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## Court Watch: Poster Child

By [Garance Franke-Ruta](#)

• Sotomayor gets the Obama poster treatment, [courtesy of Presente.org](#) and artist Favianna Rodriguez.

• [The New York Times reports](#) on "a trove of videos dating back nearly 25 years that shed new light on Judge Sotomayor's views." The videos were provided to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Among reporter Charlie Savage's findings: "Judge Sonia Sotomayor once described herself as 'a product of affirmative action' who was admitted to two Ivy League schools despite scoring lower on standardized tests than many classmates, which she attributed to 'cultural biases' that are 'built into testing.' ... The clips include lengthy remarks about her experiences as an 'affirmative action baby' whose lower test scores were overlooked by admissions committees at Princeton University and Yale Law School because, she said, she is Hispanic and had grown up in poor circumstances."



• Has the background of Sotomayor's parents as cultural immigrants affected her rulings in immigration cases? Not according to an analysis released Tuesday by the office of Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.), who is [helping shepherd her nomination](#) through the process and also chairs the Senate Immigration Subcommittee.

"Schumer's office examined 955 rulings from Sotomayor's 17 years on the federal bench. Of those, 848 were asylum cases, 35 were criminal alien cases, and 72 fell under the category of "other" (technical cases). Sotomayor decided 83 percent of the asylum cases in favor of the government, and just 17 percent in favor of the alien," [a release from the office announced](#).

"Those figures put Sotomayor right in line with the 17.1-percent 'remand' rate for the entire U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals, as calculated in a comprehensive Stanford Law Review study for the period of 2004-05. Sotomayor's rate also trends very much in line for the national average for all the appeals court nationwide. The Stanford study pegged that average at 15.4 percent." (See more here [by Amy Goldstein](#).)

• And members of the GOP brass remain steamed that her confirmation hearing was set in such a "rush," [reports Julie Hirschfeld Davis](#) of the Associated Press.

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Holocaust Museum Shooting: Emboldened By a Federally-Enabled American Gestapo?

THIS MORNING, OFFICIALS BEHIND A COVERT 'MULTI-AGENCY COORDINATED ACTION PROGRAM' MAY HAVE BLOOD ON THEIR HANDS.

WHY WON'T THE FBI OPEN A CIVIL RIGHTS PROBE INTO GOVERNMENT-ENABLED VIGILANTISM AIMED AT JEWS, 'DISSIDENTS' AND MINORITIES?

This writer has been stalked and harassed and persecuted in multiple states by organized vigilantes, some of whom have menacingly uttered to my face the phrase, "Jesus Christ is the way." That's just the tip of the iceberg, as readers of WaPo political blogs may know.

Yet the FBI refuses to open a civil rights investigation -- a probe that I have requested in repeated personal visits to FBI's Philadelphia office over the past two years. Nor will local authorities open a formal investigation.

Vigilante neo-Nazis are stalking, harassing and torturing unjustly "targeted" Americans -- in Bucks County, PA, in Maryland, in D.C. and its suburbs -- and in communities across America.

They think they are above the law. Could that be because certain powerful, secretive federal agencies knowingly countenance vigilantism in America -- and refuse to investigate credible complaints of harassment, physical abuse and worse that appears to be in part ethnically-based?

What is the role of a secretive federal "multi-agency coordinated action program" in fueling this hate machine?

President Obama, Vice President Biden, Attorney General Holder and Homeland Security Secretary Napolitano:

Summon the following officials to the Oval for a thorough grilling about policies and programs involving

- Extrajudicial targeting and punishment, including organized citizen community "stalking," harassment and financial exploitation of unjustly targeted individuals and their families;
- Covert implanting of GPS tracking devices on innocent but "targeted" citizens by persons affiliated with law enforcement agencies or citizen volunteer programs;
- Covert use of microwave radiation "directed energy weapons" on American citizens and their families.

Secret Service Director Mark Sullivan; FEMA Director Craig Fugate; FBI Director Robert Mueller; Defense Secretary Robert Gates; (outgoing) NSA Director Lt. Gen. Keith Alexander; Lt. Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal, former Army JSOC commander; CIA Deputy Director Steve Kappas; (outgoing) DARPA Director Tony Tether; IRS Commissioner Douglas Shulman; former IRS commissioner Mark Everson.

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