

Decisions and Dissents of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg: A Legacy of Progress and Dissent

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a towering figure in American jurisprudence, left an indelible mark on the Supreme Court and the nation. Throughout her illustrious career, she authored countless landmark opinions and dissents that shaped the course of American law and society. This article delves into some of her most significant decisions and dissents, highlighting her unwavering commitment to gender equality, civil rights, and the rule of law.



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Trailblazing Decisions

Justice Ginsburg's decisions were often groundbreaking, expanding the rights of women and minorities. In *United States v. Virginia* (1996), she authored the majority opinion that struck down the male-only admissions policy of the Virginia Military Institute (VMI). Her powerful words in the

opinion resonated with many: "Educational institutions can play and have played a vital role in overcoming the scourge of sex discrimination. They can and should do more."

In *Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.* (2007), Justice Ginsburg's dissent became a rallying cry for equal pay advocates. She argued that Lilly Ledbetter should have been allowed to sue her employer for discriminatory pay practices, even though she had not filed a formal complaint within 180 days of the initial pay decision. Her dissenting opinion galvanized support for the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which was signed into law in 2009.

Powerful Dissents

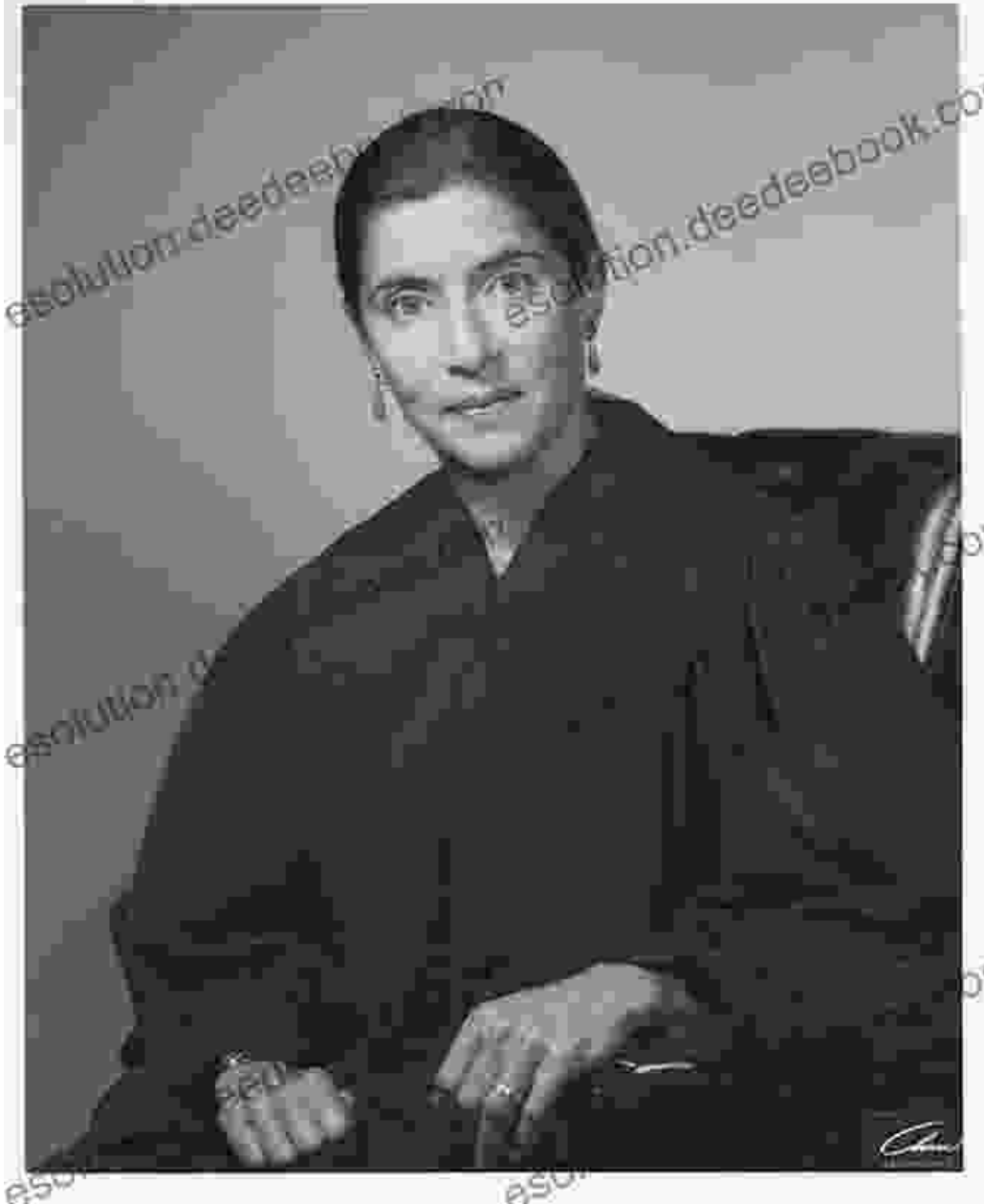
Justice Ginsburg's dissents were equally influential, often shaping the legal landscape even though they did not become the majority view. In *Shelby County v. Holder* (2013), she penned a powerful dissent to the Court's decision to strike down a key provision of the Voting Rights Act. She argued that the law was still necessary to combat racial discrimination in voting. Her dissenting opinion has become a touchstone for voting rights advocates and serves as a reminder of the ongoing struggle for electoral justice.

In *Bush v. Gore* (2000), Justice Ginsburg dissented from the majority's decision to halt a recount in Florida, effectively handing the presidency to George W. Bush. In her dissent, she argued that the Court's intervention was a "denial of justice" and that the recount should have been allowed to proceed. Her words resonated with many Americans who felt that the election had been decided unfairly.

A Legacy of Progress and Dissent

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's decisions and dissents left an enduring legacy on American law and society. She was a tireless champion of equality, justice, and the rule of law. Her opinions and dissents continue to inspire and guide legal scholars, policymakers, and everyday citizens. Her unwavering commitment to progress and dissent will continue to shape the nation for generations to come.

In the words of Justice Ginsburg herself, "Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."



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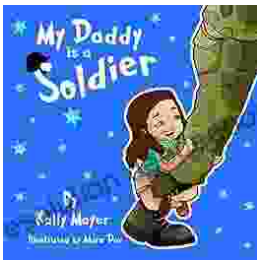
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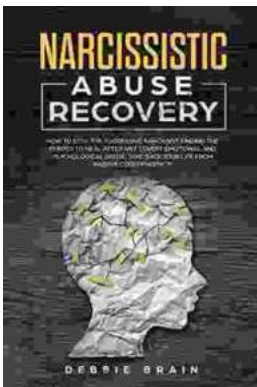
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