

# OPEN THREAD: SCOTUS END OF TERM RELEASES

This is an open thread focused on Supreme Court orders and decisions released this week, the final week of the court's term.

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<https://twitter.com/USSupremeCourt> –  
Updates

SCOTUSblog: <https://twitter.com/SCOTUSblog>  
– Analysis

Steve Vladeck:

[https://twitter.com/steve\\_vladeck](https://twitter.com/steve_vladeck) –  
Dedicated thread with updates and analysis

Chris Geidner:

<https://twitter.com/chrisgeidner> –  
Dedicated thread with updates and analysis

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28-JUN-2022

Ardoin, LA Secretary of State, et al. v. Robinson, Press, et al.

Certiorari Granted

Stay granted 6-3 by SCOTUS, essentially fucking over Black voters in Louisiana for this mid-term election by way of the shadow docket.

#BREAKING: Over dissents from the three liberal Justices, #SCOTUS issues unsigned, unexplained shadow docket order putting Louisiana's congressional maps (which a district court blocked) back into effect and adding the case to the merits docket for next Term:  
[pic.twitter.com/mIpuVlJskV](https://pic.twitter.com/mIpuVlJskV)

– Steve Vladeck (@steve\_vladeck) June 28, 2022

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29-JUN-2022

Oklahoma, Petitioner v. Victor Manuel Castro-Huerta

5-4 decision, Kavanaugh majority opinion, Gorsuch with dissent

Against hundreds of years of congressional action, against solid #SCOTUS precedent, and hundreds of years of history, the Supreme Court held today that states have jurisdiction over

certain crimes in Indian Country by  
judicial fiat. A devastating result for  
our democracy.

[pic.twitter.com/D7H75l0nhZ](https://pic.twitter.com/D7H75l0nhZ)

– Maggie Blackhawk (@MaggieBlackhawk)

June 29, 2022

Blackhawk's next tweet encapsulates much of the  
problem with this particular SCOTUS iteration:

There is little to say here other than  
the fact that our Supreme Court has  
become a superlegislature. Precedent,  
statutes, separation of powers, reason,  
the rule of law, these things all mean  
nothing.

– Maggie Blackhawk (@MaggieBlackhawk)

June 29, 2022

This court is not legitimate because it fails to  
recognize previous SCOTUS decisions, undermines  
fundamental human rights, and tears at  
democracy, while re-colonizing Native American  
nations without the express approval of U.S.  
legislature, or the re-colonized by nation, or  
by bodily autonomy.

It is a superlegislature supplanting the role of  
the legislative branch while frustrating the  
executive branch's ability to fulfill functions  
outlined in legislation.

Given what it has already done this term, what  
are the odds this same court further destroys  
the executive branch's long-recognized functions  
in its last decisions on West Virginia v. EPA  
and Biden v. Texas this term?

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29-JUN-2022

Le Roy Torres, Petitioner v. Texas Department of  
Public Safety

5-4 decision, Breyer majority opinion, Kagan

concurring, Thomas dissent

SCOTUS finds in favor of U.S. veterans' rights. Texas agreed upon becoming a state that its sovereignty was subordinate to federal policy; this will tweak the noses of Texas secessionists.

In 5-4 opinion, SCOTUS rules Le Roy Torres – @trooper1999 – can sue Texas in effort to get his old State Police job back. Here's @johnyangtv's powerful piece as the case went to argument.  
@Burnpit360  
<https://t.co/DPuzniUScJ><https://t.co/00pRZbkrHI>

– Kyle Midura (@KyleMidura) June 29, 2022

The disturbing part of this decision:

Lots of awful SCOTUS drops today, but the fact that Torres v. Texas Dept of Public Safety is a 5-4 opinion is terrifying.

– Amy (@moogacat) June 29, 2022

And by that I mean that four people voted in the dissent. That case should not have been a close call.

– Amy (@moogacat) June 29, 2022

It's as if the four dissenters don't realize they're arguing against their own legitimacy. If federal law isn't supreme, why is their court supreme?

Or is that the point, they're making yet another argument for states' rights?

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