



Point to Ponder What is a Jabot?



Over the decades Ruth Bader Ginsburg has used her intellect and ability to speak truth to power to develop a rich legal legacy. She is featured on mugs, t-shirts and the pages of children's books not to mention an award winning 2018 film titled *RBG*. In 1993, Ginsburg was the second woman ever to be seated as a Supreme Court Justice, after Sandra Day O'Connor.

From the very beginning Ginsburg has made her presence known on the court. Even in her fashion choices.

A jabot is an ornamental frill or ruffle on the front of a shirt or blouse, typically made of lace. Ginsburg has a collection of these collars that she wears over her robes.

When asked about them she stated "You know, the standard robe is made for a man because it has a place for the shirt to show, and the tie," she said. "So Sandra Day O'Connor and I thought it would be appropriate if we included as part of our robe something typical of a woman. So I have many, many collars."

Ruth Bader Ginsburg has a particular jabot that she wears when issuing her dissents which is black with gold embroidery and faceted stones. A dissenting opinion is an opinion in a legal case written by one or more judges expressing disagreement with the majority opinion.

She wears a crocheted yellow and cream jabot with crystals when issuing majority opinions. A majority opinion is a judicial opinion agreed to by more than half of the members of a court. Her favorite is a white woven jabot with white beads and came from Cape Town, South Africa.

Read and discuss these quotes by Ruth Bader Ginsburg:

- *Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time.*
- *Reacting in anger or annoyance will not advance one's ability to persuade.*
- *Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.*
- *Reading is the key that opens doors to many good things in life. Reading shaped my dreams, and more reading helped me make my dreams come true.*
- *Don't be distracted by emotions like anger, envy, resentment. These just zap energy and waste time.*
- *You can disagree without being disagreeable.*

