

Talking Points

President Trump kept his promise to nominate an exceptionally qualified and respected individual who has a record of applying the Constitution as it was understood at the Founding.

- Judge Gorsuch's record makes it clear that, like Justice Scalia, he believes judges should base their decisions on the law and the Constitution, not their own policy preferences or personal feelings.
- He will be fair to all regardless of their background or beliefs. That is exactly the kind of Supreme Court Justice President Trump promised.
- President Trump went further than any presidential candidate in history by sharing his list of potential nominees with the American people. The American people knew the judges that the President would choose from when they elected him—and he has delivered.
- The election is over. Now it is time for the Senate to give Judge Gorsuch a fair viewing and to confirm him so he can get to the important work before the Court.

Judge Gorsuch is an exceptionally qualified and experienced judge who is respected by all.

- He has served for over a decade on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. There are no secrets here, and his outstanding judicial record speaks for itself.
- He is known by judicial colleagues and attorneys from across the country as a brilliant jurist with an outstanding intellect, keen analytical skills, and an incisive writing style.
- His public service also includes significant experience in the Department of Justice where he was the Principal Deputy Associate Attorney General.
- Judge Gorsuch is a former Supreme Court Clerk for both Justice Byron White and Justice Anthony Kennedy. He also clerked for D.C. Circuit Court Judge David Sentelle.
- He has significant private practice experience having spent ten years litigating a broad range of complex trials and appeals. As a practicing attorney and law student, he devoted significant time to pro bono representation of the poor and disadvantaged.
- Judge Gorsuch has previously been given a unanimous “well qualified” rating by the American Bar Association when he was nominated to the Tenth Circuit.

Judge Gorsuch is a “mainstream judge” who should be swiftly confirmed by the Senate.

- The White House conducted extensive outreach to the Senate, and Judge Gorsuch is precisely the type of Judge that Senators from both parties have said they want: A judge who will follow the law as it is written, regardless of the outcome, and who will respect the Constitution.
- He was confirmed to the Tenth Circuit by a voice vote. Indeed, 11 current Democrat members—including Minority Leader Schumer, Senator Leahy, and Senator Feinstein—and 20 current Republican members of the Senate were in office when Judge Gorsuch was confirmed without opposition in 2006.

Judge Gorsuch is a down to earth man who has reached the pinnacle of the legal profession through hard work and consistent excellence.

- As a child, he delivered papers, while shoveling snow in the winter and mowing lawn in the summer to make extra money. He's also worked blue collar jobs included moving furniture and as a front desk clerk at a Howard Johnson hotel.
- Judge Gorsuch's academic achievements are impeccable. He graduated from Columbia University in only three years, and was Phi Beta Kappa. He earned a Truman Scholarship to help pay for Harvard Law School where he graduated *cum laude*. And he then earned a Marshall Scholarship to study at Oxford, where he received a D. Phil.
- He has been married for 20 years to his wife Marie Louise and they have two teenage daughters.

Judge Gorsuch is a native Westerner and an avid outdoorsman who enjoys fishing and hunting.

- Judge Gorsuch spent his childhood in Colorado and chose to return to the West to raise his family.
- Judge Gorsuch is a life-long outdoors enthusiast. He spends his time fly fishing, hiking, and skiing. He and his wife also care for animals, including a horse, in the small barn at their home.

Judge Gorsuch consistently defends the Constitution, extolls the virtues of limited government, and protects individual rights, including religious liberty, against government attack.

- Judge Gorsuch's record consistently demonstrates a deep respect for the Constitution, and he understands that the protections enshrined in our founding charter—including the separation of powers, federalism, and the Bill of Rights—are the greatest safeguard against government overreach and abuse.
- Judge Gorsuch's decisions demonstrate a clear understanding that the proper role of a judge is to follow the law as written.
- Judge Gorsuch's legal opinions consistently protect religious freedom—for individuals of all faith traditions. He upheld the rights of Hobby Lobby and the Little Sisters of the Poor in their fights against the government's efforts to violate their deeply held religious beliefs. And he has applied the same legal principles to protect the rights of religious minorities including Native Americans.

Judge Gorsuch does not play politics from the bench. He decides cases based on the law and nothing more.

- Echoing a common theme of Justice Scalia's jurisprudence, Judge Gorsuch once wrote that "a judge who likes every result he reaches is very likely a bad judge, reaching for results he prefers rather than those the law compels."