state ever ban abortion? Like, maybe they can on Tuesdays.

**Imani Gandy**

Right. Tuesdays after a lunar eclipse.

**Jess Pieklo**

Right? Like so there's just, there's so much room in that one question for the court's conservatives to unleash utter chaos. And then to just walk away from it and act like everything's fine and normal. Be like, what? What land mine? Who? Not me.

**Imani Gandy**

And it feels to me like people are still sort of in a state of denial about what's happening, about what's coming down the pike. And so I don't want to be too hard on these ding dongs that I keep talking about who are writing these op eds? Because I can, it's almost like you can see them trying to wrestle with the fact that this is actually happening.

**Jess Pieklo**

Yeah, that's fair.

**Imani Gandy**

And if we can somehow make it seem like it's less of a crisis than it is by talking about, well, if they say a 15 week abortion ban is unconstitutional. Well, that's fine, because you could still have an abortion up to 15 weeks, right? And that's pretty great. No, no, it's not pretty great. It's actually a human rights crisis. So I need people to get on board. And to just recognize that this is happening.

**Jess Pieklo**

Well I appreciate you showing some graciousness to those folks.

**Imani Gandy**

It's a rare thing, Jess, it's a rare occasion.

**Jess Pieklo**

It's big of you. But the thing that bums me out in particular is that the court's conservatives aren't going to do that, they're gonna play on that, like they know that folks don't want to believe it's as bad as it really is. And so, you know, great—the conservatives are all gaslighting us from the bench. This is fun. We might as well talk about the nuts and bolts then.

**Imani Gandy**

I mean, what's gonna happen on December 1? I am, I am atwitter. I don't know what, like I'm just, what is gonna happen? Is Alito gonna just start screaming? Is Gorsuch gonna be as mean and nasty as he was last week? Talk to me Jess, soothe my soul.

**Jess Pieklo**

I'll do my best to soothe your soul. But also, we've never been through anything like this before.

**Imani Gandy**

We never have. We really haven't. Right? Like, no, the court is still closed to the public because of this pandemic that is still happening!

**Jess Pieklo**

Love to live in a three year panini.

**Imani Gandy**

I mean, for the love of God, man. So that means arguments are going to be livestreamed. And that means Jess and I will be live-tweeting them from the comfort of our couches.

**Jess Pieklo**

So that's okay, that's a plus.

**Imani Gandy**

That's not bad. We're both living in Boulder, Colorado now, we can just cling to each other as we go through this together. So what are we gonna—what's gonna happen here?

**Jess Pieklo**

So arguments start at 10am Eastern and like Imani said, we will be live tweeting them. So if you do not have the ability to listen in because of your work or your caregiving responsibilities, or because you've made better life choices, and you don't want to listen to this for a while. You can follow along with us on Twitter. Attorneys for the state of Mississippi will have 35 minutes to make their case and they'll be peppered with questions from the justices. Attorneys from the Center for Reproductive Rights will then have 20 minutes to make their case on behalf of the state's last remaining abortion clinic. And this is significant, I think. The Biden administration gets 15 minutes to chime in as well. So yeah, the Biden administration, they're not a party to the case, but because it involves a federal constitutional right, and one that is so significant—I mean, literally asking the Supreme Court to undo a fundamental right. It's good that the Biden administration has a few things to say, don't you think, Imani?

**Imani Gandy**

It's good. Yes. But what I just heard is that we're gonna get over an hour of Sam Alito just being a troll

**Jess Pieklo**

Tough but fair.

**Imani Gandy**

It's all very interesting that CRR is going to argue and then the Biden administration is going to argue. I'm just focusing on the fact that Alito will be trolling everyone in the courtroom the entire time. And by extension, trolling America.

**Jess Pieklo**

Yeah. And to borrow one of your favorite phrases, you know he's champing at the bit for this case too. Like, he has spent an entire lifetime just waiting to go at it on legal abortion as a Supreme Court justice. And so yeah, I think you're right.

