

Why LaRouche Opposes The Roberts Nomination

On the eve of the Sept. 22 Senate Judiciary Committee vote on President Bush's nomination of John Roberts for Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, Lyndon LaRouche declared that Roberts was unqualified for the job, because he opposes the fundamental principle of the general welfare, which is enshrined in the Preamble of the U.S. Constitution. Speaking on a radio talk show Sept. 20, LaRouche laid out his argument as follows:

Roberts does not believe in the Constitution. The Constitution's intention is stated in the Preamble of the Constitution. The center of that, is the General Welfare policy—to promote the General Welfare.

Now, this crowd in the majority in the Supreme Court has not agreed with that. We've had the so-called "shareholder value" policy, which has dominated the Supreme Court. That is against our Constitution! This is as bad as

we had back before Lincoln.

So, Roberts represents a tendency—and he's made it very clear—which you might call the "Confederacy tendency," because that's where he stands in terms of law. He should not be in the Supreme Court. We can not have a majority of the Supreme Court, in a time of crisis, which is not prepared to defend the rights of the American people, as provided under our Constitution. And this is the problem. We came in with this mess that's going on, many fights, and the push was, to push Roberts in, to sneak him in, and hope that we do nothing about it.

[Senate Minority Leader Harry] Reid has recognized, and some others, that we have to fight this question. They're coming from behind. I'm supporting them fully on this thing—I agree with them totally. We have to raise this issue: Whether we win or lose, we must take a stand and say, "We're going to defend the Preamble of the Constitution on which this nation was founded." The Preamble of the Constitution is the *intention* of the Constitution! It is not an introduction to the Constitution. It is the *fundamental law* of the Constitution. And the right, to protect the General Welfare is the *essence* of the Constitution.