Regulatory Takings Trends

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Declining Interest Reversing?

USSC Regulatory Takings Cases
1978 - 2013
Stronger Clause Through 1990s

• *Loretto/Lucas* (1982/1992)
  – Per se regulatory takings
• *First English* (1987)
  – Temporary regulatory takings
  – Heightened scrutiny

“[P]roperty owners have sure found a new friend today.” Justice Stevens’ *Dolan* dissent
Weaker 2001 - 2005

“The pendulum swung sharply”

Richard Epstein, 2002

• Tahoe-Sierra (2002)
  – Parcel as a whole affirmed
• Lingle (2005)
  – Discarded substantially advance
• San Remo Hotel (2005)
  – No right to federal forum

• But: Stop the Beach Renourishment (2010)?
  – Judicial taking? 4 2-2
Two Minor Cases

• *Arkansas Game & Fish Comm. v. U.S.* (2012)
  – 8-0
  – Temporary flooding can be taking

• *Horne v. Dept. of Ag.* (2013)
  – 9-0
  – Ducked whether fine can be taking
Koontz: Step Towards Stronger Clause

• Extended *Nollan/Dolan* to permit denials

• Extended *Nollan/Dolan* to land use permit conditions requiring monetary payments

• Left door open concerning many issues
  – E.g. Other monetary payments
Two Other Takings Issues

Restrictions On Water Use: Physical or Regulatory?

  - Pumping restrictions = physical taking

- *Allegretti v. Co. of Imperial* (CA Ct. of A. 2006)
  - Pumping restrictions ≠ physical taking

  - Preventing diversion ≠ physical taking
  - Redirecting diverted water back to river = physical taking
  - Dissent: “usufructuary” nature
What is the Parcel? Lost Tree Village
CONCLUSIONS

• This Court is interested in takings issues
• Arguably less deferential to government
• Many unresolved takings issues