Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's book, *Sex Bias in the U.S. Code*, documents much more mischief from the Equal Rights Amendment:

- Women must be drafted into the military when men are drafted. (p. 202, 218)
- Women must not be exempted from military combat. (p. 26, 218)
- Affirmative action must equalize men and women in the military. (p. 218)
- No-fault divorce must be adopted nationally. (p. 214-215)
- Government must provide comprehensive child care. (p. 214)
- The age of consent for sex must be lowered to age 12. (p. 102)
- Prostitution must be legalized as part of "privacy." (p. 97, 99, 215)
- Bigamy laws would become unconstitutional as part of "privacy." (p. 195-196)
- Prisons must be sex-integrated. (p. 100-101, 216)
- Single-sex schools and colleges must be sex-integrated. (p. 101)
- Fraternities and sororities must be sex-integrated. (p. 169)
- Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts must be sex-integrated. (p. 145-146, 219-220)
- Mother's Day and Father's Day must not be separate holidays. (p. 146)
- The words "husband" and "wife" must be eliminated and replaced with "spouse." (p. 15-16, 53, 64, 170, 177) This would change the federal DOMA law which defines marriage as the "legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife."

We've already had too much mischief from activist judges who think their word is law and that they can "evolve" the language of the Constitution to enforce their social and political agenda. ERA would give judges immense opportunity to do more damage.

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ERA will take away Social Security rights of wives and widows!

Who says?

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg:

Her book makes clear that ERA would eliminate the Social Security benefits of wives, widows, mothers and grandmothers.

A wise adage reminds us: "Oh, that mine adversary had written a book."

Well, the country's most prominent legal advocate of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), now-Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, did write a 230-page book to tell us exactly how ERA will change 800 federal laws. The most important of these laws is **Social Security**. Her 1977 book was published by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights during the 10-year ERA ratification battle.

Ginsburg's book makes clear that ERA would abolish the wife's and widow's benefit in Social Security. Here are her own words on page 206:

"Congress and the President should direct their attention to the concept that pervades the Code: that the adult world is (and should be) divided into two classes — independent men, whose primary responsibility is to win bread for a family, and dependent women, whose primary responsibility is to care for children and household. **This concept must be eliminated from the code if it is to reflect the equality principle.**"

Ginsburg's contempt for the wife's benefit in Social Security, which she calls "sex stereotyping," is stated repeatedly in her book, and she calls it a "prime recommendation" that it be eliminated. (p. 211-212) The feminists don't want wives and mothers to receive Social Security benefits unless they work in paid jobs in the labor force just like men. **That's the "equality principle" of ERA.**

Social Security benefits to dependent wives and widows have been part of the Social Security system since 1939. These benefits make Social Security one of America's most pro-women, pro-marriage, pro-motherhood institutions. These benefits are society's recognition of the value of mothers to society.

When a husband and wife reach retirement age, the husband receives his Social Security check based on his earnings, and his wife **additionally** receives a Social Security check that is 50% of the benefit paid to her husband. When she becomes a widow, she receives the full amount previously paid to her husband. To receive the wife's or widow's benefit, the woman does **not** have to pay Social Security (FICA) taxes or have workforce earnings of her own — Social Security recognizes her value as a wife, and specifically uses the word "wife."

The feminists have tried for years to repeal the wife's benefit in Social Security. During the Jimmy Carter Administration, they got the Social Security Administration to publish a major proposal called *Social Security and the Changing Roles of Men and Women* (1979). It would have drastically reduced the wife's and widow's benefit, **or** required husbands to pay **double** Social Security taxes for their wife and widow to receive the same benefits they now receive.

Eagle Forum defeated that anti-homemaker plan in the 1970s. **But the feminists seek the same goal by putting ERA in the U.S. Constitution.** As Ruth Bader Ginsburg explained in her book, ERA would "eliminate" the "concept" that a mother's work in the home deserves Social Security benefits. Social Security is based on this pro-family "concept" — while ERA is based on a phony "equality" concept that would put millions of mothers and grandmothers into poverty.

Employed women receive Social Security benefits on exactly the same formula as employed men — without discrimination. Taking away the dependent wife's benefit doesn't put one cent in the pockets of employed women — it only hurts mothers and grandmothers.

We must not let ERA take away wives' and widows' Social Security benefits.