It’s Time to Impeach Alito

Imani Gandy: Hello fellow law nerds. Welcome to another episode of Boom! Lawyered, a Rewire News Group podcast hosted by the legal journalism team that was right all along! This court is illegitimate. I'm Rewire News Group's editor -t-large, Imani Gandy.

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Imani Gandy: Well, Jess.

Jess Pieklo: Listen.

Imani Gandy: We had a whole thing planned. We were going to talk about the women of the Court. It was like, a whole, it was going to be a great episode. And then on Saturday, for some reason, the New York Times dropped this bombshell of a piece by Jodi Kantor and Jo Becker that alleges that the Dobbs opinion, remember that Dobbs opinion that was leaked about a month and a half before the, the ruling was issued- that wasn't the first leak. That was not the first leak from this court, when it comes to reproductive rights.

Jess Pieklo: I mean, yep. What a weekend. Apparently, a former evangelical minister by the name of Rob Schenck allegedly wrote a letter to Chief Justice John Roberts, following that May leak of the Dobbs decision, to say, oh, hey, guess what, Chief? Justice Sam Alito, he previously leaked to me the 2014 Hobby Lobby decision, and he leaked it to other high profile conservative donors way back in 2014.

Imani Gandy: I just, so, for those of you who don't recall, Hobby Lobby, first of all, Hobby Lobby, I feel like, was Jess’ and my first big case together.

Jess Pieklo: Oh, it totally was.

Imani Gandy: Back in 2014. Like I, I feel like we really bonded over that case. I mean, I remember where I was when the case came down, and everything, right?

Jess Pieklo: Oh, yeah.

Imani Gandy: So, it was this case, where evangelical business owners, right, this craft shop claimed a religious objection to the birth control benefit in the ACA. The birth control benefit was that provision that said, Hey, if you're an employer, over this number of many of employees, you have to provide birth control coverage in the insurance plans that you offer your employees, as part of their benefits, right?
Imani Gandy: As part of their employee benefits. So this is the case, Hobby Lobby was the case that would ultimately create this huge opening for businesses to try to refuse to comply with civil rights laws, generally, just across the board.

Jess Pieklo: It's wild. And listeners and viewers, I mean, go to the way-back machine. We had an entire podcast called RJ Court Watch that was more or less dedicated to covering the Hobby Lobby cases, because at the time, they were such a big deal and, wow. So, the allegations of the New York Times piece are absolutely extraordinary, and they totally paint this picture of Sam Alito and Clarence Thomas as just, I don't know, Imani, straight-up partisan operatives on the court. It's wild. And, what's not wild and what's really dangerous about it, is, they are operatives though, who are helping the court craft policy.

Imani Gandy: Yeah. And not just policy, but policy that affects the rights of some of the most marginalized, oppressed,

Jess Pieklo: Yep.

Imani Gandy: And given yesterday's attack in Colorado, under siege by terrorists.

Jess Pieklo: Yeah.

Imani Gandy: Like, these are the people that rely on the court for their civil rights. And what we're seeing is that it's just all partisan. So that's what we're going to talk about today. Just how corrupt is Sam Alito, and can anything be done about it?

Jess Pieklo: Hmm. OK. All right. Let's get into this, because, as you've said, that New York Times piece is stunning, and as Imani pointed out, confirms what we've been saying on this podcast for years, literally years: Conservatives are using the Supreme Court to make anti-democratic policy. And Imani, they've got a friend in Sam Alito.

Imani Gandy: I mean, are we doing the, the Randy Newman thing, or-

Jess Pieklo: Poor Randy Newman.

Imani Gandy: Dude, you got a friend in Sam. You got a corrupt guy in Sam. He's corrupt and he is on the bench, and he's not going to take no shit from any liberal. I don't know where I'm going with this, but I'll workshop it. I'll come out with like a SoundCloud.

Jess Pieklo: So, let's get into this because maybe not everybody saw the New York Times piece.

Imani Gandy: Yeah.
Jess Pieklo: So, the bulk of these allegations came in a letter that Schenk sent to Roberts that claims back in 2014, Alito was serving as basically the inside guy for evangelical operatives that were looking to shape some policy, including creating corporate religious rights. It also highly suggests that Alito leaked the Dobbs opinion, which, wild. OK. And so far, Roberts has not responded to, apparently, the letter at all, even though he promised a thorough investigation into the Dobbs leak, hasn't responded to any of the allegations. Sam Alito sent a, like, "I'm very mad that this came out, and boy, I didn't think anybody was trying to influence anybody when I was having dinner."

