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## Open Letter To The US Senate on Supreme Court Opening

by Michael in New York on [7/01/2005 04:10:00 PM](#)

To: The US Senate  
From: Americablog/Michael in New York  
Re: The Supreme Court Vacancy

A vacancy has opened on the Supreme Court and your actions in the next few weeks will determine not just judicial rulings but the lives of every American. I urge you to support the candidacy of conservatives who are in the mainstream of judicial philosophy and can earn broad, bipartisan support and thus the support of the American people. You should do so for three reasons: our nation is at war, our judicial system has been under attack for years by radicals and needs shoring up, and following President Bush's lead on this issue would be political suicide in the upcoming elections.

First, our thanks to Sandra Day O'Connor. This conservative justice would never have been nominated by a Democratic President and her rulings have reflected that. But she has been a moderating influence on both sides of the Court, an inspiration to all Americans (especially women) and has rightly earned the admiration and respect of her country.

Anyone who would begin by ridiculing or attacking Sandra Day O'Connor's record is insulting to Ronald Reagan, the President that put her on the Court, offensive to women and paints themselves as so far out of the mainstream that their opinions aren't worth listening to. Attacking an ill woman who has served her country faithfully for 24 years is the sort of cowardly, indecent and radical behavior that has so polarized this country.

Now, the three reasons the Senate should only support a nominee who can enjoy broad, bipartisan support.

1. **Our nation is at war and bitterly divided** -- young men and women are dying overseas. Our military is stretched perilously thin. A majority of Americans believe the war was a mistake and most Americans believe George Bush lied to them about the reasons for invading Iraq. Our closest ally, Great Britain, also believes Bush lied about why we invaded Iraq. And the "success story" of Afghanistan is turning into a narco-state (the number one supplier of heroin in the world) ruled mostly by drug lords and the Taliban. With these great and difficult tasks ahead of us, shouldn't the Congress use this opportunity to bring the country together, rise above the politics of personal attack and support a nominee for the Supreme Court that everyone agrees is in the broad mainstream of judicial philosophy? We have too many important problems to conquer. Why create more problems by trying to push through a fringe

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