## HIGH COURT ENDS WITH A MEDIA CRASH

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on media coverage of the Supreme Court:

The Supreme Court ends its 2021-2022 term today. It also ends a particularly embarrassing time for the media.

On June 24, the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 to overturn *Roe v. Wade*; it also ruled 6-3 to uphold the Mississippi law banning abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy. Astonishingly, many media outlets got the story wrong.

The following media outlets incorrectly reported that the decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* was 6-3:

Washington Post **USA** Today Yahoo Fox News New York Post New York Daily News Daily Caller Washington Free Beacon Forbes Fortune The Hill New York Magazine Atlanta Journal Constitution Pittsburgh Post Gazette Chicago Sun Times New York Times (headline was wrong but online news story was right)

Seasoned journalists should have known from the leaked draft of the decision that it was going to be a 5-4 decision. They also should have known that Supreme Court Justice John Roberts was likely to uphold the Mississippi law, while siding with the minority in the ruling to overturn *Roe*.

It is no wonder that a large majority of Americans do not trust the media.