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Fearing Trump Victory, Democrats' Loss of Senate, Leftists Push for Sotomayor to Exit SCOTUS

Leftists are so frightened that Donald Trump will win the 2024 election that they've called on U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor to retire before disaster strikes.

The reason: They remember what happened when the late Ruth Bader Ginsburg didn't retire before Trump was elected in 2016. She died on September 18, 2020, and the seat went to Amy Coney Barrett, who voted to overturn 1973's *Roe v. Wade* decision that conferred the "right" to murder the unborn.

Thus, if Sotomayor, 69, dies or retires during Trump's next term, the Court's conservative majority could go from 6-3 to 7-2.



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Sonia Sotomayor

Democratic senators are not joining calls for liberal Justice Sotomayor to retire.

But they fear that history could repeat itself after Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's refusal to step down led to conservatives getting her seat. <https://t.co/rfhLaOBBxE>

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Soto's Gotta Go

Nominated by Barack Hussein Obama, Sotomayor — who billed herself as a "[wise Latina](#)" who could teach the Court's old white men a thing or two — joined the Supreme Court on August 8, 2009.

But aside from being the Court's fount of Hispanic wisdom, she's also a diabetic who travels with either a medic and/or medical equipment, [HuffPost reported](#) in February, citing federal records.

That explains the worry among leftists who fear a possible 7-2 conservative majority will end leftist jurisprudence for the foreseeable future. Sotomayor must retire now to ensure that another anti-white, anti-Christian, anti-American leftist lands on the Court ... while Joe Biden is still in the White House and Democrats control the U.S. Senate.

It's an insurance policy for the Left, columnist Josh Barro explained.

"If Sotomayor does not retire this year, we don't know when she will next be able to retire with a likely liberal replacement," [he wrote](#):

It's possible that Democrats will retain the presidency and the Senate at this year's elections, in which case the insurance created by a Sotomayor retirement won't have been necessary. But if Democrats lose the presidency or the Senate this fall (or both) she'll need to stay on the court until the party once again controls both. That could be just a few years, or it could be a while — for example, Democrats have previously had to wait 14 years from



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1995 to 2009, and 12 years from 1981 to 1993. In other words, if Sotomayor doesn't retire this year, she'll be making a bet that she will remain fit to serve through age 82 or 84 — and she'll be taking the whole Democratic Party coalition along with her in making that high-stakes bet.

If Democrats lose the bet, the court's 6-3 conservative majority will turn into a 7-2 majority at some point within the next decade. If they win the bet, what do they win? They win the opportunity to read dissents written by Sotomayor instead of some other liberal justice. This is obviously an insane trade. Democrats talk a lot about the importance of the Court and the damage that has been done since the court has swung in a more conservative direction, most obviously including the end of constitutional protections for abortion rights.

[Citing Politico](#), Barro observed that most Democrats won't ask her to retire because she's Hispanic. Democratic Senator Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut, [NBC reported](#), thinks otherwise.

"I'm very respectful of Justice Sotomayor. I have great admiration for her. But I think she really has to weigh the competing factors," he said:

"We should learn a lesson. And it's not like there's any mystery here about what the lesson should be. The old saying — graveyards are full of indispensable people, ourselves in this body included."

Blumenthal emphasized that Sotomayor is "a highly accomplished and, obviously, fully functioning justice right now." He added that "justices have to make their personal decisions about their health, and their level of energy, but also to keep in mind the larger national and public interest in making sure that the court looks and thinks like America."

Democrat Sen. Dick Blumenthal pressures Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor to retire: "Graveyards are full of indispensable people" pic.twitter.com/YunNLOV6Nj

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While other Democrats disagree, leftists in the peanut gallery are adamant. The "wise Latina" must step down, [legal scholars told](#) HuffPost.

"Sotomayor has been an outstanding justice," said Paul Campos, a law professor at the University of Colorado in Boulder. "But the Ruth Bader Ginsburg precedent ought to be extremely sobering.... The cost of her failing to be replaced by a Democratic president with a Democratic Senate would be catastrophic."

"You have the votes," Campos told the website. "You have the votes right now, and you're not going to have the votes a year from now. It's really that simple."

"Okay, now it is time to remember Ruth Bader Ginsburg. To recall how RBG, who had survived two bouts of cancer, refused to quit the court despite calls to do so from leading liberals during Barack Obama's second term [in] office," leftist [Mehdi Hasan explained](#) in *The Guardian*.

Sotomayor is the greatest liberal Supreme Court justice of his lifetime, Hasan wrote.

"With Joe Biden trailing Trump in several swing states and Democrats also in danger of losing their



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razor-thin majority in the Senate, are we really prepared for history to repeat itself?” he asked, noting that paramedics have been called to Sotomayor’s home.

“To be clear: she could easily — and God willing — survive a potential Trump second term and still be dishing out dissents from the bench come 2029,” he continued. “But why take that risk? Why not retire now?”

Hasan observed that a leftist campaign — led by Campos, HuffPost observed — forced Justice Stephen Breyer to resign to protect his seat. Ketanji Brown Jackson, the first justice in history [who doesn’t know](#) what a woman is, replaced him.

Speaking from her seat on the *The View*, constitutional scholar Whoopi Goldberg fumed about Hasan’s suggestion, repeated on CNN, that Sotomayor must quit. Goldberg said he should have attacked Justice Clarence Thomas.

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An Indian Muslim born in England, [Hasan became](#) a citizen of the United States a month before the 2020 election. He said it left him with PTSD.

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