



## **Federal court rules IRS may still be illegally targeting conservatives**

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A federal court has thrown out two lower court's decisions to dismiss lawsuits against the Obama IRS, ruling there is no evidence the Obama administration has stopped illicitly targeting conservatives.

The D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals reinstated lawsuits filed by Linchpins of Liberty and True the Vote, ruling the federal government appears to be lying when it claims it has ended the practice of singling out Obama's critics for unlawful harassment.

"This is a blistering rebuke to the IRS and its defenders," Walter Olson, senior fellow at the Cato Institute Center for Constitutional Studies, tells The Washington Examiner. "It takes on squarely the defense the IRS had raised in this case which is, 'Whatever happened, we promise not to do it again.'"

"The court goes through and systematically takes that apart in a way that's very damaging to the IRS's overall defense," he added.

"It is absurd to suggest that the effect of the IRS's unlawful conduct ... has been eradicated," the court ruled