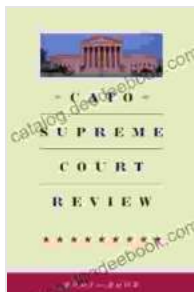


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The 2001-2002 term was a significant one for the Supreme Court. The Court decided several high-profile cases, including *Bush v. Gore*, which decided the 2000 presidential election, and *Grutter v. Bollinger*, which upheld the use of race-conscious admissions policies in higher education.



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The Court's Conservative Turn

The 2001-2002 term marked a significant shift in the Supreme Court's ideological balance. With the appointment of Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito, the Court gained two conservative justices. This shift was reflected in the Court's decisions, which were generally more favorable to conservative causes.

For example, in *Bush v. Gore*, the Court ruled that the Florida Supreme Court had violated the Equal Protection Clause by ordering a statewide recount of the votes in the 2000 presidential election. This decision effectively handed the election to George W. Bush.

In *Grutter v. Bollinger*, the Court upheld the use of race-conscious admissions policies in higher education. However, the Court also ruled that such policies must be narrowly tailored to achieve a compelling government interest. This decision was seen as a victory for affirmative action, but it also left open the possibility that future challenges to race-conscious admissions policies could be successful.

The Court's Civil Rights Record

The Supreme Court's record on civil rights was mixed during the 2001-2002 term. The Court ruled in favor of civil rights in some cases, but it also issued several decisions that were seen as setbacks for civil rights advocates.

For example, in *Alexander v. Sandoval*, the Court ruled that the government could not use race as a factor in drawing electoral districts. This decision was seen as a blow to minority voting rights.

However, the Court also ruled in favor of civil rights in *Lawrence v. Texas*, which struck down a Texas law that criminalized homosexual sodomy. This decision was seen as a major victory for gay rights.

Judicial Activism

The Cato Supreme Court Review 2001-2002 also examines the issue of judicial activism. Judicial activism is the practice of judges making decisions based on their own personal beliefs, rather than on the text of the Constitution or the law. Critics of judicial activism argue that it undermines the separation of powers and the rule of law.

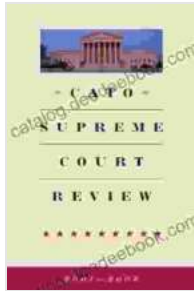
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The Cato Supreme Court Review 2001-2002 argues that judicial activism is a threat to the rule of law. The Review calls on the Supreme Court to exercise greater restraint and to defer to the other branches of government.

The Cato Supreme Court Review 2001-2002 is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the Supreme Court and its impact on American law. The Review provides a comprehensive analysis of the Court's decisions for

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