Republican Members Of The Judiciary Committee Wave Off Ethical Concerns While Accepting Cash From Harlan Crow

Republican Members Of The Judiciary Committee Defended Justice Thomas For Accepting Gifts From Harlan Crow While They Accepted Hundreds Of Thousands In Campaign Contributions From The Billionaire.

In His Testimony, Ranking Member Senator Lindsey Graham Claimed There Was A “Concentrated Effort By The Left To Delegitimize This Court And Cherry Pick Examples To Make A Point.” We can talk about ethics, and that's great, but we are also going to talk about the concentrated effort by the left to delegitimize this court and to cherry pick examples to make a point. "The New York Times" wrote an article a couple of days ago suggesting that George Mason Law School was up to an effort to take over the court by lavishing them with trips and influencing their decision-making process, by sponsoring trips overseas while they were on break.” [C-SPAN, 8:51, 5/2/23]

Harlan Crow Donated $20,600 To Graham And His Affiliated PACs.

Senor John Kennedy Said The Proposed Supreme Court Ethics Rules Were “Unnecessary.” “We all know that. The justices are subject to strict financial disclosure rules just like my colleagues here. Not only is this democratic proposal unconstitutional, it is unnecessary. The attacks on conservative justices are targeted. They are exaggerated. The alarmism is affected. The danger isn't that rogue justices are operating without ethics, it is that Democrats aren't winning every fight and they find that reality intolerable.” [C-SPAN, 26:14, 5/2/23]

- Harlan Crow Contributed $8,300 To John Kennedy Between 2016 And 2021.
Grassley Claimed That Recent Disclosures Regarding The Justices Was Nothing More Than A “ Crusade” “ To Cast Doubt On Certain Judges And Justices…” Unfortunately, democrats and their left-wing dark money interest groups as well as their allies in the liberal media have engaged in a crusade to threaten, pack and smear this -- the courts, then -- they targeted specific judges and justices that are implementing a liberal agenda that they cannot ram through congress. The goal is to cast doubt on certain judges and justices, all because the left is opposed to recent court rulings.” [C-SPAN, 1:29:25, 5/2/23]

Harlan Crow Contributed $46,600 To Grassley And His Affiliated PACs Between 2016 And 2021.
Senator John Cornyn Claimed Congress Did Not Have The Authority To Regulate The Courts Because Of The Separation Of Powers. “Judge Mukasey, you and Mr. Deupree both talked about the separation of powers, I’ve looked back into the rules of the United States senate, our ethics rules by which we are governed, and they are rules that are set by the senate itself. How do you think the senate would react if the United States supreme court said, we do not like the ethics code of senators or members of the house of representatives. With the same principle of separation of powers, and coequal branches of cover -- of government apply in that circumstance?” [C-SPAN, 1:46:10, 5/2/23]

- Cornyn’s Argument Flew In The Face Of The Legal Argument Made By Professor Amanda Frost, One Of The Witnesses Present For The Hearing, Who Argued Congress Had The Authority To Enact Legislation Around Judicial Ethics. “All three confirmed that the congress has constitutional authority to enact legislation regulating judicial ethics. The text of article three of the constitution requires the creation of the supreme court. But it otherwise -- it is otherwise silent as to the structure and operation of that court. And in fact that is importantly different from the way that the consultation treats this branch of government, article one section five. It gives this branch authority over its own procedures. So the constitution is silent as to how the supreme court should be structured and delegated that task to this branch of government under the necessary and proper clause in Article I. So back in 1789 that very first congress very quickly enacted legislation to bring the court into existence. And to establish its operations. It did so in the judiciary act of 1789, which has special constitutional significance because it reflects the original understanding of the framers and their contemporaries.” [C-SPAN, 1:05:30, 5/2/23]

- Harlan Crow Donated $294,800 To Cornyn, His Affiliated PACs, And Joint Fundraising Committees Between 2001 And 2023.

[C-SPAN, accessed 5/3/23]
Senator Ted Cruz Claimed The Hearing Was Not About Judicial Ethics But Instead An Attempt To Attack Justice Thomas For Having Rich Friends. “It is important for people at home to understand, this is not about judicial ethics, you can take those down this is not about ethics. This is not about rules that should apply to justices across the board. We can have a discussion about that. This is about applying a double standard to Clarence Thomas and spewed the attack that my democrat colleagues repeat is Clarence Thomas stayed at the vacation home of a close friend, a successful businessman. He flew on a plane and went on his yacht.”

[C-SPAN, 2:17:32, 5/2/23]

- Harlan Crow Contributed $23,500 To Cruz’s Campaigns For Senate And President, And His Affiliated PACs Between 2011 And 2017.

[FEC, accessed 5/3/23]