Imani Gandy: I think when the Dobbs opinion leaked, he said it was a "grave betrayal of trust." Bitch, are you serious?

Jess Pieklo: I almost did a really inappropriate motion. I remembered that we're on video and I can't do a wanking motion

Imani Gandy: We all know what it was, but the allegations—

Jess Pieklo: Insert wanking motion GIF here.

Imani Gandy: Yeah, I'll do it. I'll do it. I'm not ashamed. I don't care. But, like, the allegations are really shocking. I mean, we're talking, Rob Schenck is a guy who, you know, runs, like, a huge nonprofit, huge conservative nonprofit, and he was looking for donors. He was actually trying to cultivate Hank Green. Hank Green was the owner of Hobby Lobby, who was whinging about how, you know, he, that his was religious freedom prevented him from providing birth control. He was trying to cultivate these people as donors.

And so, he launched an operation that he called Operation Higher Court. Like, it wasn't just, like, some little thing that he was doing on the side, there was an operational title, Operation Higher Court. He purchased a building across from the Supreme Court, and this is what it says in the Times article, so he could start working the employees, right? Like, he would pick out people that he was trying to just ingratiate himself to, in order to work them over and get information, right? He would do things like, remember back in 2014 when you were a, a, just a young, burgeoning Supreme Court reporter, and you had to go, and fly to D.C. and we had to try and get you seats in the room, so that you could report? This bitch was just getting coveted oral argument seats just by asking, just calling up his friend Sam, and Nino, and Clarence, and saying, Hey man, can—

Jess Pieklo: Nino!

Imani Gandy: Yeah, Nino, Antonin Scalia, Hey, can we get some of those super-sweet box VIP suites in the Supreme Court, during the Hobby Lobby case? But they were, they were just on the front lines, at all times. And it's just, it's shocking to me that one of Sam Alito's claims is that, oh, no, I was friends with the Schencks, and this donor, this huge donor couple called the
Wrights, Gayle and Donald Wright, I believe their names are, oh, we, they were just supporting us for our Supreme Court Historical Society. It was all very innocent. There were no shenanigans going on. Meanwhile, it was shenanigans, top to bottom.

Jess Pieklo: Shenanigans, but kind of, like, mundane shenanigans in some ways too, right? Like, let's just be out there in the open, taking meetings with these operatives. Like, let's just like shoot a couple emails. Oh, but let's keep the details out of the emails. Right? Let's just do that. It's, Imani and I were prepping for the podcast, and talking about how this is kind of like The Pelican Brief. Like, we're living in a John Grisham novel.

Imani Gandy: We absolutely are. And here's a funny thing about those emails, right? So, Gayle Wright, who was this big donor, who was sitting in the front lines, in the front of, of the, the oral arguments for Hobby Lobby. So, the thing that's bizarre about these emails, is that she's claiming that she couldn't send an email about this super-secret information that she had, because it was too sensitive.

But she had no problem sending emails about how amazing it was that she was getting these awesome seats at the Supreme Court. So, I'm supposed to believe that she refuses to send any emails about the fact that she maybe fell ill at a dinner, which is what she claimed that these emails were about. Right? She claimed that the subject of the email that she couldn't talk about over email was the fact that she got sick. Meanwhile, she's sending emails about the Supreme Court directly. I mean, none of this makes sense. It's just lies. And it's, as you said, mundane, bad, mundane lies.

Jess Pieklo: I mean, these people challenged mask policies. She's not worried about an email getting sick.

Imani Gandy: Right? Right, like,

Jess Pieklo: You know, it's, it's wild. So, we've got Sam Alito, Clarence Thomas, taking meetings with these folks. Alito allegedly then goes and leaks the Hobby Lobby opinion to Schenck weeks before it's released. Right? This is that information we're assuming that they're all excited about. And then Schenck uses that leaked opinion to prepare an entire public relations campaign, including tipping off the owners of the Hobby Lobby, of Hobby Lobby themselves, which, that's not how any of this is supposed to work, folks.

Imani Gandy: So corrupt. It is so corrupt. So Jess, like, who is this Schenck guy? Right? Like, apparently, he was so ingratiated with the conservative movement, that he was engaging in unethical shenanigans. I mean, we can say they're unethical, even though the Supreme Court isn't bound by any code of ethics, it's unethical. But now, suddenly, he's had a change of heart. He's turned whistleblower. What is the, can we trust these allegations? Can we trust this man?

