

Also, *Craig v. Boren* overruled *Goesaert's* blanket allowance for sex discrimination and established that: Laws that classify based on sex must serve important governmental objectives and must be substantially related to achieving those objectives. As a last index, Justice William J. Brennan Jr. mentions that if this case was won by the plaintiff side it will be a "Pyrrhic Victory"; and since the plaintiff won, it was such a victory, both substantive and procedural.

Dissenting Opinions

- Justice Rehnquist

Rehnquist dissented because he felt that the law needed to pass only "rational basis" criteria, as previous cases in the area, such as *Stanton v. Stanton*¹⁸, had used only the "rational basis" test.

- Chief Justice Burger

Chief Justice Burger was "in general agreement with Mr. Justice Rehnquist's dissent" but penned a separate dissent to emphasize that "a litigant may only assert his own constitutional rights or immunities." He felt that the indirect economic injury to Whitener and other vendors introduced "a new concept of constitutional standing to which he cannot subscribe."

¹⁸ 421 US 7, 19