His rationale that he was from Brooklyn and that's the way people talk there was borderline idiotic and insulting to that borough's population.

In his attempt to explain himself and get out from under what he belatedly realized was a rapidly deteriorating mess, Schumer lamely insisted his remarks were meant as a warning to Republicans that they would be punished by voters if the court ruled in favor of the Louisiana law.

No Republicans were mentioned, though. Only the two justices.

Schumer is not some political naif who fails to understand or appreciate the impact and consequences of his rhetoric. He chose his words and knew precisely the effect they would have when delivered to a receptive audience.

Despite Schumer's protests to the contrary, it shouldn't have come as a surprise he would confront a barrage of accusations that it was an outrageous and unprecedented attempt to intimidate the court by threatening its two newest justices.

In adactel setseasthelfealstoade – tawdry as it was – is indicative of the increasing hold of the far left on the national party.

Schumer played to the cheap seats, currying favor with the faction of his party to whom civil discourse means restricting oneself to only one profane expression per sentence. His threats were morsels of raw meat tossed to a faction to whom intimidation tactics are an essential part of their agenda.

Stalking, confronting and verbally berating members of the Trump administration in public places have been embraced and celebrated by the party's left fringe. Remember former press secretary Sarah Sanders and her family being denied service and asked to leave a roadside chicken palace in & ickenale p c

