

Senate Should 'Just Say No'

On March 16, President Obama announced his nomination of Judge Merrick Garland to succeed the late, great Justice Antonin Scalia on the United States Supreme Court. The U.S. Senate should follow the famous advice of the late First Lady Nancy Reagan and "just say no" to Obama's nominee.

The media portrays Judge Garland as a "moderate" and a "centrist"—but that's what they also said about Obama's two previous nominees (Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor) and Bill Clinton's two nominees (Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer). Yet all four of those so-called "moderates" voted for decisions that overturned the definition of marriage in federal and state laws.

In his position on the D.C. Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, Judge Garland has not had the opportunity to rule directly on marriage or abortion. However, in two cases he voted against the individual right to keep and bear arms, which means the landmark *Heller* decision written by Justice Scalia would be overturned if Garland joins the Court.

Even *The New York Times* admitted that "if Judge Garland is confirmed, he could tip the ideological balance to create the most liberal Supreme Court in 50 years."

Don't let a lame-duck president make an appointment that would extend liberal control over the Supreme Court for decades to come. Americans deserve a chance to weigh in on this momentous decision by voting for a president they know will pick at least one new justice.

Bravo to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley for saying they will not consider any nominee this year. Encourage your senators to do likewise. Call or email your senator and say that no Supreme Court appointment should be considered until a new president

takes office. {eoa}

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