**Imani Gandy**

Also, Clarence is gonna lose his goddamn mind. I mean, I almost wish that this case had taken place during that era of Clarence silence. Before arguments were livestreamed when he would just sit there with his arms crossed just glaring at everyone in the courtroom. Now we have to hear him talk. And he's gonna start rambling on about Black genocide and eugenics and Margaret Sanger, and I just, I don't want to. I don't like it.

**Jess Pieklo**

Do you think he's gonna drop a Dred Scott cite?

**Imani Gandy**

Um, I mean, this is his opportunity, right? For years, he has been railing against abortion, railing against how he thinks that abortion has been treated more kindly, right, than any other constitutional right, and that there is no justification for it. And he's gonna get his opportunity to go ham and I expect him to.

**Jess Pieklo**

Maaaaybe a silver lining with that—and I hate to continue to put these things on her—is Justice Sotomayor, she's gonna be loaded for bear.

**Imani Gandy**

Yes, she is. And I am here for it.

**Jess Pieklo**

Yeah. So, you know, so we'll be covering the arguments. You know, there's also going to be a big protest scene outside of the court. And this is really exciting. Rewire News Group is going to have live coverage of that on all of our social channels. So big day of content planned over at Rewire News Group.

**Imani Gandy**

Big day, and then let's talk about the happy hour, right. I'm so excited about this. One of the reasons I moved here is so we could do more stuff like this together. We are having a happy hour. Tell the people about our happy hour.

**Jess Pieklo**

So it's a big day. We're going to be processing a lot. I'm going to be feeling a lot. I'm already, I'm like pre-feeling my feelings two weeks ahead of time. It's like I'm having anticipatory feelings for oral arguments.

**Imani Gandy**

I'm basically sweating my feelings right now.

**Jess Pieklo**

Seriously, but later that evening, it will be time to feel your feelings with Jess and Imani.

**Imani Gandy**

Feel your feelings with Jess and Imani! It's gonna be great.

**Jess Pieklo**

So this is a virtual event with a link to come. So look for it on our social channels. 5pm Eastern, we've got a few special guests lined up, not gonna say who, we're gonna tease, but we've got guests. And you know what, we're just gonna let it all out.

**Imani Gandy**

Oh, so exciting. I'm so excited.

**Jess Pieklo**

We've got a drink.

**Imani Gandy**

Yes! Can we tell them the name of the drink?

**Jess Pieklo**

Sure. Go ahead.

**Imani Gandy**

We've got a special cocktail called the Roe Gin Fizz. Yes, yes. Thank you, applaud our brilliance. It's gonna be a blast.

**Jess Pieklo**

Come hang out with us! come process what happened at the hearing if you weren't able to join us for the live tweeting. Come ask us questions. Come see who's gonna join us. Have a drink or not. Scream into the void. We're all going to do it together.

**Imani Gandy**

Yes. And so I, I feel like there's one big thing that we haven't addressed yet. And that's

**Jess Pieklo**

No, Imani.

**Imani Gandy**

Yeah? No? We gotta.

**Jess Pieklo**

Okay.

**Imani Gandy**

After what the Supreme Court did in Texas in letting SB8 take effect? I gotta ask this question. Does Dobbs even matter? Does this case even matter anymore?

**Jess Pieklo**

You're coming in hot this episode. That's all I'm gonna say, Imani.

**Imani Gandy**

I definitely chose violence.

**Jess Pieklo**

You woke up and chose violence. That's, you know what? It's a really good question. And you're right, we do have to address it. And my answer is: it does. It does. It still matters, even with SB8 in effect for two months and counting now. And so here. I'll, let me explain why I think that. Okay, so at some point, as I've talked about on the show before, the court is actually going to have to justify, constitutionally speaking, like justify letting SB8 take effect. Not just "Eh, it's new and unusual, and we need some more time to think about it." They're gonna have to do the constitutional work. And Dobbs will be the first chance we get to see that. We will get to see their actual thinking around how they plan to change abortion rights law in this case.

