

## A Conservative Theory of Evolution (or How the Right Learned to Love the Nuclear Option)

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On Sunday, April 24th, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist will join James Dobson, Tony Perkins and assorted members of the conservative [American Taliban](#) for "[Justice Sunday](#)." This made-for-TV event is part of the Right's ongoing war against Senate Democrats' use of the filibuster to block a handful of Bush judicial nominees.

As Frist prepares to implement the nuclear option, it is worth noting the subtle irony at the center of the Justice Sunday event. As their [flyer](#) states:

*"THE FILIBUSTER AGAINST PEOPLE OF FAITH - The filibuster was once abused to protect racial bias, and now it is being used against people of faith."*

Today's Southern, conservative Republicans opposing the judicial filibuster are the descendents of the Southern, conservative Democrats who once filibustered against anti-lynching laws and other civil rights legislation. The conservative, religious right apparently believes in a theory of evolution after all:

# The Conservative Theory of Evolution

1857



SoCons laud activist *Dred Scott* ruling.

1860



Democrats control solid south.

1896



SoCons praise activist *Plessy* ruling.

1922



Democratic SoCons in Senate filibuster anti-lynching bills.

2005



Bill Frist goes nuclear.

2001



Bush arrives in DC to fill vacancies.

1990's



Helms, Inhofe & other GOP SoCons block Clinton judicial nominees.

1968



Nixon executes GOP "Southern Strategy."

1964



LBJ signs Civil Rights Act, loses South for a generation.

1954



Activist Warren Court bans school segregation.

1948



Dixiecrats bolt Democratic Party for Trent Lott hero Strom Thurmond.

1932



Hillary precursor & civil rights advocate Eleanor arrives.