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Cato slammed by liberal media on Sotomayor pick, as tool of the GOP



From Eric Dondero:

The Cato Institute sent out a release early yesterday, in reaction to the Sotomayor pick. LR received the following two quotes from Chris Moody, Director of New Media, for Cato:

Ilya Shapiro: "In picking Sonia Sotomayor, President Obama has confirmed that identity politics matter to him more than merit. Judge Sotomayor is not one of the leading lights of the federal judiciary and would not even have been on the shortlist if she were not Hispanic.... If this is the kind of "empathy" the president wants from his judges, we are in for a long summer—and more bitter confirmation battles in the future."

Roger Pilon: "President Obama chose the most radical of all the frequently mentioned candidates before him."

The mainstream media also picked up on the quotes. And ironically, at least one media source is now slamming Cato as being in the bag for the Republican Party.

Bonnie Erbe, US News & World Report:

Blog posts such as this one from a Cato Institute fellow are so unfair, but simultaneously so helpful to the Democratic Party. It's confounding why the people making them would be so short-sighted...

The **first** thing conservative or, this is from the Cato Institute's website, libertarian bloggers do when they question Judge Sonia Sotomayor's qualifications, is send every swing Hispanic voter solidly into the Democratic camp. It's even worse when they question her intelligence (which this blogger does by excluding Judge Sotomayor from the **category** of judicial leading lights.)

Ironic, cause Cato has a reputation for being very socially liberal, and in no way aligned with social conservatives.

Note - LR Senior Editor Cliff Thies has a piece now up at our sister site Worldwide Liberty [blogspot](#), titled: [Is Sotomayor really the first Hispanic? What about ethnic Portuguese Justice Cardozo?](#)

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