Americans Have Overturned Bad US Supreme Court Decisions 7 Times

1. **The Eleventh Amendment**—overturned, in 1795, a Supreme Court decision from 1793 allowing federal courts to hear cases in which a citizen of one state sues the government of another.

2. **The Thirteenth Amendment**—abolished slavery, after *Dred Scott v. Sandford* (1857) held that slaves could not sue for freedom because they and their children were not citizens.

3. **The Fourteenth Amendment**—grants citizenship to anyone born or naturalized in the United States. This also overrules *Dred Scott's* ruling that slaves were not eligible for citizenship.

4. **The Sixteenth Amendment**—gives Congress the power to levy a direct national income tax, 18 years after 1895's *Pollock v. Farmers' Loan & Trust Co.* held that individual income taxes were unconstitutional.

5. **The Nineteenth Amendment**—guarantees women the right to vote, even though *Minor v. Happersett* (1875) had found that the Fourteenth Amendment did not include women.


7. **The Twenty-sixth Amendment**—allows 18-year-olds to vote in federal, state, and local elections. *Oregon v. Mitchell* (1970) had ruled that states could set their own minimum voting age. But with many 18-year-olds dying in the Vietnam war, the 26th amendment was adopted in 1971.

**We must do it again now.**