**Imani Gandy**

I feel like the word thinking is doing a lot of work there.

**Jess Pieklo**

I mean, tough but fair, Imani Gandy. Also what the court does in Dobbs is going to go a long way to forecasting what happens for legal abortion in this country in the next 18 months, just generally. So will SB8 stay on the books for good, for example? Or is there a way that this Court splits the difference? This so called cowards' compromise that everybody is getting behind, right? Dobbs gives us a window there. So in some ways, Dobbs is more important than ever as a result of Texas because it really puts the pressure on the court to show its business.

**Imani Gandy**

But in a way...

**Jess Pieklo**

Imani, you're killing me.

**Imani Gandy**

I mean, in a way, it doesn't really matter, right? Because no matter what the court does in Dobbs, it's not gonna matter to the anti-choice movement, who is laser-focused on giving full constitutional rights to fetuses and fertilized eggs?

**Jess Pieklo**

Yeah.

**Imani Gandy**

So we know. I've been saying it for months. The next big fight is fetal personhood, which is one of the reasons why this compromise is nonsense. Because anti-choice, setting aside the fact that we don't compromise on human rights, anti-choicers don't want to compromise. They want eggs and zygotes and blastocysts to have the same rights that you and I have.

**Jess Pieklo**

Yeah.

**Imani Gandy**

And so that's what they're going for. And we just heard this week, there was an article in the Jackson Free Press out of Mississippi, that after 10 years, right? 10 years ago, they had this big fetal personhood push, they had this ballot initiative that failed., 10 years later, they're making another push—life begins at conception. The personhood movement is feeling itself right now, and they're not going to rest until every fertilized egg is a real boy! Right? [laughs]

**Jess Pieklo**

[laughs] Okay. But Imani, I think you just proved my point, though.

**Imani Gandy**

Did I?

**Jess Pieklo**

Because, yeah, because in that way, Texas and all of this, means that Dobbs matters more. Because you're absolutely right. Fetal personhood is the ultimate goal. And the court is going to have to pathway that somehow. Right? Or the anti-choice movement is going to have to figure it out if they don't absolutely give it to them. And so the only way we can have a response is if we A) understand that the anti-choice movement is absolutely going for fetal personhood, and no matter as you said, what happens in this case, what happens in Texas, that no ban is a ban enough unless it's an outright ban, like that is just the end game. But if we're ever going to have an appropriate legislative response, we need to acknowledge that fact. And the court is going to show the ways in which then advocates will have to navigate those pathways. Oof, it's a mess!

**Imani Gandy**

Woo child. That's a lot.

**Jess Pieklo**

So you know, it's good I guess that we get to wait until June to see what the hell is going on here. You know, I mean, not like lives are at stake.

**Imani Gandy**

It's no big deal. I mean, people need abortions in Texas, and they're not getting them. What's the BFD?

**Jess Pieklo**

Yeah, it's fine.

**Imani Gandy**

It's just a minor health care crisis. I mean, come on! Don't get your panties in a wad.

**Jess Pieklo**

I heard there are gonna be maternity ranches so it's fine.

**Imani Gandy**

I mean, look, they're gonna have maternity ranches. You can just take some time off, give birth, they'll let you stay there for a year, and then they're gonna kick you to the curb and then you're on your own for the next 17-plus years. No! I'm not doing that. But what I am going to do is I'm going to close this episode. Before we start veering too far afield. If you would like to talk about any of this, this Dobbs preview, what's gonna happen at SCOTUS, you can find me on Twitter at @angryblacklady. You can find Jess on Twitter at @hegemommy. On December 1, Rewire News Group is going to be poppin with content so make sure you follow @RewireNewsGroup on Twitter and on Instagram. Please join our happy hour on that day and of course we are going to have a reaction pod for you. So that's going to be happening on December 1 as well. We've got you covered. All Dobbs all the time

**Jess Pieklo**

And if you go to the website: Big beautiful Special Report page on the case.

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**Imani Gandy**

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