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Science and maths courses are in demand by universities and businesses, and it had previously been suggested that the focus on these A-levels could fuel a slight drop in results, as youngsters who might not have considered taking these subjects in the past, and might not be as strong in them, are opting for the courses to help their chances of securing a university place.

'I tried to go through a number of agencies but ended up living with my friend and her mum. My tutor was the first to notice that I wasn't at college and he started to send me emails and ask me to come back. I wasn't sure at first whether I could pick myself up. Nobody knew how bad it had been for me until I went back.

Kara Louise, Denmark: "From what I gather from the system you have to do well at the interview as well as have good grades...let's be honest he doesn't look like he is the social type and has loads of hobbies..." But how do you know that, Kara? You are judging my appearance and that is wrong. He may have a circle of good friends, outstanding references and and carefully chosen hobbies. Maybe Oxford just didn't have room this time. Welcome to America, Alistair! Glad to have you!

DM, so unless you go to either Oxford or Cambridge you might as well give up on life? Are there no other Uni's in the UK? I know politicians will only look at students from Oxbridge, but this obsession with just 2 uni's is damaging to every other uni as they will be treated as failures. Imperial College London is rated better for Engineering and Technology than Oxford by The Times but you never mention them. >>> As for Louise Mensch, typical Tory background of upper class family, private education, Oxford, Tory party (though switched to Labour at one point cause they were more popular). Louise and Oxford Uni. really do believe that the working classes don't have 'specific intelligence.'

If you are committed to your subject you should apply to the universities which are best for your subject, no matter where they are. It doesn't necessarily have to be Oxford or Cambridge. I didn't apply to Oxford because way back then (sixty years ago) quite frankly I was a bit scared, as I came from a very poor background. I was accepted by all the four other top universities I chose. My first two choices were equally excellent in my subject. However, as my first choice did not hold interviews for applicants, but my second choice did, after the interview they cleverly seized their opportunity to talk me out of my first choice and make me an offer I couldn't refuse: unconditional acceptance no matter what results I got in my A-levels. I didn't let them down. All the best, Alastair, I hope you have a productive time at Stanford. It's a really great university. But remember, it's up to you to make the most of it. PS I envy you your Classical Greek!

Myth: you have to do lots of extra curricula stuff to get into Oxford - not true in my experience
Myth: only the ones with the A* grades get a place - not true in my experience
Myth: you only get in if you're rich - not true in my experience
I think the truth is that the interviewers are looking for something extra - not an ability to learn and regurgitate information but a passion for a subject and an ability to think through a problem and come up with interesting ideas.

The Decca audition refers to the now-famous audition by the Beatles for Decca Records at their Decca Studios in West Hampstead, north London, UK, before they reached international stardom. Considered one of the biggest mistakes in music history, Decca decided to reject the band selecting instead Brian Poole and the Tremeloes.[1]

Manager Brian Epstein made numerous trips to London to visit record companies with the hope of securing a record contract but was rejected by many, including Columbia, Pye, Philips, and Oriole.[2] Neil Aspinall drove the Beatles down to London on New Year's Eve, in 1961, for a Decca audition but lost his way, and the trip took ten hours.[2][3] They arrived at 10 o'clock at night, and John Lennon said they arrived "just in time to see the drunks jumping in the Trafalgar Square fountain." [4] On 1 January 1962, Paul McCartney, John Lennon, George Harrison, and Pete Best were auditioned by Decca producer Tony Meehan (ex-drummer of The Shadows) and performed a total of fifteen songs in just under one hour. All the material was selected by Epstein, who decided on a selection of covers the Beatles had performed in various clubs over the years, interspersed with three Lennon-McCartney originals. They later discovered that Epstein had paid Meehan to produce the studio recordings.[2]

Eventually, Decca Records rejected the Beatles, saying "guitar groups are on the way out" and "The Beatles have no future in show business," [1] although it has since been suggested that their work that day did not yet reflect their true potential, and the "guitar" comment may have been intended as a polite let down.[5] Decca instead chose Brian Poole and the Tremeloes, who auditioned the same day as the Beatles, as they were local and would require lower travel expenses.

While Epstein was negotiating with Decca, he also approached EMI marketing executive Ron White.[6] White (who was not himself a record producer) in turn contacted EMI producers Norrie Paramor, Walter Ridley, and Norman Newell, all of whom declined to record the Beatles. Months later, the Beatles went on to sign with EMI subsidiary Parlophone, after their "comedy album" producer George Martin heard the Decca demos and decided to meet the band.

In the 1980s, Mark Lewisohn published the book *Recording Sessions* and, following the author's invitation from EMI to trawl through the vaults and catalogue all the Beatles' outtakes, another book updated it about six years later. In 2000, both of these were combined into *The Complete Beatles Chronicle*, which contains information about the audition:

"The first formal audition for a British record company, in a studio 2 miles from EMI, the Beatles nervously taped 15 songs chosen by Brian Epstein to show off every facet of their talent—each song done live on 2 track mono tape—A&R assistant Mike Smith had been sent by Dick Rowe to see the Beatles 19 days earlier in Liverpool—the Beatles completed the session in an hour—Smith promised to call Epstein."

