Subject: Hey, what do you guys think abou tthe eminent domain issue?
Posted by akhilesh on Fri, 03 Feb 2006 14:18:45 GMT
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AS you know, the supreme court ruled on this a few months ago. It seems OK to take people's land and give it to another private party. What do you all think about that?-akhilesh

Subject: Evil
Posted by Leland Crooks on Fri, 03 Feb 2006 14:38:39 GMT
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My home state has some the most agressive eminent domain laws on the books. AFAIK, it hasn't been abused too much yet. But the fact that for financial gain for another party allows it is just wrong. Tax revenues or not. The ever reaching search for revenues is appalling. We are selling portable buildings. The local property tax folks called wanting to know who's paying the property tax on them. They wanted us to report sales, and pay property tax on the bldgs on our lot, which change almost weekly. We said make us. They don't have a statute, yet. I'm sure it will appear. I am facing an easement issue on a piece of property I have right now. I know that if I don't give it, they'll just take it. So my only recourse is to try to negotiate every concession and nickel I can get.

Subject: Re: Evil
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 03 Feb 2006 17:40:30 GMT
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I think the very concept which used to mean for the public good has no meaning within the context that the Court decided it. It might as well be from another planet to even try and understand that ruling.I see they wished to push the outcomes onto the states but this is clearly a civil rights issue for the feds to adjudicate.

Subject: DO you know which of the justices ruled for it and which ruled against this decision, on the supreme
Posted by akhilesh on Fri, 03 Feb 2006 19:06:20 GMT
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I was wondering about who ruled for this & who ruled against. -akhilesh

Subject: I found it...
Posted by akhilesh on Fri, 03 Feb 2006 19:09:19 GMT
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From the washington post:"Stevens was joined in the majority by Justices Anthony M. Kennedy, David H. Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer.Kennedy's vote was something of a surprise because he had expressed strong sympathy for property-rights claims in past cases. But in a brief concurring opinion he explained that the New London plan showed no sign of improper favoritism toward any one private developer.O'Connor was joined in her dissent by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas. They wrote that the majority had tilted in favor of those with "disproportionate influence and power in the political process, including large corporations and development firms."Hopefully the appointment of ROberts & Alito will allow this crazy ruling to be overturned soon. -akhilesh

Subject: Re: I found it...
Posted by Leland Crooks on Fri, 03 Feb 2006 19:56:34 GMT
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That would be too much like a traditional conservative response. I'm with MB that Alito deserves the benefit of the doubt, however.I'm starting to read in various places that the moderates and the real old time conservatives are getting fed up. Fractures are appearing in the bloc.

Subject: Re: Evil
Posted by Manualblock on Fri, 03 Feb 2006 20:29:28 GMT
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Say Leland;is that easement a public thoroughfare or used as a private access?

Subject: Re: Evil
Posted by Leland Crooks on Fri, 03 Feb 2006 21:12:55 GMT
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Utility easement for a new subdivision. Sewer line. Will be the third one on my property. It is clear at the back thank god. I already have a high pressure gas line and another sewer line. The gas line just about cuts the 6acres in half, making construction of anything a problem. It was done by a previous owner.

Subject: Re: I found it...
Posted by akhilesh on Fri, 03 Feb 2006 22:25:45 GMT
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"That would be too much like a traditional conservative response."I try to be apolitical on the forums. What I posted was simply an article in the Washington POst. I am assuming it;s true..i.e. tha tIS HOW they voted? SInce it seems like the "conservative" justices were against the eminent domain ruling, it does not seem like a stretch to say maybe the other"conservatives" like roberts & alito will side with them on this one. -akhilesh---article snippet below----From the washington post:"Stevens was joined in the majority by Justices Anthony M. Kennedy, David H. Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer.Kennedy's vote was something of a surprise because he had expressed strong sympathy for property-rights claims in past cases. But in a brief concurring opinion he explained that the New London plan showed no sign of improper favoritism toward any one private developer.O'Connor was joined in her dissent by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas. They wrote that the majority had tilted in favor of those with "disproportionate influence and power in the political process, including large corporations and development firms."

Subject: Re: I found it...
Posted by Leland Crooks on Fri, 03 Feb 2006 23:27:53 GMT
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I didn't mean to put words in your mouth. Even as what real right wingers would call a liberal, I do have some support for the traditional conservative agenda. Smaller government, less oversight, less intrusion into our lives. I really consider myself a libertarian. I just find our current situation nothing like what a truly conservative agenda would be.

Subject: Re: I found it...
Posted by Manualblock on Sat, 04 Feb 2006 01:31:23 GMT
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Right exactly; neither do the real conservatives. The fact that people just overlook the terrible condition our foriegn policy/health care/immigration/ budget etc etc and just absorb all this quality of life nonsense is amazing to me.Sorry to hear about that gas line situation. Pretty crazy they run it down the center of the plot. Can you get it moved?

Subject: Re: I found it...
Posted by akhilesh on Sat, 04 Feb 2006 02:48:57 GMT

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Not a problem, Leland. I didn;t take it that way. Hope to see you at GPAF! How about you John? Do we finally get tosee you? -akhilesh

Subject: Re: I found it...
Posted by Manualblock on Sat, 04 Feb 2006 21:34:28 GMT
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Can't say as yet but; anything can happen. Now if you could pick it up and move east about a thousand miles that would certainly simplify things. That should put us somewhere around Chicago.