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Situation: What is the situation that led to the case?

FACTS of the CASE

Amish parents, Jonas Yoder, Wallace Miller, and Adin Yutzy, were convicted under Wisconsin's compulsory school attendance law requiring education until age 16, refusing post-eighth-grade schooling due to religious beliefs against high school exposure, conflicting with Amish values

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Constitutional Question: What is SCOTUS trying to answer?

Whether Wisconsin's compulsory attendance law, applied to Amish parents, violated the First Amendment's Free Exercise Clause, balancing state education interests against religious freedom.

What are the MAIN Arguments of both sides?

Plaintiff: Claimed the law burdened their free exercise by mandating high school attendance, contrary to religious beliefs, endangering salvation, with community vocational training sufficient

Respondent: Argued a compelling interest in universal education for citizenship and societal integration, with the law neutral and generally applicable, not targeting religion

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Opinions: What were the opinions that resulted from the Justices?

Majority: Chief Justice Burger, in a 7-0 decision, held the parents' free exercise rights outweighed state interests, noting high school conflicted with Amish life, with Justices Stewart and White concurring

Dissenting: Justice William O. Douglas partially dissented, advocating for considering children's rights, but joined the majority outcome, as

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	children weren't parties and shared parents' objections
Time: What year did the case occur? Terminology: Are there Important terms related to case?	1972 Free Exercise Clause, Compelling State Interest, Strict Scrutiny, Fundamental Rights, Parental Rights, and Religious Exemptions
U	First and Fourteenth amendment
U.S. Constitution: Which amendments or articles does this case apply to?	
S	Established that states must accommodate religious practices conflicting with laws, impacting education policy and reinforcing parental religious freedom, with lasting effects on free exercise jurisprudence
Significance: What is the significance of the court case?	
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