

The New Right

President Ronald Reagan encouraged a growing conservative movement called the **New Right**. It tried to overturn controversial Supreme Court decisions made by the Warren Court in the 1960s. Two major cases for the **New Right** were *Engel v. Vitale* and *Roe v. Wade*. They also campaigned for stricter censorship of pornographic materials. Reagan also wanted his Supreme Court to **defeat the Equal Rights Amendment**.



Ronald Reagan

President Ronald Reagan supported attempts to pass constitutional amendments allowing school prayer and banning abortions. These proposals did not receive the necessary 2/3 vote in Congress.

Reagan then shifted his focus toward the Supreme Court. He did manage to reinforce the Supreme Court's conservative direction with new appointments. He named Associate Justice William Rehnquist to replace the retiring Chief Justice Warren Burger in 1986. Reagan also added three conservatives to Court vacancies: Sandra O'Connor (the first woman to serve on the Court), Antonin Scalia, and Arthur Kennedy.



Sandra O'Connor