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United States Supreme Court: What's the Real Issue?

The Republicans are trying to make an issue about whether Biden will pack the U.S. Supreme Court if he's elected. They are pretending to have outrage over the possibility that they will lose their right wing ideologue court with which they plan to remake our country.

Does anyone remember how this became an issue in the first place? Let me remind you.

Until Obama became President, the U.S. Senate had a gentleman's agreement concerning judicial nominees. The filibuster was permitted to ensure that extremist judges would not be confirmed. All it took was 41 senators to block a nominee. But the Republicans decided to block EVERY Obama nominee regardless of that candidate's suitability. Democrats were forced to remove the filibuster for all judicial nominees EXCEPT supreme court nominees as the only way to get any judicial openings filled.

The Republicans were incensed that their plan to sabotage Obama's Presidency was stymied. When they took over the Senate they chose to implement what had been termed "the nuclear option." This meant removing the filibuster from U.S. Supreme Court nominees. When Trump became President, he wanted to appoint a right wing ideologue which he knew would never be confirmed by the Senate as long as the filibuster remained intact. Senator McConnell accommodated Trump by invoking the nuclear option so Trump could get his nominee confirmed.

Fast forward to 2020 and Trump has now appointed 3 extremist right wing ideologue judges to the U.S. Supreme Court. With the upcoming election the Democrats are poised to win back the Senate which will give them the power to either set term limits for supreme court justices or increase the number of justices to regain a balanced court.

The conservative majority is out of step with main stream Americans. They are no different from the Iranian religious leaders who control Iran. Both of them have strangle holds over their respective countries and neither one of them were placed in those positions by the will of the people.

Increasing the number of justices is not the answer. What would happen when Republicans take over again? Further increases? Pretty soon we'd have more justices than senators. The Supreme Court needs less power, not more. I'd like to see 20 year term limits and a minimum

age of 60 for any appointees. That way there would be constant turnover but there would still be a wealth of wisdom and experience on the court.

We need to stop the internal culture wars which are tearing our country apart and permitting our enemies to destroy us from within.