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Thomas urges thoughtful discussion, defends court

HARRISONBURG, Va. — Americans should not get into a "major food fight" over issues such as affirmative action, but should be thoughtful as the Constitution's framers were, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas said Thursday.

"Now it's a war of words, it's a war of politics, and I don't see where it does any good," he said in a speech at James Madison University.

But Thomas said it would be a "huge mistake" to view the nation's highest court as basing its decisions on politics.

During last December's Bush vs. Gore presidential election case, "I just wish that there was some way that the American people could truly have seen the court function with this thing that had everybody else torn apart," he said. "I still say after almost 10 terms, I have yet to hear the first unkind word."

The court issued a sharply divided 5-4 decision that ended the Florida ballot re-count and the effort by Al Gore's campaign to save his candidacy.

Bush won the presidency in the Electoral College even though he lost the nationwide popular vote to Gore by more than a half-million votes, leading some to suggest amending the Constitution to do away with the Electoral College.

Asked what he thought of such proposals, Thomas said it was up to the American people but added that they should think carefully before making such a change.

"They should understand why it's there as a protection, so regions won't dominate other regions," he said. "They should see that before they go and change these things just because they don't like a result."

Asked whether he believed there would be a new effort to overturn the right to abortion under the Roe vs. Wade decision, Thomas said, "I don't have a clue. I have one vote."

Regarding affirmative action, Thomas said he had always thought affirmative action was intended to help disadvantaged children instead of helping more well-off children based on race.

"We've gotten into such a major food fight over policy in our coun-

try when it comes to issues such as affirmative action that you can't have the kinds of discussions that Madison and (Thomas) Jefferson ... must have had when they founded this country," the justice said, "where everybody was prepared and serious and thoughtful and working toward a solution."

Thomas, one of the court's most conservative justices, noted the court has been criticized for recent rulings that have tipped the federal-state balance of power toward the states. But he said state power puts a check on the federal government and protects individual liberty.

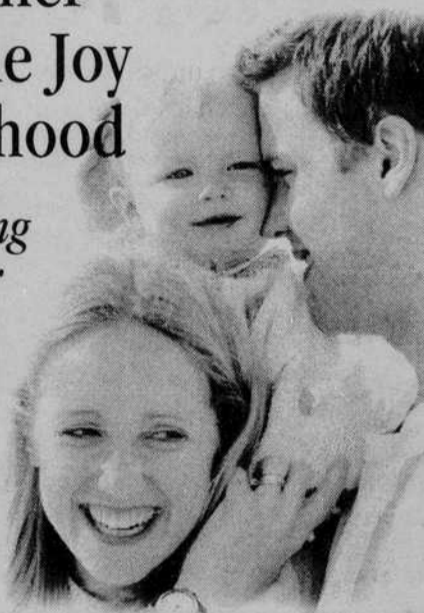
Such emphasis on state authority should not be blamed for the evils of slavery and segregation, he added.

"The men and women who perpetrated both slavery and segregation were those who committed the wrongs and who perverted the American system of government for their own ends and their own prejudices," Thomas said.

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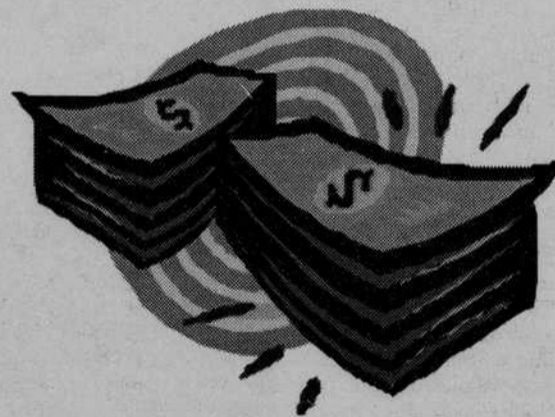
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