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## *Commentary*

## "Out-of-the-Mainstream?"

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Within the hour after the President of the United States announced his nomination of **Samuel Alito Jr.** to the U.S. Supreme Court, several liberal Senators rushed forward to make public statements as if they had just completed several hours of Judiciary Committee hearings with the nominee, dismayed at his certifiable lack of credentials and qualifications for the highest court in the land.

Senate Democrat leader Harry Reid of Nevada wondered if the President's nominee was, "...**too radical for the American people.**"

Democrat Senator Chuck Schumer of New York claimed Alito was..."**extreme**" and "**likely to divide America.**"

Senator Patrick Leahy of Vermont, the top Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, called the nomination "**needlessly provocative.**"

Massachusetts Senator Edward Kennedy, also a democrat —who years earlier said that Alito had "a distinguished record" now said, "**This is a nomination based on weakness, not strength.**"

Trumpeting these remarks, Ralph Neas, head of People For the American Way, asserted that Judge Alito was "... **out-of-the-mainstream opponent of fundamental legal rights and protections for all Americans and must not be confirmed to the Supreme Court.**"

All this in spite of the fact that Samuel Alito Jr.,

- Has devoted his legal career to public service.
- Has more federal judicial experience than 105 of the 109 Justices appointed in U.S. history had at the time of their appointment.
- Served as Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit since 1990.

- Served as U.S. Attorney, District of New Jersey 1987-1990; and as such, prosecuted the Libyan-sponsored terrorist who planned to attack New York targets, including the United Nations.
- Served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, U.S. Department of Justice, 1985-1987.
- Served as Assistant to Solicitor General, U.S. Department of Justice 1981-1985.
- Served as Assistant United States Attorney, District of New Jersey 1977-1981.
- Served as Law Clerk for Judge Leonard A. Garth, U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit 1976-1977.
- Was rated “well-qualified” (the highest rating) for the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals by the ABA.
- Was approved unanimously for the Federal Court of Appeals Judge by a Democrat-controlled U.S. Senate, and unanimously by the Democrat-controlled Judiciary Committee, in 1990.

Democrats and Republicans alike praised him in 1990 for the federal appellate bench:

- Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.): Alito is “the kind of judge the public deserves—one who is impartial, thoughtful, and fair.”
- Senator Bill Bradley (D-N.J.): Backed Alito “100 percent” and said Alito will “make a contribution that will stand the test of time.” Said that Alito, as U.S. attorney, avoided fanfare and “inspired his office with a low-key sense of professionalism.”
- Senator Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.): Alito has “a distinguished record” ... “[w]e look forward to supporting you.”

From these facts, the question must be asked, “How is this nominee suddenly **‘too radical,’ ‘extreme’** and **‘out-of-the- mainstream’** when even liberal democrat Senators considered him earlier to be **‘impartial, thoughtful, and fair;’** when Kennedy himself said he had a **‘distinguished record;’** and former Democrat Senator Bill Bradley said he would, **“make a contribution that will stand the test of time.”** ? How?!

Too any thoughtful, fair minded person, the conclusion is obvious.

These dishonest, mindless, jitter bugging elected and non-elected mouth pieces, these ‘ready to boogie televangelists of the left,’ will do and say anything to undermine the nomination in the public eye if they believe this eminently qualified nominee might not follow their ideology if placed on the Supreme Court. They want an obedient servant of their agenda to remake America after their own ideology and not the values and beliefs of the majority of Americans, including the Founders.

They wish to maintain some so called ‘right’ to kill the innocent and to extend ‘rights’ to the immoral where there are no God given ‘rights’ to engage in immoral behavior. They wish to throw off any moral restraint, and to imbed in American law and life, licentious liberty, not the virtuous liberty for which our Founders bled and died. They wish to rid themselves of God’s laws and establish themselves in the place of God.

And they don’t want us or a Supreme Court Justice who refuses to read into the Constitution what is not there... interfere. In their view—and hopefully so— a more conservative, ‘mainstream’ Supreme Court Justice would interpret the Constitution according to it’s original intent and judge accordingly. He would not decide based on their ideology.

And that is why they seek to label him right out of the box, as 'extreme' and 'radical' before the ink is even placed on tomorrow's newspapers. The 'hearings' are only a forum for intimidation, an inquisitorial 'star chamber', made up of self-appointed 'jurists' whose already proven lack of integrity raises the ethical question of their authority to judge their betters. It is mind-boggling that these men can of good conscience challenge whether this or any nominee can be trusted to make ethical judgments when their own ethics and values have already been revealed as wanting.

We know, by their very actions, words and deeds, who is 'too radical for the American people,' and 'likely to divide America,' because they are already engaged in the effort! And it is not Judge Alito who is to be feared. It is the likes of Schumer, Leahy, Reid, Kennedy and Neas, none of which hold a candle to the one upon whom they have rendered judgment so quickly...without even the first hearing.

In the words of Socrates, these court 'jesters' should "hear courteously, answer wisely, consider soberly and decide impartially." And I might add...swiftly!

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