

Conservative Action Project

The Conservative Action Project (CAP) was founded in 2008 by many conservative leaders with former **Attorney General Edwin Meese III** serving as the Founding Chairman. CAP is currently chaired by **The Honorable Becky Norton Dunlop** and is designed to facilitate conservative leaders working together on behalf of common goals. Participants include the CEOs of over 100 organizations representing all major elements of the conservative movement-economic, social and national security.

Memo for the Movement

Senate Republicans Are Resolute: Let the People Speak

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Last month our country lost a great American and a great jurist, Justice Antonin Scalia.

The country barely had time to absorb that loss when we were forced to confront the prospect of President Obama filling that Supreme Court vacancy and creating a liberal majority on the Court.

This would be an unprecedented shift in the direction of the Court undertaken at a time when the entire country is embroiled in the most contentious presidential campaign in modern history. Government in Washington is divided and dysfunctional. The American people are going to the polls in November to select a new president and a new Congress. They should also have a say in the direction of the Court.

Senate Republicans have announced that they will exercise their constitutional advice and consent authority and refuse to consent to any Obama nominee. The American people deserve to have their voice heard in the process. We applaud Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and Senate Judiciary Chairman Charles Grassley (R-IA), for promising not to hold a hearing on any nominee.

President Obama wants to deny the American people that choice. And no wonder. He has already made two extreme liberal appointments to the Court and if given a third he will have succeeded in decisively changing the current balance of the Court. A liberal majority will rule for decades.

Let there be no mistake about it: President Obama will nominate a liberal to this vacancy. Press leaks about potential “moderate” candidates should be interpreted as simply misdirection from the White House.

The president and his liberal allies know what is at stake and so do we. It is nothing short of their intent to eradicate precious constitutional rights. These leftists have made clear their first target is our 1st Amendment right to political speech and the silencing of conservative voices. They mock the 2nd Amendment right of the people to protect themselves and their families and are determined to take away our constitutional right to bear arms. They welcome the prospect of

unleashing unaccountable federal agencies like the IRS and EPA to impose a liberal policy agenda that will harm Americans and punish any who dare to disagree with their worldview. And not least of all, they vow to use the Court's power to impose an "unconditional surrender" in their cultural war against our fundamental institutions of faith, family, marriage, home, and school -- and will wipe out any pro-life protections, instead imposing abortion on-demand, up to the moment of birth, paid for by the taxpayers.

We are facing a national constitutional crisis. Senate Republicans have recognized the stakes and have acted accordingly. As conservatives, we strongly support them and their principled stand in favor of the Constitution. And we are all too aware of the negative assault that is coming against the Republican Senators as the national media throws its collective liberal weight against the GOP efforts to allow the American people to play their rightful role in the nomination of the next Supreme Court justice.

We are committed to acting with the same unity the GOP Senate has demonstrated to date in order to bring these issues to the forefront, to make clear to the American people what is at stake and to rally our fellow citizens to the cause of saving the Constitution.

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