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Reaction to Obama's pick: Dems happy, GOP less so

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After the announcement comes the reaction.

Simply put: Democrats love President Obama's nomination of Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court.

Republicans are less enthused.

UPDATE: And Republican-turned-Democrat Arlen Specter just twittered an endorsement of Sotomayor: "If confirmed she would bring an excellent record to the court, as well as needed diversity."

Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee that will hold hearings on Sotomayor, said that "from all accounts, she is a highly qualified and very experienced judge."

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, a former judge himself, said Sotomayor must "prove her commitment to impartially deciding cases based on the law, rather than based on her own personal politics, feelings, and preferences."

Interest groups are also gearing up for hearings.

The National Organization for Women announced a new "Confirm Her" campaign on Sotomayor's behalf. NOW President Kim Gandy said Obama "wanted a justice with towering intellect and a common touch and he found both in Judge Sotomayor."

The libertarian Cato Institute, meanwhile, raised the specter of ethnic politics.

"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," said Ilya Shapiro, editor-in-chief of the Cato Supreme Court Review.

(Posted by David Jackson; photo by Larry Downing, Reuters)

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She was named a district court judge by Bush Senior. This makes it difficult to claim she is an extreme left winger. She is clearly a moderate, which for the Right wing nutsos we now have running the Republican Party makes her a socialist... Republicans, please listen to Colin Powell and come back towards the center. You are going to be so marginalized if you don't do this, that we'll never have meaningful opposition to the Democrat, and that I think is very dangerous for the Country.

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Doesn't matter. She's hispanic and an extreme left-wing kook."

When she ruled against collective bargaining and for funding restrictions for abortions how does that make her a left wing kook? Oh wait, you copied and pasted that from some right wing site, you actually have probably never had an original thought pass through your head in your life. Lets see, some fool on a posting board calling her a left wing kook or the American Bar Association calling her a moderate. I wonder who's more credible.

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Provide an analysis of her education and experience and explain where she is lacking in qualification. She is a Yale law graduate and Princeton graduate summa cum laude. She was editor of the Yale law journal. She was a DA. She was in private practice in intellectual property - highly relevant in the high tech world today. She is considered a political centrist by the American Bar Association, and she has been a judge since she was nominated by George HW Bush in 1991. That's a pretty damn good resume for a Supreme Court judge, so if you've got some sort of analysis you wish to provide or some sort of issue with her experience, by all means, provide some argument instead of your useless nay-sayings.

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When Bush selected conservative judges for the bench, conservatives claimed that they wanted someone who strictly interprets the Constitution. They charged that "liberal" judges are "activist" and thus implying that these judges are incapable of interpreting the Constitution "strictly". Furthermore, conservatives claimed that Dick Cheney did not have a litmus test for judges. Logically though, claiming you don't want "activist" judges-is in of itself a litmus test. Apparently, according to conservatives, if you're a judge that is "pro-industry" and "anti-choice"-you're not an "activist" judge. For conservatives "fairness" is anything that benefits them and not others who they consider as "not deserving". And then define those "not deserving" along conservative ideological lines without considering other points of views.

