

Presidential immunity from criminal prosecution

The way we shield our liberties from the threat of a tyrant is to make men obey the law, not place them above it. We chain the power of those who hold office; we don't unleash it for them to use at their discretion. We don't extend every privilege and immunity we can imagine; we deny them and demand responsibility.

I have a feeling that Alito and his fellow travelers on the court would understand this simple point if the president in question were an opponent and not an ally.

As it stands, at least a few justices on the Supreme Court would rather shatter a bedrock principle of American democracy than let Trump face the consequences of his own actions.

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