Jess Pieklo: Yeah. Excellent question. And I think so. You know, the, the headline in the New York Times piece was that Alito had leaked the opinion to an anti-abortion operative, but
Schenck is way more than that. He’s a former evangelical minister who was heavily involved in Christian nationalism versus the Assembly of God folks and, people, these are not people with our democracy’s best intentions at heart, at all. He has a long history of anti-abortion activism and ties, in the 1980s, to the Army of God. Also, really not-good folks. These are the most violent, dangerous arm of the anti-abortion movement. He’s co-founder of Operation Rescue with our friend Randall Terry.

Imani Gandy: Not good.

Jess Pieklo: OK. But it gets worse. Like, this is how ingratiated into conservative politics Schenck is. He’s the former preacher to John Ashcroft. Do you remember John Ashcroft?

Imani Gandy: What was that song? What was that—

Jess Pieklo: On Eagles’ Wings?

Imani Gandy: On Eagle’s Wings!

Jess Pieklo: With Orrin Hatch, I believe. Look it up, Google it.

Imani Gandy: Google On Eagle’s Wings, YouTube it, watch it, and then just cry.

Jess Pieklo: Thank us later. But, but, so, Schenck was preacher to Ashcroft when Ashcroft was a senator and also Attorney General under the Bush administration. Like, actively steering policy under the Bush administration. So, we have every reason to think that he had amassed that kind of access described in the New York Times piece.

We also have every reason to think, or at least take him at his word, that he’s had a change of heart. I mean, NPR did a big profile on him. He’s come out and said that, you know, yeah, he did all this anti-abortion activism, but he really understands the harm that that does now. I mean, I don’t know, take it with a grain of salt, but he seems to be a whistleblower on Christian nationalist groups working behind the scenes in Republican circles. So.

Imani Gandy: Yeah, I mean, the New York Times paints a picture, like, a very vivid picture, of a man who feels bad. And while I wish he’d have felt bad before he started doing all of this stuff, did you know that he was one of the people that was paying Norma, Norma McCorvey, who came out and said that she’d basically been paid by all these anti-choice organizations to give these speeches? He was one of those dudes. He was one of those guys.

So, it’s a pretty big deal if a guy that entrenched in the anti-choice movement is coming out and saying, yo, I did some stuff that was really messed up, including taking, you know, leaked opinions from the Supreme Court so I could do PR pushes to affect, like, the, to affect public opinion on something as seminal as the rights people with uteruses to take birth control. I mean,
it's wild to me. It's wild to me. But I'm glad he came out. I'm glad he came out, because hey, maybe something will happen because of this, right? I don't know. I don't know, it's all so bad.

Jess Pieklo: And, I mean, all the more reason why John Roberts probably should have done something. I don't know.

Imani Gandy: Was he ever really going to do anything? Or was he—

Jess Pieklo: No.

Imani Gandy: I mean, come on.

Jess Pieklo: I don't know. I mean, and you know, that's kind of that's kind of, like, my next point, right? Like,

Imani Gandy: Yeah.

Jess Pieklo: The reaction over the weekend, and especially on Twitter was wild, because this is bad. Like, the reporting is great, but the picture that it paints of the Court is terrible. But, again, confirmation that the Court is literally just a straight-up political actor under John Roberts. Like, I think it was Elie Mystal had a piece that was, you know, John Roberts is one of the top Republican operatives and, correct. I mean, it is impossible to claim that the court is anything but a captured arm of the Republican party at this point. And even its most violent and dangerous elements, if folks like Schenck had that kind of access.

Imani Gandy: They're the mob.

Jess Pieklo: I mean, truly.

Imani Gandy: It sounds like they're the mob, right? Like, Sam Alito's taking meetings at his daughter's wedding kind of mob. Like, what is, it's, I mean it's, it's really, it's also really depressing as a lawyer, as someone who chose this career, and as someone who left private practice to focus on the Supreme Court, and on constitutional law, and as someone who believed, I mean, I've talked about this before. There used to be a time, where I believed that, even if a conservative opinion were to come out, there was something in there that was grounded in law, and it was just lawyers doing what lawyers do, which is taking an issue,

Jess Pieklo: Yeah.

Imani Gandy: And finding and arguing both sides, and picking one side over the other. It was generally good enough faith. It wasn't a great faith, but it was good enough. Now, I don't see any good faith in anything that's happened in the last decade.

Jess Pieklo: No, no.
Imani Gandy: In the last decade. Probably starting with, well, starting with Citizens United, really. But like Shelby v. Holder was really the nail in the coffin that allowed all of the rest of this shit to happen.

