Reagan could nominate six Supreme Court justices

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President Reagan, with the support of Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd, will today announce his nomination of seven Supreme Court justices. The move is likely to set off a storm of controversy in Washington and on the legal community, with many predicting a long battle over the confirmation of the nominees.

The nominees are: Justice William Rehnquist, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Justice Antonin Scalia, Justice Harry Blackmun, Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr., Justice Byron R. White, and Justice John Paul Stevens.

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