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Justice Ginsburg toes the line between law and politics



The July 13 editorial “Better left unsaid,” about Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s public comments regarding presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, would have been well-grounded if these were normal times. But they are not. The presidency of the United States may fall into the hands of a sciolist who covers his ignorance about all aspects of public policy with bullying, harassment and bigotry. A comparison, therefore, with the times of George W. Bush and Al Gore is wholly impertinent.

Despite her retraction, Justice Ginsburg has done a great public service by taking an explicit stance, not as a member of the Supreme Court but as a citizen, against the alarming pronouncements of a major presidential candidate. At a minimum, Justice Ginsburg’s comments should offer presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton a few appropriate monikers about Mr. Trump that her campaign has so far hesitated to adopt.

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