

READING & WRITING. TEXT 1 – ROE v. WADE

→ Find a synonym for each of the words in bold letters.

In the case *Roe v. Wade*, the U.S. Supreme Court **established** that women in the United States had a legal right to abortion. The Court **ruled on** the case on January 22, 1973, and the decision **stood** for **nearly 50 years**. The constitutional right to **obtain** an abortion in the United States **was eliminated, however**, on June 24, 2022, with the Court's ruling in another case, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*.

In *Roe v. Wade* the Court **ruled** that states could not **pass laws restricting** abortion in the first trimester of pregnancy. Restrictive state laws on abortion at a later stage of pregnancy were also **held to be** unconstitutional.

Roe v. Wade was one of the Supreme Court's most **controversial decisions**.

In a 7-2 vote, the Court ruled that a set of Texas laws criminalizing abortion in most instances **violated** a woman's constitutional right to privacy without government interference. The Court cited the "due process"* clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, which **forbids states from denying** to any person "life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." The Supreme Court found that a

right of privacy **was implied** in that amendment's guarantee of **liberty**.

was implicit / was inferred

freedom

Since the case was decided in 1973, repeated legal challenges succeeded in

narrowing the scope of *Roe v. Wade*. In *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern*

Pennsylvania v. Casey (1992), the Supreme Court **lowered** the standard that legal

lessened / diminished

restrictions on abortion must meet **in order to be** held constitutional.

(so as) to be

Roe v. Wade was ultimately **overturned** in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*

Invalidated / repealed / nullified

Organization (2022). In that case, the Court voted 6-3 to **uphold** a Mississippi law

to affirm

that **banned** almost all abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy. Its decision

prohibited / outlawed/restricted / made illegal

overturned both *Roe* and *Casey*. The *Dobbs* ruling thus allowed individual states

to legally **outlaw** abortion.

ban / prohibit / criminalize / make illegal

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