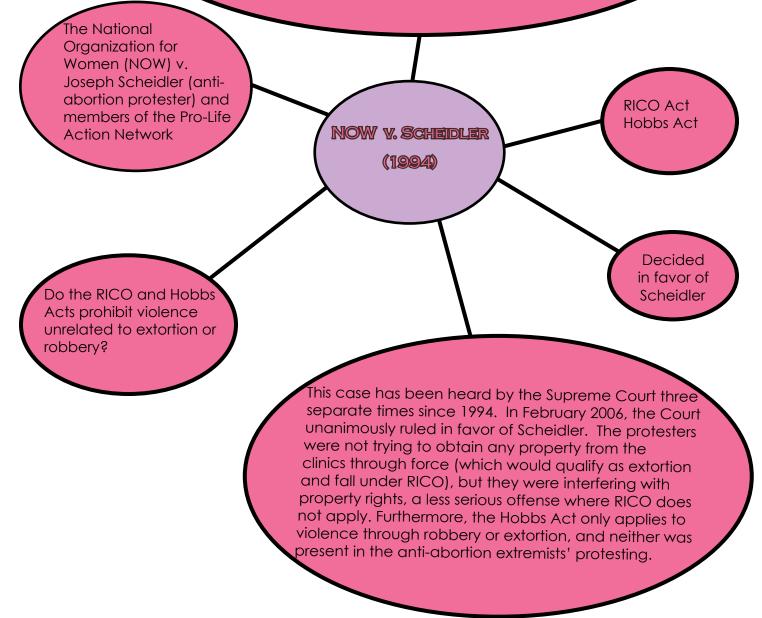
NOW wanted monetary compensation and laws to protect abortion clinics from violence. They referred to the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act and the Hobbs Act, both meant to protect citizens from extortion and violent interference with their businesses. This act was originally meant to target organized crime; NOW wanted the Pro-Life Action Network as well as Operation Rescue (one of the largest, most extreme anti-abortion groups) to be classified as corrupt organizations that participate in violent behavior.





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