

# The Springfield Republican

## Recognizing a Silent Coup in America.

Dear Editor,

Imagine if, in another country, the former president who attempted a government takeover was shielded by judges he appointed. His supporters attacked the Capitol to stop certifying the election. Now running for office again, these judges grant him total immunity.

In any other country, the media would highlight the Supreme Court's role engineering an emerging authoritarian coup. But in America, we only debate the legal questions.

The former president clearly lost the last election. Election officials confirmed the results, and many courts (including his own appointees) rejected his fraud claims. He tried to overturn the results using the Justice Department and state officials, and incited a violent riot at the Capitol.

The Supreme Court's recent ruling grants him immunity, decided by justices with blatant conflicts of interest. These justices (appointed by the ex-president) lied about ties to insurrectionists, accepted secret gifts, and refused recusal.

If this happened in any other country, we'd recognize it as a coup. In America, we are failing to see the seriousness of this crisis. This isn't merely about legal decisions – it's an ongoing plan to transform our government into a dictatorship.

The extremist Republican-controlled Supreme Court, now the most powerful legislative body in America, operates without democratic accountability, overturning laws to protect a minority at the expense of the majority. The Roberts court is remaking national elections to favor Republicans and shielding Trump from accountability. This isn't just bad law – it's an existential threat to our democracy. Vote in November like our democratic form of government depends on it – because it does.

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