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Do justices need a code of ethics?



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1. How do these cartoons portray the revelations about Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas getting luxury trips, gifts, and a real estate deal from billionaire Harlan Crow without disclosing it?
2. Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. has said the Supreme Court should not be subject to the same ethics rules as all other federal judges. Do you agree? Why or why not?
3. Do you trust judges or politicians to police themselves on ethical issues?
4. Should all public officials' finances be open to the public?
5. Is the Supreme Court part of a "political swamp?"

Between the lines

"Any 'regular' judge would surely be impeached and removed for taking such gifts and not reporting them — so why are Supreme Court justices exempt?" — Spearlt, University of Pittsburgh law school.

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/guest-columns/2023/04/17/supreme-court-ethics-aba-code-judicial-conduct/stories/202304150017>

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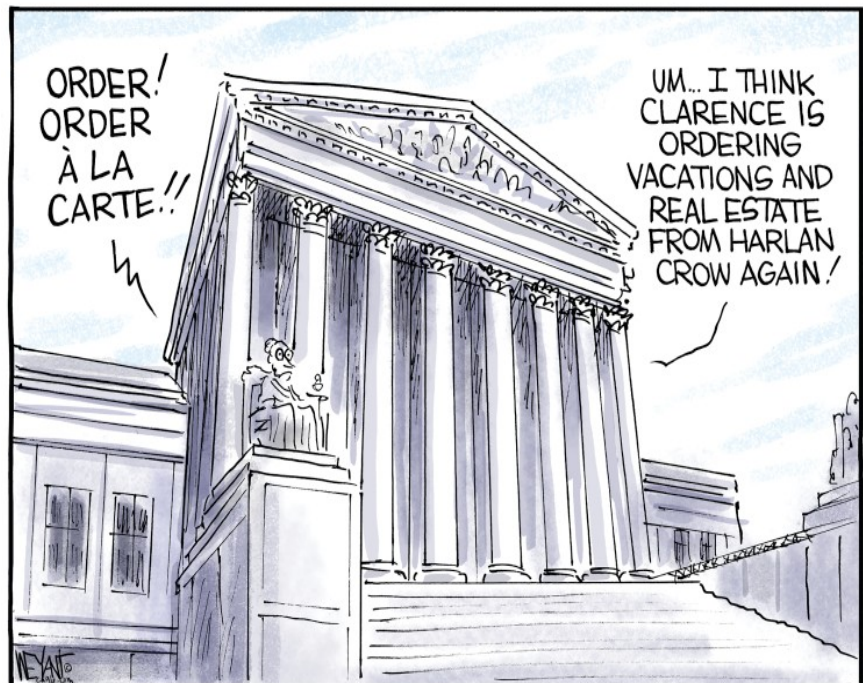
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