Jess Pieklo: Yeah.

Imani Gandy: Because when we don't have a Voting Rights Act, Black people can't vote, and just, you know, save democracy, which is what we're always asked to do. And then, we're always criticized, because we don't show up enough. It's very frustrating. And I mean, I just, what else has this affected? Do we even know?

Jess Pieklo: That's, that's the question. Like, so you know, we know that there was this massive leak in the Dobbs case last May, overturning Roe v. Wade. We now know that there was also a leak, although not public, to the same extent in Hobby Lobby. We know Sam Alito's fingerprints are all over that. What else has he been involved in? I mean, we have the case, or the Court taking up a couple cases here, right? The case to upend public union. That's one where we saw campaign after campaign of conservative operatives, basically taking cues from Sam Alito's opinions on what the next opinion and what the next legal challenge should be. We just got done talking about the affirmative action cases—

Imani Gandy: Yeah.

Jess Pieklo: What was he, what was he doing behind the scenes with those, right? We have lots of questions, and I mean, so far this season, we focused on the conservative legal movement's crusade to upend progressive precedent, right? Like, that's really what they are doing. And at this point, I think we can assume that Sam Alito's behind all of it.

Imani Gandy: Yeah. I think that's pretty accurate.

Jess Pieklo: So, I got a question for you though, Imani.

Imani Gandy: Yeah.

Jess Pieklo: Do you think Alito leaked Dobbs?

Imani Gandy: 100 percent. 100 percent.

Jess Pieklo: Hundo? One hundo percent?

Imani Gandy: One hundo! I mean, at the time, I thought it was a conservative.

Jess Pieklo: Yeah.
Imani Gandy: I remember we, you know, when we did our podcast on the leak—

Jess Pieklo: We were on it.

Imani Gandy: We were like, I mean, they were trying to make it sound like, oh, it was a liberal who's upset and is trying to sway votes. First of all, why would the three of them think that that would've been a good idea? Second of all, two of those three liberals, at the time, were women. Women already are under a microscope in these kinds of spaces. There is not a, there is no way in God's green earth that one of the clerks of one of the liberal women justices would have done something like this. It's just not anything that would've ever happened. And Stephen Breyer would've had no reason to do it, because he had KBJ on deck.

Jess Pieklo: Right. Right.

Imani Gandy: So, what the, I mean, what, what the opinion did, is it sort of set the stage for what came.

Jess Pieklo: Yes.

Imani Gandy: And, fortunately, I was wrong. I thought it was going to be a situation where what came, would've been, the response to what came would've been muted, because people would've had a month and a half to get used to it. But as we saw, with the midterms, that didn't happen. People were pissed, and people stayed pissed, and people voted on how pissed they were. So, I'm glad that didn't happen, but what are we supposed to do about this?

Jess Pieklo: Yeah. I mean, I don't know. Back when the Dobbs opinion was leaked, one of the things that we talked about was, you know, okay, leave the liberals alone. They're the only people on the Court with any ethics. So they would not have done this.

Why would conservatives leak the opinion? Well, maybe to put some pressure on John Roberts to keep him locked in, in the event that he was feeling swayed, right? We were talking about the coward's compromise at the time, that he was going to try and craft in Dobbs that would've upheld Mississippi's 15-week ban, but not gone so far as completely overturning precedent. And so, even in that Dobbs leak we see the machinations of a PR campaign, like what was described with the outcome of Hobby Lobby. So, this is just, it's—

Imani Gandy: And Roberts is—

Jess Pieklo: A failed institution.

Imani Gandy: Absolutely. And, Roberts' opinion in Dobbs sort of gives credence to that theory, right? Because he wrote this—

Jess Pieklo: It totally does.
Imani Gandy: I mean he, if he had had his way, it would've gone a different way, right?

Jess Pieklo: Yes. Yes.

Imani Gandy: And so, the ways in which this is about writing opinions, leaking opinions meant to put pressure on the other Justices, rather than doing what you're supposed to do, and conferring with them, and hammering it out. And writing opinions and sharing opinions. That's why, you know, when we talk about diversifying the courts, that's what we mean. Not just diversity of skin color, or religion, or career background, but a diversity of thought. We don't have a diversity of thought. We've got six people who think pretty much the same way. One's kind of in and out. Roberts will be in and out.

Jess Pieklo: Yeah.

Imani Gandy: And then we've got three people who generally believe that we should uphold human rights and civil rights, and then they'll disagree on other stuff. Like maritime law.

