

Alito Sounds Alarm: 'Religious Liberty Is in Danger of Becoming a Second- Class Right'

Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito is sounding an alarm about ongoing actions that undermine religious liberties and individual freedoms in America, whether from COVID or from pro-LGBT hardliners.

Alito told The Federalist Society that America has never faced such extreme limitations on freedom as it has this year due to the coronavirus restrictions.

"The pandemic has resulted in previously unimaginable restrictions on individual liberty," Alito said in a virtual address to the conservative Federalist Society. "We have never before seen restrictions as severe, extensive and prolonged as those experienced for most of 2020."

He warned that laws giving government officials so much discretion to impose such regulations can be abused, and that religious freedom was particularly at risk.

"It pains me to say this, but in certain quarters, religious liberty is fast becoming a disfavored right," he said, citing COVID restrictions that "blatantly discriminated against houses of worship."

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