

OPEN THREAD: SCOTUS DECISIONS, THURSDAY EDITION [UPDATE-1]

[NB: check the byline, thanks. /~Rayne]

This is the penultimate day of the Supreme Court's term ending on June 28; a few more decisions today with the remainder tomorrow Friday, the last day of the term.

Decisions released today will follow below. Unfortunately I need to be away from my desk for a while this morning; I may not post the decisions promptly after 10:00 a.m. ET but I will do so as soon as I can get to my desk.

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Time-killing observations:

SCOTUS taking up gender-affirming care of transgender children:

The court agreed Monday to hear the Biden administration's challenge to a Tennessee's ban on gender-affirming medical treatment for minors, an increasingly potent political issue that has divided lower courts and emerged as a leading front in the battle over LGBTQ issues.

This is going to be as messy as other decisions like those about gun and reproductive rights.

This one will likely go 5-4 with conservatives in majority, none of whom will give a shit about the children's sentiments.

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UPDATE-1 – 10:40 A.M. – Today's decisions –

First decision: Ohio v. EPA

Justice Gorsuch wrote the 5-4 decision;
Justice Barrett wrote the dissent, siding

with the liberals on this case related to the EPA's "Good Neighbor" rule.

Second decision: Harrington v. Purdue Pharma L.P.

Justice Gorsuch also wrote this 5-4 decision; Justice Kavanaugh wrote the dissent with what seems an odd combination of Kagan, Roberts, and Sotomayor.

This was about the bankrupt maker of prescription pain-killer Oxycontin and the release of claims.

Third decision: Securities and Exchange Commission v. Jarkesy

Chief Justice Roberts wrote the 6-3 decision; Justice Sotomayor wrote the dissent. The case centered on a hedge fund manager's fraud and their Seventh Amendment right to a trial.

Fourth decision: Moyle v. United States and Idaho v. United States (consolidated)

As expected after yesterday's accidental leak of the decision, SCOTUS dismissed the emergency abortion case.

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Updates with news related to the SCOTUS decisions today will appear at the bottom of this post. This is an open thread.