

opponents are beholden to the education establishment that's determined to preserve a broken down bureaucracy that ultimately serves itself rather than the children of Mississippi.

While the House Education Committee, on a 15 to 16 vote, shot down the charter school legislation, options remain to revive the issue and Gov. Phil Bryant has said he is willing to call a special session within the session if nec-

not give up on my goal of providing every kid in Mississippi an opportunity for a better life, and Chairman Tollison and I are working together to find solutions to change the status quo."

Charter school opponents are denying Mississippi children a better opportunity in favor of government-run schools and their one-size-fits-all standardized mentality.

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Contempt of court

"I am confident the Supreme Court will not take what would be an unprecedented, extraordinary step of overturning a law that was passed by a strong majority of a democratically-elected congress . . . I am confident this will be upheld because it should be upheld." - President Barack Obama, at the White House Monday.

In the clearest sign yet that the Affordable Care Act, aka Obamacare, is in serious trouble, Constitutional-Law-Professor-in-Chief Obama predicted the Supreme Court would uphold the law, and all but dared them not to do so. After the Administration suffered a "plane wreck" of an oral argument (in the words of a left leaning legal commentator), Obama & Co. have launched an orchestrated attack on the legitimacy of the Supreme Court, just in case his prediction turns out to be wrong.

This is Chicago politics, reelection at all costs, so nothing, not even an institution as venerable as the Supreme

Court, is off limits. Obama's plan: undermine the Court before the Justices strike down an indefensible mess of a law. Remember, this President already chastised the Justices during a State of the Union address, while they sat listening to him. Just attacking the "do-nothing" Congress may not be enough, so throw in the third branch of government too.

President Obama's comments are breathtaking in their contempt for the Constitution and the Court. In one sense, there is nothing new here, since Obama finds contemptible anyone and anything that stands in the way of his "transformative" agenda. (And, it's never Obama's fault.) Now, the Supreme Court is the obstacle in the path of progress.

I hope so. I hope the Court checks Obama's dangerous standard of what is constitutional: Obamacare "will be upheld because it should be upheld." A valid law is what King Barack says is a valid law. His comments Monday are a clear

glimpse of Obama's imperial mind. And, Obama's views reflect what Pelosi, Reid, and enlightened liberals everywhere have honestly believed from the inception of this debate: the power of government is unlimited and should be used by the governing class to impose whatever it wishes on the rest of us.

The liberal mindset views the checks and balances designed by the Founders, and anyone who still adheres to them, as quaint historical relics. Obama's Solicitor General sputtered and stuttered when the Justices asked him where the government's power stops, if that power goes so far as to allow the government to force all Americans to purchase insurance. Liberal elites sputtered and stuttered too, incredulous that their entire worldview may actually be disputed by at least five Justices, along with the "strong majority" of us regular Americans. Obama's lead

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lawyer, like Obama himself, apparently never thought about such an outdated question. Again, when it comes to federal power, the President has stated his limiting principle: "Yes we can."

President Obama has applied his standard before. Early in his term, Obama deemed that he would not enforce the Defense of Marriage Act, which established traditional marriage as federal law. Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder, another pillar of impartial justice, simply determined that DOMA is, in their view, unconstitutional. DOMA would not be upheld (by those sworn to enforce it) because Obama thinks it should not be upheld. I guess his idea about a "law that was passed by a strong majority of a democrati-

cally-elected congress" doesn't count if Obama, rather than the Supreme Court, decides to overturn a law.

Which brings up another point. Obama's statement that it "would be an unprecedented, extraordinary step" for the Supreme Court to overturn a law "passed by a strong majority of a democratically-elected congress" is astounding for both its intellectual dishonesty and its historical inaccuracy. The Supreme Court first struck down laws passed by the "democratically-elected congress" two hundred years ago.

Obama's sudden feign of "judicial restraint" would be amusing if it were not so blatantly situational. I missed his criticism of the California court that struck down the gay marriage ban passed by "a strong

majority" of the people themselves. Where was Obama when another federal court ridiculously ruled that "One Nation Under God" violated the Constitution?

"Judicial activism" is when courts legislate from the bench to create new law based on judges' own views and philosophies, not when courts strike down laws that violate what the Constitution actually says. "Hypocrisy" is the practice of professing beliefs, feelings, or virtues that one does not actually hold or possess. Hopefully the Court will overturn Obama on both.

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