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This was an inspired choice, and the fulfillment of a most important campaign promise. President Trump showed doubters that, even if he doesn't know originalism from origami, he understands the importance of the Supreme Court and of getting this nomination right. And he could hardly have picked someone more fitting to fill the large robe left by the legendary Justice Antonin Scalia.

Neil Gorsuch is a brilliant jurist who knows his originalism well -- and textualism -- and has a penchant for going to dictionaries and history books to find the right answer. Just like Scalia. He takes constitutional structure seriously, not as an academic matter but as a means to secure ordered liberty. Just like Scalia. And he's an elegant writer, with clear and memorable turns of phrase to illustrate complex points. Just like Scalia, though not as punchy.

Unlike Scalia, from the get-go Gorsuch is willing to question the scope of administrative agencies' power. This is a looming issue in both legal and political circles, and I predict that he'll make his name on it. All in all, a great choice -- and one the Democrats will be hard-pressed to gain traction in attacking

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