



JUSTIN SMITH IS UNFIT & UNQUALIFIED

On February 18, 2026, President Trump nominated **Justin Smith** to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Alliance for Justice has conducted extensive research that shows he is an **unfit and unqualified Trump loyalist** who does not deserve a lifetime appointment to the federal judiciary.

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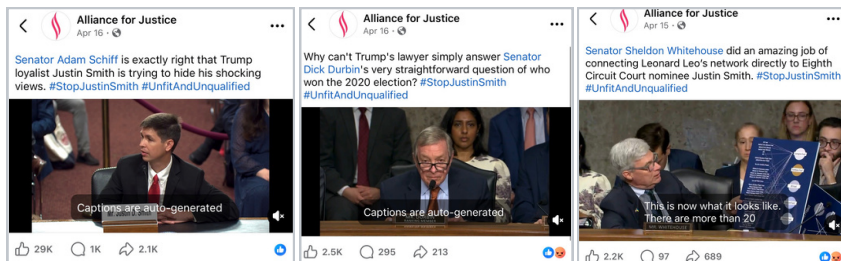
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AFJ and AFJ Action's work shows the many ways in which Smith would harm everyday people due to his extremist ideology and attacks on core human rights.

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