



Ginsburg’s foray into partisan politics: A ‘disgrace to the court’

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Donald Trump said Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg should think about leaving the bench, calling the ornery 83-year-old “a disgrace to the court” for her recent comments slamming the GOP presidential candidate.

“I think it’s highly inappropriate that a United States Supreme Court judge gets involved in a political campaign, frankly,” Trump told The New York Times.

Donald Trump and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

“I think it’s a disgrace to the court, and I think she should apologize to the court. I couldn’t believe it when I saw it.”

Ginsburg surprised wonks of all political stripes when she publicly offered her opinion of Trump’s candidacy.

“I can’t imagine what this place would be — I can’t imagine what the country would be — with Donald Trump as our president,” Ginsburg said in remarks published over the weekend. “For the country, it could be four years. For the court, it could be — I don’t even want to contemplate that.”

On July 11, she attacked Trump for not releasing his tax returns.

“He is a faker,” she told CNN. “He has no consistency about him. He says whatever comes into his head at the moment. He really has an ego. How has he gotten away with not turning over his tax returns? The press seems to be very gentle with him on that.”

Trump predicted Ginsburg’s remarks would backfire and energize his supporters.

“It’s so beneath the court for her to be making statements like that. It only energizes my base even more. And I would hope that she would get off the court as soon as possible,” he said.

Many in the Twitterverse blasted the 83-year-old liberal icon.

“Appalling to see a Justice be so shamelessly biased. A stain on Court’s illustrious history,” wrote actor James Woods.

“Sorry, Justice Ginsburg, but those comments were waaaay over the line,” added Walter Olson, a blogger fellow at the Cato Institute.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said it was “totally inappropriate” for Ginsburg to criticize Trump. “It raises a level of skepticism that the American people have from time to time about just how objective the Supreme Court is, whether they’re over there to call the balls and strikes, or weigh in on one side or another,” he said.

Democrat Howard Wolfson, a former top aide to Hillary Clinton and Mayor Michael Bloomberg, also questioned her judgment.

“I [heart] RBG but I don’t think our Supreme Court justices should be publicly offering their opinions about POTUS candidates,” he tweeted.