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Let's Return to Legislative Solutions

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Trump's presidency may have redirected the progressive's strategy for changing society. Several decades ago, faced with selling progressive ideas too difficult to get through Congress, they sought another solution – going to court. After relying on the courts for fulfilling their plans for transformational change, such as with Roe v. Wade and prayer in schools, their strategy may be changing once again.

Trump has appointed two conservatives to the Supreme Court and may have the opportunity to appoint more. In the ranks of Federal judge appointments, the President is on an impressive pace. Even Elizabeth Warren recognized the futility of doing everything possible through the courts. She recently declared: ".....we should be pushing for a congressional solution.....states are heading toward trying to ban abortion outright, and the Supreme Court.....we can't simply rely on the courts."

There was a case last year in which the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of a historic religious monument on public land. Trump appointee Justice Brett Kavanaugh wrote in an opinion that he acknowledged the "genuine and important" concerns on both sides. He reminded us of the value of pursuing legislation by stating: "This court is not the only guardian of individual rights in America."