



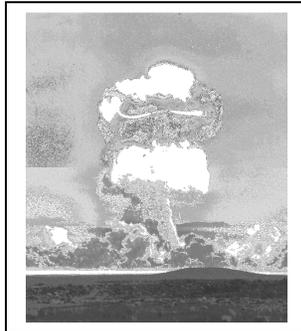
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## LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT

# PRESIDENT THREATENS NUCLEAR OPTION ON MINORITY PARTY



Trump's reference to the "nuclear option" would require a change in Senate rules allowing the bill to pass with a simple majority of 51 votes instead of the current 60 vote margin. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) on Sunday expressed opposition to using the so-called "nuclear option" to allow the Senate to pass a long-term budget with 51 votes. "The Republican Conference opposes changing the rules on legislation," a spokesman for McConnell said.

## An authoritarian

In an article entitled "How to Tell Whether Trump is a Dictator" by Robert Reich posed on line by *TIME Magazine* © columnist Robert Reich stated that "an authoritarian wouldn't follow the normal process in a constitutional democracy for disputing a judicial decision he dislikes – which is to appeal it to a higher court....an authoritarian would instead [assail judges who rule against him](#), as Trump has done repeatedly. He'd also threaten to hobble the offending courts, as [Trump did](#) in urging that the 9th Circuit (where many of these decisions have originated) be broken

up." He further said "Likewise, an authoritarian has no patience for normal legislative rules – designed, as they are in a democracy, to create opportunities for deliberation. Which is why Trump told Mitch McConnell to use the "nuclear option" against the time-honored Senate filibuster..." Read entire article at:

<http://www.newsweek.com/robert-reich-how-tell-whether-trump-dictator-592238>

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