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### Editorial Review

#### Amazon.com Review

Think that controversial Supreme Court confirmation hearings are a recent phenomenon? You may be surprised to learn of the large numbers of rejections of nominations to the Court in the 19th century for reasons one might think trivial today. John Anthony Maltese documents the increased role of special-interest groups in the nominations process; as recently as 1970, a justice could be nominated and approved with a day of hearings without a single organization testifying--without even a specific public statement of support from the president. In contrast, the Robert Bork and Clarence Thomas hearings lasted more than 10 days, with representatives from 60 organizations filling thousands of transcript pages with their testimony. Because of the necessarily small sample sizes, Maltese occasionally has to torture his data to come to his conclusions (how much does President John Tyler's nomination troubles in the 1840s *really* tell us about today's system?), but he provides a brisk overview of the process, its increased politicization, and President Clinton's success in avoiding divisive confirmation battles. --*Ted Frank*

#### Review

A careful and concise history, description, and analysis of the modern Supreme Court appointment process... A model of concise and careful scholarship, and I highly recommend it.

(Michael Comiskey *Journal of Politics*)

Stands out in its scholarly thoroughness and innovative theory... one of the best books currently available for understanding the contemporary politics of Supreme Court nominations.

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A highly informative study of presidential appointments and senatorial confirmation-or rejection-of those nominees to the Supreme Court throughout our history... This book is clearly written, fast paced, and very well documented. It is recommended to all interested to the political gateway to the federal appellate judiciary.

(*Appellate Practice Journal and Update*)

A model of concise and careful scholarship.

(*Journal of Politics*)

John Anthony Maltese sets out to explain how the confirmation process of Supreme Court nominees has arrived at its present point?and he succeeds admirably by interweaving historical and contemporary materials. He demonstrates precisely when and how interest groups became involved in the process and when and how the White House became actively involved in, as he puts it, 'selling' the nominees. I know of no other work that more thoroughly mines the presidential papers and other archival materials, and

effectively integrates contemporary scholarship.

(Sheldon Goldman, University of Massachusetts, Amherst)

From the Back Cover

In *The Selling of Supreme Court Nominees*, Maltese traces the evolution of the contentious and controversial confirmation process awaiting today's nominees to the nation's highest court. His story begins in the second half of the nineteenth century, when social and technological changes led to the rise of organized interest groups. Despite occasional victories, Maltese explains, structural factors limited the influence of such groups well into this century. Until 1913, senators were not popularly elected but chosen by state legislatures, undermining the potent threat of electoral retaliation that interest groups now enjoy. And until Senate rules changed in 1929, consideration of Supreme Court nominees took place in almost absolute secrecy. Floor debates and the final Senate vote usually took place in executive session. Even if interest groups could retaliate against senators, they often did not know whom to retaliate against.

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