

Senator THURMOND. And then in the civil court. Four times.

Judge THOMAS. That is right.

Senator THURMOND. So this will be the fifth time.

Judge THOMAS. That is right, Senator.

Senator THURMOND. I just want to make the record straight.

Judge THOMAS. Thank you, Senator Thurmond.

Senator GRASSLEY. Judge Thomas, the thing that keeps going through my mind is, all 14 of us sit here, while you are being questioned all the time. I am reminded of the verse that says, "He who is without sin, let him be the first to cast the stone." I know you have gone through a lot of things. I have sinned; I can't cast that stone. And there isn't anybody perfect on this side, either. As you stare at us, I keep hoping you know that at least half of the members of this committee voted for you, and that not everybody on this side of the aisle is your enemy.

I heard something on one of the commentaries on television, more than once. I want to bring it up for you to give a response to, because I think it has put a very unfair message out there. I don't think it has come from anchor people; I think it has come from people that have appeared to make commentary, other than politicians.

The contrast you and Professor Hill, saying, why would she come forward? She doesn't have anything to gain by coming forward and didn't have to come forward, so she obviously would have to be telling the truth, while in your case it is considered implicit that you are lying because you have everything to lose.

I would like to have you tell the American people your reaction to that comparison.

Judge THOMAS. Senator, I think that people can rationalize just about anything. I have learned through this process that people have fit square pegs into round holes, and they do it very well and have no problem with that inconsistency. I don't know what Anita Hill has to gain; I don't know. I don't know what goes on in her mind. But I have already lost. I have lost my name.

As I said before, I never aspired to the Supreme Court. I am on the Court of Appeals. I love my job. I love what I do every day. I have lost everything in this process. I am here not to be confirmed; I am here to get my name back. All I have to gain from this process is to salvage a little bit of my integrity and a little bit of my name. Nothing more.

Senator GRASSLEY. You haven't mentioned your grandfather at all this particular sitting. I would like to have you tell me what advice you think, he would give to you if he were advising you today.

Judge THOMAS. Well, Senator, in 1983—and this is something that I said during my real confirmation hearings—when I was getting hammered in the public and getting criticized, and I complained to him, he told me to stand up for what I believe in. That is what he would tell me today: not to quit, not to turn tail, not to cry "uncle," and not to give up until I am dead. He had another statement: "Give out but don't give up." That is what he would say to me.

Senator GRASSLEY. Mr. Chairman, I yield. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Simon.