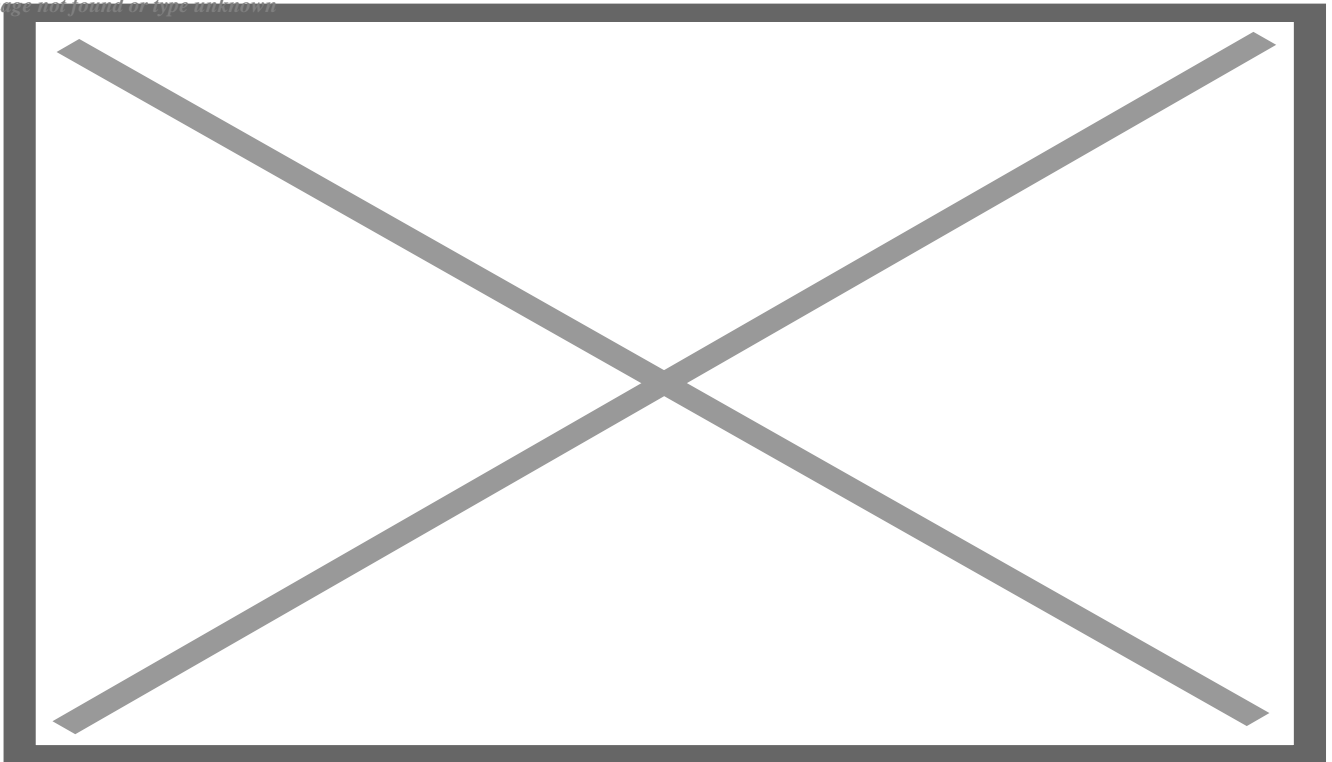


Thousands protest Trump's Supreme Court pick in Women's March

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Thousands march against Supreme Court pick. (Photo: AP)

Washington, October 18 (RHC)-- Women and their supporters rallied in Washington, DC, and across the United States on Saturday as part of a Women's March against President Donald Trump's recent nominee to the Supreme Court, Amy Coney Barrett.

Speaking to a crowd gathered at Freedom Plaza in the U.S. capital, Rachel O'Leary Carmona, the Women's March executive director, said more than 400 similar protests were organised across the country.

"When we come together, when we take the streets, when we vote, women are the single most powerful political force in America, and there is nothing -- not one thing -- that Donald Trump can do to stop us,"

she said.

The crowd of thousands of people in Washington, DC -- most of whom wore masks due to the COVID-19 pandemic -- marched to the U.S. Supreme Court building.

It was the second event organized by the Women's March this year after thousands rallied around the country in January for the fourth annual march.

Several speakers urged demonstrators to vote Trump out of office on November 3, and chants of "Vote him out!" could be heard during the march. Event organizers also stressed the need to send a clear message of opposition to Barrett and any potential curbs on women's rights.

If confirmed, the conservative judge would give the nation's top court a 6-3 conservative majority and rights groups have said they fear Barrett intends to restrict access to abortion and other civil liberties.

Republicans in the U.S. Senate have sought to push Barrett's nomination through before the vote, drawing the ire of Democratic legislators who say the next president should decide who fills Ginsburg's seat on the top court. The Senate Judiciary Committee has set an October 22nd vote on Barrett's nomination.

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