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## What's Wrong With the *North* Bronx?

So I woke up and heard Judge Sotomayor giving [her speech accepting the Supreme Court nomination](#). And she was like "South Bronx" this and "South Bronx" that, and after a while, I start saying to myself, dang, y'all, girl *representin'* here.

I'm pretty sure she threw some gang signs and name-checked Biggie and Tupac . . .

Anyway, my grasp of New York City geography being a little hazy -- I've only actually been there once, not counting the the time I passed through on a train to Boston and back -- I began to wonder, why are we always hearing about people being from the *South* Bronx? Never in my life have I heard anybody even mention the *North* Bronx.

What's up with that? My guess is that while the South Bronx is all gritty and mean streets with graffiti and gang bangers and pimps and all that, the North Bronx probably must be like a vanilla bland suburban scene, with Ikea stores and stuff.

So nobody wants to admit they're from boring, bourgeois North Bronx, which is uncool, like being from Connecticut or Long Island. Kids in North Bronx, with their safe neighborhoods and shopping malls, probably lie and say they're South Bronx, because otherwise people would think they were wimps and beat them up.

That's my theory, anyway.

**UPDATE:** Yo, Cato in the House! [Ilya Shapiro](#):

In [picking Sonia Sotomayor](#), President Obama has confirmed that identity politics matter to him more than merit.

Word, bro. [Roger Pilon](#):

In nominating Second Circuit Judge Sonia Sotomayor to fill the seat of retiring Supreme Court Justice David Souter, President Obama chose the most radical of all the frequently mentioned candidates before him.

And she didn't even mention Jam Master Jay.

**UPDATE II:** Via [Instapundit](#), the sister from South Bronx gets [disSED by Roger Kimball](#):

The air hadn't stopped vibrating with the news that Justice Souter was taking his quill pen and heading back to New Hampshire before Sonia Sotomayor, the first Hispanic nominee to the Supreme Court, emerged as a front-runner on the SCOTUS racing form. Comments there noted her qualifications -- correct complement of chromosomes and suitable ethnic identity, above all, but also the requisite armory of left-liberal opinions without which no candidate for the Court under Obama need apply.

Isn't it odd that (a) on the one hand, her being a Latina inspires MSM celebration, yet (b) on the other hand, nobody is supposed to think she was chosen mainly *because* she is a Latina?

Donald Douglas calls her a "token," but the weird thing is I can't even work up any outrage at this kind of tokenism. It's expected, like her being a Princeton/Yale Law alumna. Just once in my life I'd like to see a president nominate to the court a graduate of, say, University of Tennessee Law School.

*That* would be diversity. Instead, she's just another Ivy Leaguer. Yawn.

**UPDATE III:** In the [comments](#), E.D. Kain of The Ordinary Gentlemen arches an eyebrow:

Biggie *and* Tupac, Stacy?

Like I said, I was asleep and woke up with this on my TV, so maybe I misunderstood. But if I don't know North Bronx from South Bronx, how can you expect me to tell East Coast from West Coast? I'm hip, but not *that* hip.

You notice she didn't say a word for my homey [Dolla Burton](#), though.

**UPDATE IV:** [Second 'Lanche of the day?](#) Like [Tigerhawk](#) says in the [comments](#):

Rule 6: Weave approving references to law professors, Knoxville, or the University of Tennessee Law School into as many posts as possible, preferably those with a hat tip-link back to Instapundit.

Don't try this at home, kids. I am a highly-trained professional blogger. Also, [Clyde](#) offers a good [comment](#):

I think he picked her because Rosa Luxemburg was already dead.

And to all you uptight whiteys throwing down "bigotry" accusations in the comments:

- That's so 2007, dude.
- Don't hate the playa, hate the game.

Peace out.

**UPDATE V:** Since we're all about representin' today -- *Dirty South!* -- I'll go through the [Memeorandum](#) threads, and throw some Rule 2 on the usual suspects and newbie peeps:

[KURU Lounge](#), [Opinionated Catholic](#), [Just One Minute](#), [Weekly Standard](#), [Don Surber](#), [Volokh Conspiracy](#), [Outside the Beltway](#), [Townhall](#), [Red State](#), [Wizbang](#), [Roger L. Simon](#), [Debbie Schluskel](#), [Pundit & Pundette](#), [Hot Air](#), [Michelle Malkin](#), [Power Line](#), [Jawa Report](#), [NRO Corner](#),

Stop the ACLU and Dr. Flap.

Lot of FMJRA aggregation there.

**UPDATE VI:** Sarcasm alert! Sarcasm alert!

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