A Discussion Following the Release of the Blackmun Papers

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This symposium examines the role of judges in our constitutional order and the factors that influence judicial decision-making by gathering experts in various fields, including law, political science, psychology and journalism, as well as members of the judiciary. Discussing topics ranging from Justice Blackmun’s legal legacy, to the public’s perception of the courts, to the role of politics, judgment and psychology in judicial decision-making, the symposium hopes to provide greater insight into the act of judging.