Jess Pieklo: Yeah.

Imani Gandy: Or subject matter jurisdiction. You know, people always say, well, it doesn't matter, having that many liberals on the court, because the liberals vote with the conservatives so many times, take a look at the cases that the liberals are voting with the conservatives on. It's on stuff you don't even care about. Like maritime law. Sorry, sailors that are listening to this podcast.

Jess Pieklo: Love you, sailors. Your law's a little dry. See what I did there?

Imani Gandy: Nice one. Nice pun.

Jess Pieklo: But truly, Imani, what, if anything, can be done about Sam Alito?

Imani Gandy: Impeach the bastard. 'Cause, I mean, look, I am on record online, like, anytime anyone brings up impeaching anybody, I'm like, let's just calm down. Like, no Justices are getting impeached. People wanted to to impeach Brett Kavanaugh for li-

Jess Pieklo: Yeah.

Imani Gandy: People, people want to impeach everybody who's a conservative for lying about Roe under oath. And I'm always like, y'all, that's just never going to happen. There's no political will for it. Democrats aren't going to do it. And frankly, the last Supreme Court justice to be impeached, 1805. 1805! A man, Associate Justice Samuel Chase, was impeached and then acquitted in the Senate.
Jess Pieklo: Oh, so they even acquitted him? They impeached him, but were like, oh our bad. Sorry.

Imani Gandy: Exactly. So, there's literally no precedent for impeaching and removing a Supreme Court justice for bad behavior. And that's really all we can do, is just call it bad behavior. Because the Supreme Court justices have no code of ethics that governs them. And that is shocking to me. Every other lawyer, every other judge in the country is bound by a code of ethics. And if you, if you stray from that code, you can have your license yanked, you could be disbarred.

Jess Pieklo: Yep.

Imani Gandy: Somehow, when you ascend to the highest court in the land, the land that is like, the, the court, that is the last word when it comes to the law, constitutional law, they're not bound by any code of judicial ethics at all. Such that, we have Sam Alito leaking opinions, or Ginni Thomas having access to Clarence Thomas' Listserv of clerks so that she could spread her nonsense about the Big Lie. It's just, it would be an extreme position for Senate Democrats to take, and the fact that they've already launched an investigation in the Senate Judiciary Committee is a very good sign.

Jess Pieklo: Yes.

Imani Gandy: Particularly, because now Democrats have the Senate. Let's do this. It would be extreme, but it has to be done. Because if it's not done, you might as well just, we might as well just give up on democracy entirely. Literally. Because there's nothing that's going to get by this Court that is going to help people. It's all going to help big business, and it's, well, it's going to help some people. It's going to help white cis-het people. It'll help Christian, evangelical people. It's not going to help you or me. It's not going to help Black and brown people. It's not going to help Indigenous people whose tribes are being torn asunder. I can't.

Jess Pieklo: Yeah. Since the New York Times piece has been released, there have been calls on Congress to investigate, and the Senate Judiciary Committee says that it intends to do so. So Senator Whitehouse, call us. We have some ideas for some whiteboards.

Imani Gandy: Yes.

Jess Pieklo: That'd be great.

Imani Gandy: Also, I think Senator Whitehouse would be interested in the fact that, you know, we've just come off the heels of a couple of weeks of these justices going and making their appearances at various Federalist Society dinners and conferences.

Imani Gandy: Literally getting up to the podium and slagging off legal journalists who are trying to hold them to account, right? People like Jay Willis of Balls and Strikes, Elie Mystal of The Nation, Mark Joseph Stern over at Slate.

Jess Pieklo: Dahlia Lithwick.

Imani Gandy: Dahlia Lithwick, over at Slate. They're calling journalists out by their names. And we know, in this political climate, that is a dangerous thing to do, but they're just yucking it up, because they know that they have no consequences. So there has to be consequences for this.

Jess Pieklo: Yes. So, OK. Agree completely. I also have, maybe, a slightly contrarian take on a little bit of this.

Imani Gandy: I love your contrarian take. Let's hear it.

Jess Pieklo: Imani, what if SCOTUS leaks are good, actually?

Imani Gandy: I mean, it depends on who you're leaking to, right? It depends on if they want to leak—listen, Sam Alito, if you want to leak your opinions to Jessica Mason Pieklo and Imani Gandy of the Boom! Lawyered podcast, we will happily take them, but leaking them to, you know Johnny Asshole Anti-Choicer.

