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> Sen. @JohnCornyn on budget reconciliation: "Chipping away at the rights of the minority may help you now. But you're sure to regret that someday." pic.twitter.com/12wwUkq43r
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> — The Hill (@thehill) February 1, 2021

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The GOP got rid of the SCOTUS filibuster so they could jam through three fringy right-wing Alito clones, including one right before the election, but sure thing, bud.

“Uh, actually, they got rid of the SCOTUS filibuster because Harry Reid did it first for something totally different! I am very smart!”

No. Knock it off.

Here’s the thing about the “But Harry Reid...” excuse:

1. McConnell was holding up Obama nominees, some *for literal years* without a vote.

2. Had he *not* done that, Trump would have inherited *even more* vacant seats.

3. If you honestly think that McConnell would have sat quietly waiting 4 whole years without putting a judge on the court with Trump in office, you’re delusional. Harry Reid or no Harry Reid, McConnell was going to blow up the SCOTUS filibuster.

4. Don’t think for a single second that McConnell wouldn’t have gotten rid of the legislative filibuster had it been advantageous for him to do so. There just wasn’t a need to do it. (The major pieces of legislation they tried to pass during Trump’s term were being pushed...

... through reconciliation. Once Dems won the House back, that dashed GOP hopes for their legislative agenda, so again, it wasn’t to his advantage to get rid of the filibuster then.)

5. The GOP governing philosophy has always been “If we can legally get away with doing it, we will do it.” Don’t believe this “But the institution!” nonsense they constantly pull. They’re liars.