

## U.S. Supreme Court Decision-Making and Bounded Rationality

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**Abstract :** In this study, the decision making of the Justices of the United States Supreme Court will be considered in terms of constrained maximization and cognitive-cybernetic theory. This paper will integrate research in such fields as law, psychology, political science, economics and decision-making theory. It will be argued that due to its heavy workload, the Supreme Court may be forced to make decisions in a boundedly rational manner. The ideas and theory put forward here will be considered in the area of the Court's decisions involving religion. Therefore, the cases involving the U.S. Constitution's Free Exercise Clause and Establishment Clause will be analyzed.

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