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'Conservatives Rejoice'

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Though GOP lawmakers have been tentative in offering any criticism of SCOTUS nominee **Sonia Sotomayor**, conservative bloggers today exhibited less restraint. They're girding for a fight:

- **Michelle Malkin**: "So, it's Sonia Sotomayor. Identity politics triumphs."
- **John Hawkins**: "Barack Obama picked Sonia Sotomayor because she's Hispanic, female, and is willing to put liberal political concerns above the Constitution."
- **Ilya Shapiro**: "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."
- **Ramesh Ponnuru**: "[Sotomayor is] Obama's **Harriet Miers**."
- **Erick Erickson**: "Conservatives rejoice. Of all the picks Obama could have picked, he picked the most intellectually shallow."

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