

Roberts Final Vote - 17th Chief Justice



The Ginsburg Standard Affirmed - Qualified Nominee, Fair Process.

- Presidents nominate qualified persons of their choice - the Senate does not co-nominate - the White House consulted with 70 Senators on Roberts as a courtesy.
- Fair hearings - Nominees do not compromise their judicial independence by pre-judging issues or cases that could come before the Court.
- No delaying or blocking fair, up-or-down votes for partisan ideological reasons - Justice Ginsburg overwhelmingly confirmed (96-3) 42 days after her nomination.

Substantial Record. Senators gave Roberts bipartisan support having ample, appropriate information to make an informed decision.

- Roberts's record was reviewed more extensively than any previous nominee.
- Senators had an unprecedented 76,000 pages of documents from Roberts's government service, in addition to private meetings and nearly 20 hours of Judiciary Committee questioning.
- Senators who make endless requests for more documents are engaging in partisan obstruction of the nomination.

Judges Are Not Politicians. The role of a judge is to rule on cases impartially based on the facts and the law, not to advocate issues.

- Judges must remain impartial, so nominees should not commit to rule a certain way in order to win confirmation votes.
- Roberts, like Justice Ginsburg and all the other sitting justices, rightly refused to pre-judge cases or issues likely to come before the Supreme Court.
- Roberts was forthcoming in his testimony and discussed his view that the role of a judge is to strictly interpret the Constitution, not legislate from the bench.

The Kind of Chief Justice America Deserves



A Fair-Minded Judge

- A fair-minded, independent and unbiased judge committed to upholding the Constitution and the rule of law.
- Strictly interprets the Constitution and does not legislate from the bench.
- Decides each case based on the facts and the law, not on personal political views.

Brilliant, Eminently Qualified

- Earned the ABA's highest rating - unanimous "well qualified" - for his Supreme Court and appeals court nominations.
- Unanimously confirmed in 2003 for the U.S. Court of Appeals/D.C. Circuit.
- Regarded as one of the nation's finest appellate advocates, argued an amazing 39 cases before the Supreme Court.

Bipartisan Support for Integrity and Fairness

- Has attracted broad, bipartisan support for his keen intellect, open-mindedness and judicious practice of the law.
- Praised by Senators on both sides of the aisle for his brilliance and integrity.
- Widely respected by Democrat and Republican members of the bar.



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