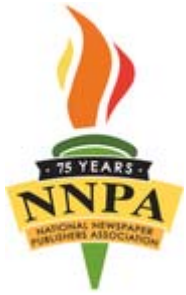




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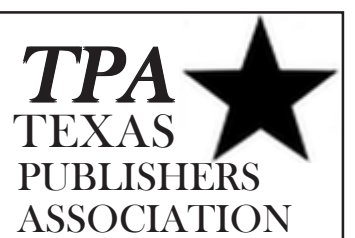
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THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

Let's just get it out there and over with. And I'm speaking of the elephant in the room, literally.

What is a 'Black' job?

Last's week's debate hasn't left anyone I've spoken with asking questions about Climate Change reform. Or, inflation, home buying solutions, tax breaks, pay increases, health care, or the undeniably corrupt Supreme Court.

Nope. Everyone I've spoken with is still hung up on what Trump said in his rebuttal to Joe Biden's statement on Black citizens in this country.

Now, there are several ways we can go with this. Perhaps, Trump was trying to answer the question before him. To be fair, the CNN moderator brought up Black voters; not Trump. More on that in a second.

If the moderator had used Asians instead of Blacks, Trump most likely would have referred to Asians in his response. Trumps vitriol wasn't toward Blacks. It was toward Biden. I just believe Trump used a poor phrase to get his point across because his IQ is well below average.

However, I still blame him for making a stupid comment. Did he fall off the face of the Earth these last few months? I ask because I'm somewhat confused. Excuse me, but isn't it his own party that's causing Blacks to lose jobs? I don't see immigrants folding the tents on DEI. I don't see immigrants reversing equal opportunity policies that have been in place for over 50 years.

But let's say Trump does win the president's seat again. I know one job that better go to a Black person after spewing all that non-sense. For his next VP's chromosomes better match mine.

But let's back up to that CNN moderator for a second. I'm appalled she would raise such a question considering her network rejected every single Black-owned media organization from covering the debate in the first place. I get sick of being used for cannon fodder by these scavengers, man. Seriously.

I have loaded this week's issue with the history of the Civil Rights Act. It's unfortunate that July 2nd is overlooked for July 4th.

So, I'll just leave you with this: Happy Civil Rights Act signage Day!

Supreme Court Overturns Chevron: Major Blow to Consumer Protections and Regulatory Power



The decision could lead to skyrocketing phone bills, soaring healthcare costs, and dismantling regulations on safe food and consumer protections that have been in place for decades.



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(NNPA) - In a ruling that should make all Americans stop saying what the Supreme Court, those in power, or individuals seeking office and the presidency can't do, the high court issued what could be a devastating ruling on the so-called Chevron decision. The decision could lead to skyrocketing phone bills, soaring healthcare costs, and dismantling regulations on safe food and consumer protections that have been in place for decades. The Supreme Court has consigned to history the 1984 ruling known as Chevron v. Natural Resources Defense Council, potentially jeopardizing the safety and rights of consumers and the environment.

In a 6-3 decision, the conservative majority of the court dealt another blow to the power of federal agencies. In writing for the majority, Chief Justice John Roberts declared, "Chevron is overruled. Courts must exercise their independent judgment in deciding whether an agency has acted within its statutory authority." Liberal Justice Elena Kagan, in her dissent, warned that a "longstanding precedent at the crux of administrative governance thus falls victim to a bald assertion of judicial authority."

At the time of its decision, Chevron was a victory for the Reagan administration's deregulatory agenda, granting judges the ability to defer to federal agencies in interpreting ambiguous statutes. The flexibility allowed Democratic and Republican presidents to implement new regulations across various issues. However, many Republicans have increasingly criticized Chevron, arguing it gives too much power to agency bureaucrats. Environmental activists and other groups on the left have defended Chevron for its ability to address issues like climate change.

The case that led to this ruling involved a challenge to a federal regulation requiring fishing vessel operators to fund data collection for fishery conservation and management. The National Marine Fisheries Service, which oversees ocean resources, issued a rule in 2020 mandating vessel operators pay up to \$710 a day for independent observers to monitor operations. Small owner-operators argued this cost was burdensome, challenging the service's authority under the 1976 Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The lower courts had ruled in favor of the federal government.

The Trump administration has supported a campaign by the conservative justices to limit the power of federal agencies, and this decision is the most recent in that series. The court's conservative

majority, including three Trump appointees—Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Coney Barrett—has repeatedly struck down agency actions lacking explicit congressional authorization, following the "major questions doctrine."

Former acting Solicitor General Neal Katyal sounded the alarm in a NBC News interview, stating, "The Supreme Court has done an extraordinary thing, an extraordinarily dangerous thing. Most government regulation in this country is not done by Congress. It's done by administrative agencies... What the Supreme Court did today by a 6-3 vote is overturned Chevron. That is going to make it much more difficult to regulate businesses, to protect consumers, to protect the environment, and to protect our healthcare."

Katyal emphasized the sweeping impact of the ruling, noting that regulations by agencies like the EPA, FDA, and FCC, which influence everything from environmental standards to food safety and phone bill costs, will now face greater challenges. He warned, "This decision... is going to change government as we know it."



In a 6-3 decision along ideological lines in *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*, the Supreme Court last Friday overturned the Chevron doctrine, which showed deference to federal agencies adopting their own interpretation of an ambiguous law so long as it was "reasonable" and "permissible." Chief Justice John Roberts, writing for the majority, called the original Chevron decision "fundamentally misguided." The ruling could curtail some of the swings from administration to administration as agencies change interpretations to match their policy goals and ideological priors. But it could also have little effect at all.

The political dynamic behind the ruling reflects the decreasing productivity of Congress due to partisan divides, leading to a greater reliance on agency rules to achieve regulatory goals, particularly by Democratic presidents. The 1984 Chevron precedent, which called for judicial deference to federal agency interpretations of ambiguous laws, has been a target of conservatives and business interests for years. With the ruling, the Supreme Court has dramatically shifted the landscape of American governance, with opponents arguing that it potentially jeopardizes decades of consumer and environmental protections and ushered in a new era of regulatory challenges.

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