



## **MESSAGE: Democracy Means Respecting Your Rights**

Trump's conservative-majority Supreme Court is wrapping up the current term, and their extreme rulings could affect your rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution. Here in Minnesota, we respect your right to make your own decisions and your own voice heard — it's core to our democracy and the values we share.

- **Democracy means respecting your fundamental rights and freedoms.** It means upholding your Constitutional rights to belong, participate in your community, and make personal decisions about your health care.
- **Democracy means you have a say.** You have the right to vote, speak your mind, and have your voice heard.
- **Trump's Supreme Court is the most conservative of our lifetime.** His handpicked justices continue to make sweeping decisions for you instead of letting you decide for yourself.
- **Trump and his allies claim to believe in states' rights and individual freedom — but only when it serves their agenda.** When states choose a different path, they turn to the courts to overrule states and communities that disagree with them.
- **Minnesotans believe decisions about our lives belong to us.** We've got good heads on our shoulders, and we know what's best for our families, our communities, and our state.
- **The DFL is fighting to protect the fundamental freedoms of every Minnesotan and keep Minnesota a place where everyone can chart their own path.**

## **FACTS**

- The Supreme Court, which has a 6-3 conservative majority, has nearly 20 cases left to decide in its current term. [[Source](#)]

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- When Trump’s handpicked justices showed signs of straying from his plan earlier this year, he publicly shamed them as “disloyal” and “gone weak, stupid, and bad.” [\[Source\]](#) [\[Source\]](#)
- Ahead of the country’s 250th birthday, the bedrock principles of federalism — the uniquely American system of power sharing between Washington and the states — are being tested. [\[Source\]](#)

## QUOTES

**“Make states the laboratories of democracy once again.** —Donald Trump, 2018  
[\[Source\]](#)

**“I don’t know.”** —Donald Trump, 2025, when asked if he has to uphold the Constitution  
[\[Source\]](#)

**“States are just an agent of the federal government.”** —Donald Trump, 2026  
[\[Source\]](#)

## IN THE NEWS

- NBC NEWS: **“Trump faces Supreme Court showdown as major rulings loom”** [\[Source\]](#)
- CNN: **“Supreme Court turns toward an explosive final month with Trump’s priorities at stake”** [\[Source\]](#)

## ACTION

- **We win by [listening to our neighbors](#).** Sign up for [at least 1 event this week](#) to help us charge past our goal of 100,000 doors knocked by the end of June.
- **[Share your story with the Minnesota DFL!](#)** What issues are you seeing in your day-to-day life?
- **[Share Your Why!](#)** We’ve received hundreds of replies already. Tell us what makes you show up to do this work.

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- Do you follow a content creator who is often posting progressive content? Do you know a creator who shares your DFL values? [Refer a creator](#) and we will reach out to them with content support!
- **Sign up for [DFL Amplify](#) to help us reach more persuadable voters on social media.** Get rapid-response content, messaging support, and training delivered straight to your phone or computer.
- **Your voice matters! [Sign up here](#) to write a letter to the editor of your local paper.**
- **Tell your loved ones about [Couch to Campaign Trail](#).** This new initiative turns community concerns into small, meaningful actions sent by text that keep building our state's voice, our confidence, and our momentum.

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