

# The Bork Nomination and Degradation of Debate

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President Ronald Reagan's failed 1987 nomination of Robert H. Bork to the Supreme Court has traditionally been viewed as the prologue to a new era of partisan rancor and polarization. With respect to the debate which took place, however, the nomination is far superior to the nomination hearings that followed. To this day, a debate in which both sides—liberal, conservative, nominee, senator—are as committed to constitutional theory has yet to be matched.

