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Supreme Court Fact of the Day #2: Liberal Attack Groups Try to Create Mythological Link between Alito and the “Constitution-in-Exile” Theory

Washington, DC- Liberal groups in recent weeks have stepped up criticisms of Judge Samuel Alito. One of the Left’s favorite accusations of “strict-constructionists” is a fictitious theory about the return of a “Constitution-in-Exile.”

Ralph Neas, CEO of People for the American Way, and numerous other liberal activists accuse Judge Alito of having an ulterior motive. They claim once on the Court, he will return the Constitution to a 1930s, Hoover Administration version. However, this is simply not true, as examples of conservatives using the term “Constitution-in-Exile” are virtually non-existent. It is instead a creation of the Left used to frighten Americans and prevent the courts from returning to their proper roles as interpreters of the law.

Conservative jurists simply wish to strictly interpret the Constitution. Conservatives are not seeking to “overthrow” the Constitution but rather return to the days when Justices and Judges understood their role as umpires calling balls and strikes. Judge Alito fits this mold exactly. In fact, even the Economist, referring to Alito, said, **His record on the bench is one of cautious rulings and scrupulous deference to precedent.**”

Americans for Tax Reform has called on the Senate to meet its constitutional obligations and ensure a speedy confirmation process with an up or down vote on all judicial nominees.

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