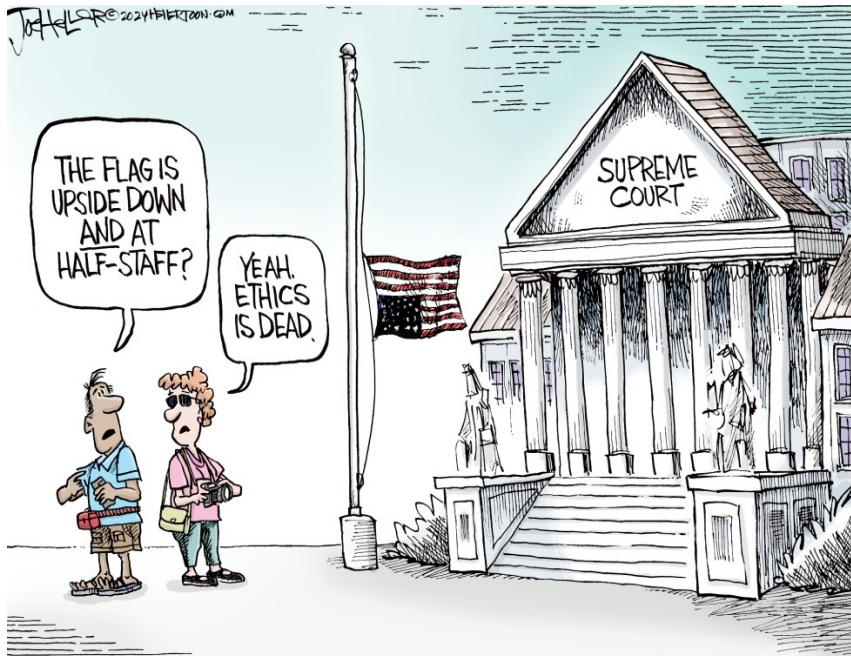


## How political is the Supreme Court?



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1. What do these cartoons say about symbols of the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot – an upside-down U.S. flag and an “Appeal to Heaven” flag – flying at the homes of Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito?
2. Alito blamed his wife for putting up the upside-down U.S. flag shortly after the Capitol attack. Does that sound reasonable?
3. Should Alito rule in cases involving the Capitol attack?
4. How about Justice Clarence Thomas whose wife urged the Trump White House to overturn the 2020 presidential election?
5. Do you believe the justices can issue politically unbiased decisions? Why or why not?

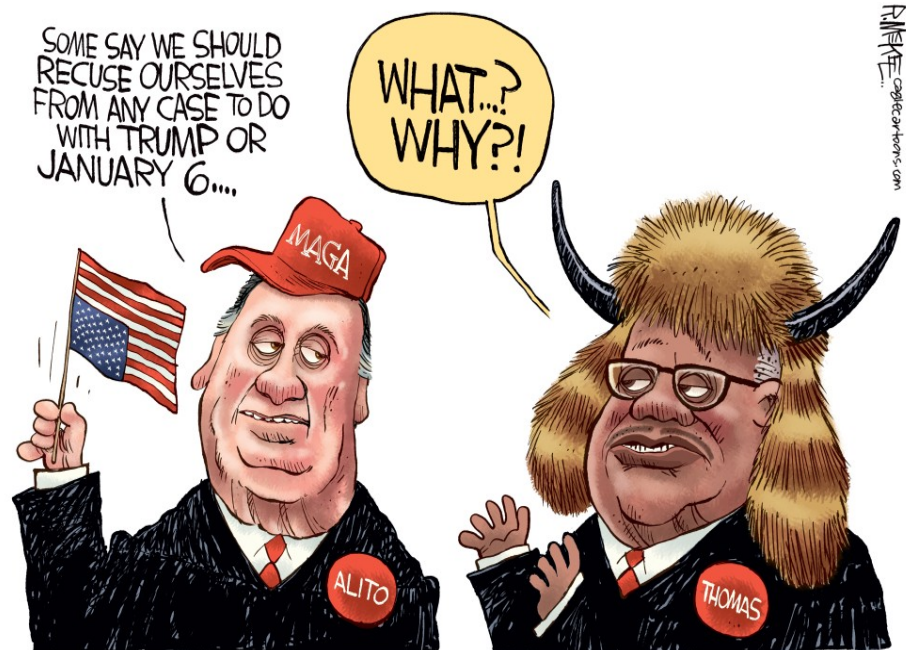
### Between the lines

"It's not good judgment to do that, He said his wife was insulted and got mad. I assume that to be true, but he's still a Supreme Court justice." - Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-SC.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/flags-alitos-houses-political-backlash-supreme-court-nears-end-of-term/>

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