Jess Pieklo: Mm-hmm. I know. Here's what I'm thinking. Here's what I'm thinking. With the Dobbs decision, you know, we were both surprised at the fact that it didn't quite have the intended, what we assume was the intended effect, which was to sort of tamp down reaction in time for the midterms.

The fact that the Senate Judiciary Committee is going be able to have any kind of hearings about this at all is proof positive that the Dobbs leak did not have that intended effect. The midterm elections went well for progressives and Democrats, and all of the exit polling suggests that Dobbs was a hugely motivating factor. Elie Mystal is great at talking about how the Supreme Court justices operate like a bunch of wizards, unaccountable to nobody. And so, what if we see some of this as a way to help make the case for court reform. We spent the last podcast talking about the fact that, really, there is not a progressive policy that is going to survive unless we do something about the political capture of the Court.

Imani Gandy: Yep.

Jess Pieklo: What if SCOTUS leaks are one way to get there?

Imani Gandy: I see what you're saying. I'm on board for that. I'm on, whatever makes this institution more legitimate, I'm for.

Jess Pieklo: Yes.
Imani Gandy: So if it takes being illegitimate to get to a state of legitimacy, then let's do it. Maybe that's what we need. Because, the one thing that they definitely need is they need a code of ethics.

Jess Pieklo: Yes.

Imani Gandy: Like, it's just, it's, it's ridiculous that the Court is, but, just basically a loose coalition of mobsters. You know, who are all, who are beholden to no one, not even the Constitution.

Jess Pieklo: Right.

Imani Gandy: Because they pick and choose what they like about it. So.

Jess Pieklo: Nice democracy you got going on there. It'd be a shame if anything happened to it.

Imani Gandy: Seriously, and happened to, by people who aren't accountable to anyone but themselves. That can't be right. You cannot get a lifetime appointment and then be unaccountable to anyone. How does that work? Aye yi yi.

Jess Pieklo: Good question.

Imani Gandy: Well, I mean, I'm, I'm interested to see what happens next, right? Because you know, Sam Alito's out here saying, wasn't me, wasn't me. He's all, he's Shaggy.

Jess Pieklo: I was just going to say! I literally immediately went to Shaggy.

Imani Gandy: And so, I'm hoping that they got the goods on him. I mean, if Schenck is as serious as he seems to be, and he's got receipts.

Jess Pieklo: Yeah.

Imani Gandy: Let's see 'em.

Jess Pieklo: Senator Whitehouse.

Imani Gandy: See him.

Jess Pieklo: Give Schenck a call.

Imani Gandy: Ooh, Senator Whitehouse and his whiteboards. We need to get Senator Whitehouse on the pod. How do we do that? Call us, Sheldon.
Jess Pieklo: Come on the podcast—

Imani Gandy: Please.

Jess Pieklo: Senator Whitehouse.

Imani Gandy: Yes.

Jess Pieklo: Thank you.

Imani Gandy: Whew. Well, that was a lot. I mean, this is going into Thanksgiving. This is going to be an interesting week to see what happens. If you want to talk to us about any of this stuff, we are here for you.

Jess Pieklo: We are.

Imani Gandy: We really are. I'm @AngryBlackLady on Twitter. Jess is @Hegemommy. H-e-g-e-m-o-m-m-y. You got to do the little shimmy when you do it.

Jess Pieklo: Mm-hmm.

Imani Gandy: Shimmy, shimmy. You should follow Rewire News Group on Twitter, for as long as Twitter exists. You should follow Rewire News Group also on Instagram.

Jess Pieklo: Mm-hmm.

Imani Gandy: Fantastic. And on YouTube, where you can get notifications for when our podcast goes live. If you don't want to look at our faces, we get it. We we're too cute for some people. We understand. You can listen to our podcast, just right in your ears. Google Play, Apple Podcast, Spotify, Stitcher, Overcast, all of these places that you normally get your podcasts. And I guess that's it. Happy Thanksgiving. Right? We would, would love to wish you a happy Thanksgiving. Maybe around the dinner table, talk about Sam Alito, maybe carve your Turkey into a likeness of Sam Alito.

Jess Pieklo: We will not be doing that at the Hegemommy household. No, we won't. For the record.

Imani Gandy: We won't. OK, fine. I can't, can I bring a roasted duck in the shape of Sam Alito?

Jess Pieklo: Yes.

Imani Gandy: OK. All right. Anyway, thanks for listening. And what are we going to do?

Jess Pieklo: We'll see you on the tubes, folks.
Imani Gandy: See you on the tubes, folks.