



The President's Perspective



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This past week, our President made the first of possibly three Supreme Court nominations that will occur during his last three years in office. The nomination of John Roberts appears to be an outstanding one both conservatively and politically. Robert's credentials are impeccable from a personal and professional standpoint. Having argued 39 cases before the Supreme Court as a lawyer, Roberts has more experience before the high court than all the current justices combined. This, plus the fact that he has most recently served the DC court, makes him very difficult to reject as a nominee.

In the days leading up to the President's choice of Roberts, the media was buzzing with speculation and advice about who would be the "best" nominee. To be honest, I was concerned that the President would cave in to political pressure and nominate a moderate to replace Sandra Day O'Connor. Liberal senators, with whom the President consulted, seemed more than eager to want to "co-nominate" rather than do their constitutional obligation of advise and consent. When Judge Roberts walked into the east room of the White House with the President for the announcement, I was thrilled that our President did exactly what he had promised during the campaign, nominate a strict interpreter of the Constitution and an originalist.

To be sure, the battle over Judge Roberts has only begun. I have no doubt that the left, who fear more than anything a possible reversal of Roe vs. Wade, will go to unprecedented lengths to derail this nominee. The clanging of swords is already being heard. Yet, what has encouraged me the most is the integrity of our President. He is a man who says what he means and means what he says. How unique is that in the White House and how different from the politically correct, poll driven administrations of the past.

It is my opinion that history will reveal this President as one of the greatest who has ever occupied the White House. He has handled a crisis of catastrophic proportions in the 9-11 attacks. He has made gutsy decisions economically that seem to be strengthening the economy. His war on terror is, without doubt, going to be his legacy and I, personally, believe that he is right to take the battle to the enemies of the United States, rather than waiting for the next attack to occur. With all of this said, the one quality that will set this President apart from so many is his commitment to integrity, to be a man of his word and to do what is right and best for the country, rather than what is best for him or his party.

Friends, we need to pray for our President, not only because we are commanded to in the Scriptures, but because he needs our prayers now more than ever. You will recall the numerous times, in speeches, that he has stated how much he needs and appreciates the prayers of the American people. Those humble acknowledgements of his need of God's wisdom reveal a man who understands the magnitude of the office he holds. I, for one, am more that thankful that we have this man leading us at this time of national and worldwide crisis.

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