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Former Dem POTUS Candidate: Loose Lips on Court-packing Sunk Party In Senate

Former Democrat presidential candidate [John Delaney](#) says angry shouts to pack the U.S. Supreme Court with leftist justices killed the party's chance to take the Senate.

Democrats and their leftist army on Twitter twisted themselves into a foaming rage after and even before the GOP-controlled Senate confirmed Associate Justice Amy Coney Barrett just weeks before the election. So just as they did during the confirmation hearings of Justice Brett Kavanaugh, they began discussing a fix to the game of American politics so they can't lose.



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And that, avers the former representative of Maryland's 6th district, hurt them at the voting booth.

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— John Delaney (@JohnDelaney) [November 4, 2020](#)

The court-packing talk began less than 24 hours after the death of Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

"If Sen. McConnell and @SenateGOP were to force through a nominee during the lame duck session — before a new Senate and President can take office — then the incoming Senate should immediately move to expand the Supreme Court," said leftist Representative Jerry Nadler of New York, chief of the House Judiciary Committee.

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Worse still, Democrat presidential candidate [Joe Biden wouldn't say](#) whether he backed such a plan because voters “don't deserve” to know his position.

Thus did Delaney conclude that discussing such a plan was not a bright idea.

Followers agreed. “Polling showed that this was incredibly unpopular — even with Dems & Independents,” one wrote.

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— Jane Lingle (@jane_lingle) [November 4, 2020](#)

“It's 100% of the reason I voted R in my Senate race,” tweeted another.

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— MetsMan7186 (@man7186) [November 4, 2020](#)

Many of the replies revealed that many Democrats and liberals simply do not understand what “court packing” is.

“The Republicans packed the court John,” came one reply. “That is the reality we all live in. Maybe if you are white, male, and rich you can be ok with that but the rest of us have a big problem with it. Please be quiet until you have something constructive to say.”

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When another tweet explained what court packing is, the writer was undeterred:

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Court packing has a definite meaning: *expanding the size of the Supreme Court to achieve a political end*. It does not mean refusing to consider a nominee, or holding hearings and confirming one near Election Day that will provide a conservative or liberal majority.

The term refers to Franklin Delano Roosevelt's [failed scheme](#) to boost the number of justices for every sitting justice older than 70 to a maximum of six. FDR wanted to pack the court because it repeatedly ruled his New Deal socialism policies and programs unconstitutional.

Now, apparently, it means confirming a justice with whom the Left is displeased.

Democrat Plan Nothing New

But the Left floated the idea even before the Barrett confirmation.

When it became clear the false charges of rape wouldn't sink the confirmation of Associate Justice Brett Kavanaugh, [Democrats opened](#) discussion of court-packing.

"Democrats are going to face a fundamental choice about the Supreme Court the next time they control the presidency and Congress and try to carry out substantial reforms," leftist [Paul Starr wrote](#) at the *American Prospect*.

That's because "the Court will likely have reversed many long-standing liberal precedents and policies and be poised to strike down new progressive initiatives."

Democrats accused the GOP of "stealing" the seat because Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell would not confirm President Obama's nominee, federal judge [Merrick Garland](#), to replace deceased Associate Justice Antonin Scalia.

Even if Joe Biden becomes POTUS 46, court packing won't happen for at least two years because the GOP appears to have retained control of the Senate.

Democrat Delaney blames that on his own party.

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