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## **THE STAND**

### **HARRIET MIERS**

Perhaps the nine most powerful people in this country are the Justices of the United States Supreme Court. They wield unbelievable power. How they think and what they decide, nine of them determines in so many ways how America thinks and acts.

The reality is that five of those nine Justices can make decisions which can impact the entire world. That is why it is so important for conservatives or liberals to have five of the nine Justices who believe, think and act as they do. Five conservatives indicate a conservative court, and when critical decisions are made will tend to vote and decide conservatively. Five liberals on the court will do the very same. The balance of power at the UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT is the thing most coveted by liberal and conservative, democrat and republican.

George W. Bush has had the privilege of appointing two nominees for the Supreme Court. One of course is already confirmed, Justice Roberts, who is now the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court having replaced William Renhquist. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor has announced her resignation subject to the appointment and confirmation of her successor. Mr. Bush came to the Senate with the nomination of Harriet Miers to be one of the nine most powerful persons on earth, a decision with awesome ramifications.

Miers had never been a judge, but she had been the managing partner of one of the largest, most active and prestigious law firms in the State of Texas. She drove the Dallas law firm of Locke, Purnell, Boren, Laney and Neely to prominence and influence. Miers was also, for years, President of the DALLAS BAR ASSOCIATION. Such an honor clearly indicated how many believed in her, her decision-making and leadership skills. She knew and understood the law and how it worked from a practical standpoint. She was a doer as well as a thinker.

Those who opposed her nomination regaled the President for nominating a women who has never been a judge, nor was there any way to determine how intellectually and constitutionally equipped she may have been for this high calling. Mr. Bush, and many others, believed that Miers was extremely intelligent, bright, creative, instinctive, thorough, diligent and objective. They, all of them, thought she was the type of candidate the Supreme Court desperately needed, namely an aggressive, practical lawyer-justice as opposed to a theoretical, intellectual type.

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One thing about Miers was known for sure. She was a born-again Christian. She, like President Bush, had a religious conversion in her 30's.

She had that conversion experience and was baptized at Valley View Christian Church, a conservative protestant congregation in North Dallas. At 33 years of age, Miers indicated she was looking for a spiritual change and wanted a stronger faith. She then made what she terms a personal commitment to Christ.

Following that conversion, she thought about life in a much more serious way. All the years she was President of the Dallas Bar Association, she was a Sunday School Teacher. One of the most powerful women in the State of Texas taught first through third graders. She lived out her faith. She was then and continues to be a strong spiritual and Christian person. Miers was skewered by left and right, democrat and republican. Many thought, even without a hearing, she was unqualified. One Senator even said that the treatment of Miers was disgraceful, rude, uncivil, a political skewering like no other, again, all without a hearing. Harriet Miers withdrew from the nominating process. For her, enough was enough.

Perhaps there were those politicians who sought to exclude her from the Court because of her religious convictions. On the other hand, there were those who would aggressively champion her nomination because of her spirituality and values. Whether Christian or not, any such beliefs should not in any way disqualify Harriet Miers or any other candidate for Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Sensitivity to character and values at the highest level is precisely what this country needs. The fact that Miers was strongly Christian would not, in my view, make her biased or prejudice her ability to be objective and follow the law. What do you think?

Now that the Senate has effectively eliminated Miers as a nominee, again without fairness or hearing, President Bush makes that awesome decision once again to nominate a candidate for Justice of the United States Supreme Court. And so, the fight begins anew. The Senate will go after him or her, once again, with the same tactics, democrats and liberals concerned if the candidate is essentially republican and conservative and the same for the republicans and conservatives if the candidate is liberal. This nominee must have thick skin, a quick and agile mind, and a heart committed to the task, a love of the role of justice, and justice itself, and a passion for the greatest nation on earth, the United States on Earth.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

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