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Based on Robert Gates' testimony, should the Senate confirm him as CIA director?



John Schick
Consulting firm
president

"When you deal with the intelligence sector, all bets are off on the way a person like you or me would act. Gates should be and will be confirmed."



Nilva Yaquez
College student

"No. We need someone heading the CIA who is completely honest so we know what's happening there, not a man who didn't want to jeopardize his job."



John Spiers
Accounting

"Yes. I think Gates has done a fine job as second in command. When he told the Senate he'd immediately report anything irregular, I believed him."



Barbara Jones
Legal secretary

"I personally would not want somebody who already admitted passing the buck. It could have been more serious than this and hurt the U.S. greatly."



Larry Smith
Assistant
supervisor

"Gates should not be confirmed because he was covering up. He had no excuse. He should have gone to the Senate when his superior didn't act."



Alice Bltic
Manager

"He doesn't merit confirmation. Mr. Gates is more of a follower than a leader, based on the fact he kept quiet when he knew something was wrong."



Robert Carteris
Controller

"Yes. Mr. Gates didn't take part in any wrongdoing. It would have been presumptuous of him to go public with information known to his superiors."