

Byron White

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Doe, Doubt, Exercise, Roles, Criminals, Knowledge, Long, Responsibility,
Sports, Speak, Unwilling*

The risk of racial prejudice infecting a capital sentencing proceeding is especially serious in light of the complete finality of the death sentence.

~Byron White

A right to jury trial is granted to criminal defendants in order to prevent oppression by the Government.

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The law is constantly based on notions of morality, and if all laws representing essentially moral choices are to be invalidated under the due process clause, the courts will be very busy indeed.

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When the whistle blows you have only a limited amount of time to do what you have to do. You either do it then or you don't do it at all.

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We're the only branch of government that explains itself in writing every time it makes a decision.

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The 1st Amendment protects the right to speak, not the right to spend.

~Byron White

The Court is most vulnerable and comes nearest to illegitimacy when it deals with judge-made constitutional law having little or no cognizable roots in the language or design of the Constitution.

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Where the suspect poses no immediate threat to the officer and no threat to others, the harm resulting from the failing to apprehend him does not justify the use of deadly force to do so.

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The role of the judge is simply to decide cases.

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While the collateral consequences of drugs such as cocaine are indisputably severe, they are not unlike those which flow from the misuse of other, legal, substances.

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Respondent would have us announce a fundamental right to engage in homosexual sodomy. This we are quite unwilling to do.

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