

# Offense Before God?



Clarence Thomas and Wife Virginia

Before 1967, laws would not allow Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, a black man, to marry his wife Virginia, a white woman. Opponents of interracial marriage cited the Bible to justify this discrimination.

In 2006, laws do not allow two men or two women to marry each other. Opponents of same-sex marriage cite the Bible to justify this discrimination.

## Using Religion To Justify Discrimination Is The Real Offense Before God.

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In 1967, the Supreme Court ruled in *Loving v. Virginia* that laws against interracial marriage were unconstitutional.

We wonder: If Clarence Thomas had been on the Court in 1967,  
how would he have voted?

Today America is faced with the challenge of how to treat a group of its citizens fairly. We've been down this road before. We can't allow powerful people to use religion to justify their bigotry. It wasn't right for African Americans, and it's not right for gays and lesbians.

In America, the framers of our Constitution created a separation of church and state for a good reason: to protect minorities.

Don't turn back the clock. Let's protect our Constitution.

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