

Trump Demands Jail for Journalists Behind Dobbs Leak

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Former President Donald Trump is demanding that the journalists who published the leaked draft of a U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning *Roe v. Wade* be jailed if they do not disclose their source.

The Supreme Court said Thursday that its investigation into the leak was unable to identify those responsible for allowing a draft of the *Dobbs v. Jackson* opinion to end up in the hands of *Politico*, which published its bombshell report in early May.

The final decision in *Dobbs* was released by the high court in late June, which ultimately rolled back federal abortion rights.

Trump posted on his Truth Social account Thursday that the Supreme Court will "never find out" who leaked the draft based on its investigation, adding that it was "important that they do."

"So, go to the reporter & ask him/her who it was," Trump suggested. "If not given the answer, put whoever in jail until the answer is given."

"You might add the publisher and editor to the list," the former president added. "Stop playing games, this leaking cannot be allowed to happen. It won't take long before the name of this slime is revealed!"

Trump repeated his demands in a separate Truth Social post shortly after, writing, "Arrest the reporter, publisher, editor - you'll get your answer fast. Stop playing games and wasting time!"

According to the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press (RCFP), most state courts and federal circuits have some sort of "reporter's privilege," which allows journalists to refuse to testify in court regarding their confidential sources.

However, in 1972, the Supreme Court found in both *Branzburg v. Hayes* and *United States v. Caldwell* that freedom of the press protections under the First Amendment did not shield reporters from being required to disclose confidential information to a grand jury when the information is "paramount" in a government investigation.

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The *Politico* reporters behind the leaked draft have not acknowledged the Supreme Court's investigation publicly as of Thursday evening. *Newsweek* has reached out to *Politico* for comment.

According to the report released Thursday regarding the Supreme Court's probe, investigators conducted 126 formal interviews of 97 employees, including the justices' law clerks.

The court also referred to the leaked opinion as "one of the worst breaches of trust in [the Supreme Court's] history."

"The leak was no mere misguided attempt at protest," read the report. "It was a grave assault on the judicial process."

Newsweek has also reached out to the Supreme Court's public information office for comment.

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Trump Suggests Jailing Reporters Behind Dobbs Leak

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In the insert, former President Donald Trump delivers a speech during the evening session on the fourth day of the Republican National Convention on July 21, 2016, in Cleveland, Ohio. People protest in response to the Dobbs v Jackson ruling in front of the U.S. Supreme Court on June 24, 2022, in Washington, D.C. Trump suggested that the reporters responsible for leaking a draft opinion of the Dobbs decision, which ultimately overturned federal abortion rights, should be jailed if they do not reveal their source.

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FBI Offering \$25,000 Reward For Details About Attacks On Pro-Life Pregnancy Centers

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is offering rewards of up to \$25,000 for information about attacks on reproductive health service facilities, including those belonging to pro-life organizations.

The FBI is offering rewards for information leading to the identification, arrest, and conviction of the suspects responsible for the attacks, the bureau announced Thursday.

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Attacks targeted:

-pregnancy resource centers

-faith-based organizations

-reproductive health clinics <https://t.co/xmGq3s58Ur>

- Jeff Seldin (@jseldin) January 19, 2023

"Today's announcement reflects the FBI's commitment to vigorously pursue investigations into crimes against pregnancy resource centers, faith-based organizations, and reproductive health clinics across the country," said FBI Director Christopher Wray.

"We will continue to work closely with our national, state, and local law enforcement partners to hold responsible anyone who uses extremist views to justify their criminal actions," he continued.

Over 100 pro-life pregnancy centers, pro-life organizations and churches have been attacked since the May 2 leak of the Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v.Wade, according to the Family Research Council, a Christian group.

Militant abortion rights group "Jane's Revenge" has claimed responsibility for nearly two dozen of the attacks, Newsweek reported. Jane's Revenge graffiti was sprayed alongside a pro-abortion message outside a mother & child education center that was subject to arson and vandalism in July 2022, according to an FBI poster.

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"The FBI is seeking the public's assistance due to the fact law enforcement has not been able to collect sufficient evidence to identify and arrest the responsible parties; we need the public's assistance to develop additional investigative leads," the FBI told the Daily Caller.

The FBI can investigate the incidents as domestic terrorism, violations of the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act (FACE) or violent crime matters, the bureau said. **(RELATED: 'Disregard For The Safety Of Women': Pro-Life Doctors Blast FDA's Decision To Offer Abortion Pills At Pharmacies)**

CompassCare, a pregnancy center in Oregon, said it would hire private investigators to track down a suspect who attacked its Buffalo, New York, location in June, according to National Review. CompassCare claimed the FBI is "slow walking" its investigation into attacks on pregnancy centers, which so far has not yielded any arrests.

The FBI also had interest in investigating protests outside the homes of Supreme Court Justices, but decided to take no action, according to the Daily Signal.

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A crest of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is seen 03 August 2007 inside the J. Edgar Hoover FBI Building in Washington, DC. AFP PHOTO/Mandel NGAN (Photo credit should read MANDEL NGAN/AFP via Getty Images)

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White House condemns Trump's call to jail journalists after Supreme Court Dobbs leak

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Body

The White House has condemned Donald Trump's call for journalists to be jailed after the Supreme Court leak of the Dobbs ruling, reversing Roe v Wade and constitutional abortion rights last year.

The former president reacted to the announcement by the top US court that an investigation lasting months had been unable to find out who leaked a draft of the opinion overturning Roe to Politico.

Mr Trump wrote on Truth Social that "they'll never find out, & it's important that they do. So, go to the reporter & ask him/her who it was. If not given the answer, put whoever in jail until the answer is given. You might add the publisher and editor to the list".

Mr Trump added that authorities should "stop playing games" because such a leak mustn't be allowed to take place.

"It won't take long before the name of this slime is revealed! Arrest the reporter, publisher, editor – you'll get your answer fast. Stop playing games and wasting time!" he said.

The White House pushed back on Friday, issuing a statement saying that "the freedom of the press is part of the bedrock of American democracy. Calling for egregious abuses of power in order to suppress the Constitutional rights of reporters is an insult to the rule of law and undermines fundamental American values and traditions".

"Instead, it's the responsibility of all leaders to protect First Amendment rights. These views are not who we are as a country, and they are what we stand against in the world," the White House added.

Reporters can't be sent to jail for releasing a leaked Supreme Court opinion under US law, and they cannot be detained as a way to force them to reveal their sources except under extraordinarily rare conditions.

Mr Trump has previously called for reporters to be reprimanded for publishing information he believes to be less than ideal for him. When several outlets reported that he was taken to a White House bunker during civil rights

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protests in Washington, DC in 2020, he was reported to have argued that the journalists breaking the news should be put on trial for treason.

On Thursday, the Supreme Court released a report on the investigation into the leak of the draft opinion written by Justice Samuel Alito in the case Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization.

The report stated that the source of the leak hadn't been identified. Politico reporters Josh Gerstein and Alexander Ward got the scoop last spring.

Republicans and right-wing media were enraged by the leak and Mr Trump previously suggested in June that the court "go to the reporter" to locate the source.

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