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Obamacare Case Bigger than *Roe v. Wade*

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Here's a Rorschach Test for conservatives: could the Obamacare suit turn out to be a bigger Supreme Court decision than *Roe v. Wade*?

Ilya Shapiro of the libertarian Cato Institute [thinks so](#):

Indeed, this litigation implicates the future of the Republic as *Roe* never did. On both the individual-mandate and Medicaid-coercion issues, the Court will decide whether the Constitution's structure - federalism and enumeration of powers - is judicially enforceable or whether Congress is the sole judge of its own authority. In other words, do we have a government of laws or men?