



# Unpacking the Court

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“Once again, the Supreme Court has shown that it’s not in the tank!” Dan Abrams exuberantly [reminded](#) his SiriusXM listeners yesterday.

That is, the same High Court that Democrats have so harshly [demonized](#) as in President Trump’s pocket just handed him yet another defeat, [striking down](#) his executive order restricting birthright citizenship.

“It’s a very conservative court. I disagree with some of the rulings, I agree with others,” continued Abrams. “That’s not the question. The question is . . . questioning the legitimacy of the court.”

Calling *that* a “problem,” he added, “that’s what we’ve seen liberals doing again and again and again.”

Even to the point of advocating [court-packing](#), arguing that when Democrats ever win back the White House and Congress, they should add enough new justices to gain an immediate majority. As Sen. Corey Booker (D-NJ) [puts it](#), Democrats are looking “to reform the court and bring it back into alignment.”

If you ask me, a judiciary independent enough to be out of political “alignment” is a *good* thing. But the number of Supreme Court justices is not constitutionally prescribed; Congress could alter it at any time.

As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the birth of these United States, we should recognize what a [gift](#) our justice system is. With all of its flaws, it’s still the envy of the world.

We need a constitutional [amendment](#) to set the number of justices. Leaving to Congress the option of remaking the Court every time partisan control changes in Washington is . . . *corrupting*.

And let’s do that *before* we edit the 14th Amendment to end birthright citizenship for those entering the country illegally . . . as well as [Chinese nationals](#) and others practicing “birthright tourism.”

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.