

OP-ED

Bork Opposed

As a woman, a Christian, a college professor of Christian ethics, Presbyterian minister, and a concerned citizen of the United States of America, I am opposed to the nomination of Robert H. Bork to the position of justice to the Supreme Court of the United States of America.

I am writing to urge like-minded members of the Elon College community to write to members of the Senate Judiciary Committee to express their views and to write to their senators urging them to vote against Bork's confirmation.

1. I am suspicious of this man, regardless of his other qualifications, who thinks he can or will look objectively at the Constitution of the United States, and make decisions on issues which might come before him without imposing his own personal prejudices of interpretation in that decision-making process.

First and foremost, Robert Bork is a human being and to any task he undertakes, he brings his own particular prejudices, values, biases, causes and issues; everyone does.

What concerns me with the nomination of Bork is that neither he nor President Reagan seem to think Bork has any axe to grind or any biases.

Fiddlesticks!

We all do!

I would rather trust my fate to the hands of a person who knows him/herself well enough to know that:

2. Consequently, in the past, because of his own ultra-conservative belief system and philosophy, Bork has ruled again and again against the concerns of womwn, the poor, minorities, and otherwise unprivileged persons in our country all the while firmly believing that he was rationally and objectively interpreting the law.

Why should I believe he will do any differently on the Supreme Court.

I am not certain Bork recognizes that regardless of how well-intentioned and wise they were, the men who wrote the Constitution 200 years ago ---at a time when Blacks were owned and women could not vote---could not have anticipated many of the very real issues and problems we face in 1987.

We apply the Constitution in 1987 and on into the 21st Century.

I believe that if Bork becomes a justice of the Supreme Court, his decisions will reverse the progress this nation has made during the last 33 years toward inclusiveness, justice, and human

rights for all citizens.

The influence of each new justice appointed will carry fay beyond this present administration, as Reagan well knows. Consequently, we must not allow the 19th century world-view of the Reagan Administration to be institutionalized any further via our Supreme Court.

Soon, Ronald Reagan will be gone, and the, perhaps, those of us concerned with the rights and privileges of minorities and the poor in our nation, can begin to repair the damage which has been done by an administration which was concerned primarily with seeing to it that the have kept theirs and got still more.

What we need is a justice who is a 21st century person, who does not look at the past through rose-colored glasses, who looks realistically at the present, and who anticipates the future with regard to justice for all citizens of this land.

In my view, Robert Bork is **NOT THAT MAN!** Please join me in sending a similar message to the United States Senate.

By Carole Chase

Bork on Bork

On September 13, The New York Times devoted a great deal of space to divining the judicial philosophy of Robert H. Bork--with results so varied and ponderous as to defy comprehension. Does he believe all he has ever written? Does he stand by his every opinion? Is he converting at the last minute to assure confirmation by the Senate?

Bork, 60, has been labeled an "extremist" by opponents like Sen. Edward M. Kennedy and a veritable savior by conservatives. His record is one of 25 years as a lawyer, a judge and officer of the U.S. Justice Department--it was he who obeyed Pres. Nixon's order to fire Archibald Cox, the special pro-

secutor who probed too deeply into the debacle known as "Watergate."

To Ms. Chase's essay might be added some words straight from Judge Bork:

On the Supreme Court

We have a court which is creating individual rights which

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are not to be found in the Constitution by any standard method of interpretation. The court itself, from time to time, admits that, and, more significantly, the defenders of the Court's performance admit it.

On Affirmative Action

Justice Powell's middle position--universities may not use raw racial quotas but may consider race among other factors in the interest of diversity among the student body--has been praised as a statesmanlike solution to an agonizing problem. It may be. Unfortunately, in constitutional terms, his argument is not ultimately persuasive.

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