

going backward, rather than forward, in providing opportunities? And I think that is what we are stressing.

We are not just talking about stereotypes of women, at least I am not. I am also talking about the fact that a good portion of the minority community in this country are women, and we women benefit from, and suffer, because we are both minority and because we are female. So we suffer from the stereotypes, but we also suffer from the fact that we too get caught by the lack of opportunities.

And I think that the point here is that some of us at least feel that he seems to reach for the opportunity to adopt a more pinched version. Now, that is not to say that within the African American community that we cannot have multiple views, multiple strategies, and indeed we shouldn't have a vigorous debate about what some of the remedies should be.

But, as some of the professors pointed out on the panel this morning, Judge Thomas doesn't seem to be in the mainstream, and I think that is worthy of note. I mean, there are some point at which, not by himself, but I certainly wouldn't put him in the center, and I think that that is worthy of note, even though I quite agree with you that there is room on all sides of this debate for different views and different strategies.

I would also point out that we are waiting to get a clearer view of Judge Thomas' strategy because the only thing that we have been able to infer is either that he lacks one or that he wants to cut back on those remedies that have proven effective in the past.

Senator HATCH. Well, I respect all three of you, and you are all three very intelligent lawyers and thinkers, and I have had enough experience to know that I don't want to really get in a tough debate with any of you. You are very, very good.

But let me just say that that has not been my experience with Judge Thomas, and I think Guido Calabresi, the Yale Law School dean, said that he is definitely in the mainstream. You may not agree with him on everything, but he is definitely within the mainstream, and within the legitimate mainstream. And I agree with that.

But there are differences and I am glad that—we will keep working on them and see what we can do to bring people together.

But thank you for being here.

Ms. KING. Thank you.

Senator HATCH. I enjoyed listening to you and appreciate your testimony.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Heflin.

Senator HEFLIN. Mr. Chairman, I don't believe I have any questions.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Grassley.

Senator GRASSLEY. Mr. Chairman, I have no questions for this panel.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Simon.

Senator SIMON. I have no questions. I have read all three statements. They are excellent. I think, Professor King, your statement was more than excellent, it was eloquent, and I thank you.

Ms. KING. Thank you, Senator.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Brown.

Senator BROWN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.