

## Talking Points for Discussion Leaders

- Greetings, acknowledgements, thanks to individuals/groups who helped organize the screening
- For more than 25 years, the ultra-conservative movement in this country has been working to tilt our laws to the right by putting like-minded judges on the federal bench.
- These ultra-conservatives never lost sight of that goal – they never took their eye off the ball.
- Conservatives were thinking about the courts every day – because they know that the decisions of the courts touch our lives every day.
- Rulings by federal judges affect workers' rights ... protection of our environment and consumers ... and bedrock freedoms like reproductive choice.
- Conservatives understand that it is important to stay focused on the courts every single day – and progressives need to understand this, too.
- That's why Alliance for Justice produced this documentary film, *Quiet Revolution*.
- This film is narrated by the actor Bradley Whitford, from *The West Wing*. It features Senator Barack Obama, other elected leaders and distinguished legal experts.
- *Quiet Revolution* shines a spotlight on the right-wing assault on our laws.
- It connects the dots between the effort to hijack our federal courts, and issues that affect our lives every day.
- It includes powerful footage that shows how conservatives have masked their true agenda, with the help of the right-wing message machine.
- This struggle has been going on for more than 25 years – and the film is just 23 minutes long. So it wasn't possible to cover every issue in depth.
- This film is factual – but it does have a point of view.
- Alliance for Justice has always been a strong advocate for our legal rights and protections. They are an advocacy group – and this is an advocacy film.
- This is a powerful documentary about one of the most important issues facing our nation. I hope it will provoke an honest discussion of this issue.