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Joe Biden's VP Kamala Harris admitted she is 'open to court packing' in resurfaced interview

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JOE Biden's vice president pick Kamala Harris admitted she is "open to court packing" in a resurfaced interview.

The older interview reappeared after [Harris](#) did not answer in a debate against [Vice President Mike Pence](#) if [Democrats](#) would pack the court.



Kamala Harris reportedly revealed in an interview last year that she was open to packing the Supreme Court Credit: Getty Images - Getty



The Supreme Court currently has nine seats – with one vacancy following the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Credit: AP: Associated Press

Alexander Burns, a reporter with The New York Times, revealed the senator from [California](#) said last year she's open to the idea.

"Senator Harris told me in an interview, actually, that she was absolutely open to doing that," Burns said during a Thursday episode of the newspaper's podcast.

"But we've not heard her reiterate that recently.

"So I think for them there is this balancing act of they don't want to alienate moderate voters, they also don't want to send a demoralizing signal to their own party."

The questions over "court packing" came after the [death](#) of Justice [Ruth Bader Ginsburg](#).



Harris would not specify during a debate on Wednesday if she is open to packing the court
Credit: AP: Associated Press



Ginsburg said before her death it's her 'most fervent wish' that her seat is not filled until a new president is appointed
Credit: AP: Associated Press

The term "[packing the court](#)" means that a president would add more seats to the Supreme Court.

Having more Democrat – or [Republican](#) – appointed justices may give the respective party more favorable outcomes in rulings.

What does 'packing the court' mean?

The term originated with President Franklin D Roosevelt's Judicial Procedures Reform Bill in 1937.

FDR's bill called for adding more justices to the Supreme Court in an effort to obtain a favorable ruling for the New Deal legislation.

The bill wanted to reform the number of Supreme Court justices in an effort to obtain a favorable ruling for the New Deal legislation.

The central provision of the bill would have granted the president power to appoint an additional justice to the Supreme Court – up to a maximum of six – for every member of the court over the age of 70 years and six months.

Prior to 1989 there were only six justices.

The Constitution does not have a set number on how many judges should serve on the Supreme Court.

However, many lawmakers at the time felt that Roosevelt's legislation was and coined the term “court-packing plan” when they discussed the Judicial Procedures Reform Bill.

It did not receive support and some viewed it as “political maneuvering” on Roosevelt's part to get his deal plan to pass.

This first originated with the Judicial Procedures Reform Bill of 1937 when President Franklin D Roosevelt wanted more seats on the court to pass the New Deal legislation.

Under the Constitution, there is no set number of seats on the Supreme Court.

There are currently nine seats, with one vacant after Ginsburg's death.

Democrats and Republicans have both debated with the close date to the election, if [President Donald Trump](#) should be allowed to nominate someone to fill the vacant seat.

Days before her death, Ginsburg herself said it was her "most fervent wish" that her seat would not be filled until after a new president is appointed.

[Former Vice President Biden](#) has said with how close the date of the election is, the winner of the [presidential showdown](#) and next senators should pick the seat.

Democratic New York [Representative Alexandria Ocasio Cortez](#) meanwhile, [claimed Democrats must consider impeaching Trump and Attorney General William Barr](#) to halt the nomination.

Trump and many other Republicans, meanwhile, argue that it's the president's job to choose a pick.

Trump on September 26 nominated [Amy Coney Barrett](#) to fill the empty seat.

If the hearings proceed with the Republican nominee, it's speculated if Biden wins the presidency, he'll try to pack the court to get more liberal-leaning justices.



Trump has said he believes it's his job to nominate someone to fill the empty Supreme Court seat
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Note: The claim that Ginsburg had a 'most fervent wish' that President Trump not appoint someone to SCOTUS to fill Ginsberg's seat is *hearsay*. The comment was made by a Ginsburg family member. There is no evidence that Ginsburg ever made such comment. If you have never been around a person on their death bed, their last comments are usually about affection for family, God/ religion and not --- and get those meddling kids! You get the idea.

Alleged death bed quotes:

<https://www.brainyquote.com/topics/deathbed-quotes>

Additional photos in this report @ the Sun.

Read more about “Deathbed phenomena.”

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deathbed_phenomena