The Beatles Anthology documentary (1995) includes snippets from many of the songs performed at the Decca audition, while the accompanying soundtrack (specifically, *The Beatles Anthology 1*) includes five of those songs ("Searchin'", "Like Dreamers Do", "Hello Little Girl", "Three Cool Cats", and "The Sheik of Araby") along with many other outtakes and various live performances.

Robert Heron Bork (March 1, 1927 – December 19, 2012) was an American legal scholar who advocated the judicial philosophy of originalism. Bork served as a Yale Law School professor, Solicitor General, Acting Attorney General, and a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.[1] In 1987, he was nominated to the Supreme Court by President Ronald Reagan, but the Senate rejected his nomination. Bork had more success as an antitrust scholar, where his once-idiosyncratic view that antitrust law should focus on maximizing consumer

welfare has come to dominate American legal thinking on the subject.[2]

Bork was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His father was Harry Philip Bork, Jr. (1897–1974), a steel company purchasing agent, and his mother was Elisabeth (née Kunkle; 1898–2004), a schoolteacher.[3] His father was of German and Irish ancestry, while his mother was of Pennsylvania Dutch (German) descent.[4] He was married to Claire Davidson from 1952 until 1980, when she died of cancer. They had a daughter, Ellen, and two sons, Robert and Charles. In 1982 he married Mary Ellen Pohl,[5] a Roman Catholic religious sister turned activist.[6]

Bork attended the Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Connecticut[7] and earned bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Chicago. While pursuing his bachelor's degree he became a brother of the international social fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta. While pursuing his law degree he served on Law Review. At UChicago he was awarded a Phi Beta Kappa key with his law degree in 1953 and passed the bar in Illinois that same year. After a period of service in the United States Marine Corps, Bork began as a lawyer in private practice in 1954 and then was a professor at Yale Law School from 1962 to 1975 and 1977 to 1981. Among his students during this time were Bill Clinton, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Anita Hill, Robert Reich, Jerry Brown, John R. Bolton, Samuel Issacharoff, and Cynthia Estlund.[8][9]

Bork was best known for his theory that the only way to reconcile the role of the judiciary in the U.S. government against what he terms the "Madisonian" or "counter-majoritarian" dilemma of the judiciary making law without popular approval is for constitutional adjudication to be guided by the framers' original understanding of the United States Constitution. Reiterating that it is a court's task to adjudicate and not to "legislate from the bench," he has advocated that judges exercise restraint in deciding cases, emphasizing that the role of the courts is to frame "neutral principles" (a term borrowed from Herbert Wechsler) and not simply ad hoc pronouncements or subjective value judgments. Bork once said, "The truth is that the judge who looks outside the Constitution always looks inside himself and nowhere else." [10]

Bork built on the influential critiques of the Warren Court authored by Alexander Bickel, who criticized the Supreme Court under Earl Warren for shoddy and inconsistent reasoning, undue activism, and misuse of historical materials. Bork's critique was harder-edged than Bickel's, however, and he has written, "We are increasingly governed not by law or elected representatives but by an unelected, unrepresentative, unaccountable committee of lawyers applying no will but their own." Bork's writings have influenced the opinions of conservative judges such as Associate Justice Antonin Scalia and former Chief Justice William Rehnquist of the U.S. Supreme Court, and sparked a vigorous debate within legal academia about how the Constitution is to be interpreted.

Some conservatives criticized Bork's approach. Conservative scholar Harry Jaffa criticized Bork (along with Rehnquist and Scalia) for failing to adhere to natural law principles.[11] Noted jurisprudential scholar Robert P. George explained Jaffa's critique this way: "He attacks Rehnquist and Scalia and Bork for their embrace of legal positivism that is inconsistent with the doctrine of natural rights that is embedded in the Constitution they are supposed to be interpreting." [11]

At Yale, he was best known for writing *The Antitrust Paradox*, a book in which he argued that consumers were often beneficiaries of corporate mergers, and that many then-current readings of the antitrust laws were economically irrational and hurt consumers. Bork's writings on antitrust law, along with those of Richard Posner and other law and economics and Chicago School thinkers, were heavily influential in causing a shift in the U.S. Supreme Court's approach to antitrust laws since the 1970s.[12][13]

Bork served as Solicitor General in the U.S. Department of Justice from March 1973[14] to 1977. As Solicitor General, Bork argued several high profile cases before the Supreme Court in the 1970s, including 1974's *Milliken v. Bradley*, where Bork's brief in support of the State of Michigan was influential among the justices. Chief Justice Warren Burger called Bork the most effective counsel to appear before the Court during his tenure. Bork hired many young attorneys as Assistants who went on to have remarkable careers, including Judges Danny Boggs and Frank H. Easterbrook as well as

Robert Reich, later Secretary of Labor in the Clinton Administration.

On October 20, 1973, Solicitor General Bork was instrumental in the "Saturday Night Massacre", U.S. President Richard Nixon's firing of Watergate Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox, following Cox's request for tapes of his Oval Office conversations. Nixon initially ordered U.S. Attorney General, Elliot Richardson, to fire Cox. Richardson resigned rather than carry out the order. Richardson's top deputy, Deputy Attorney General William Ruckelshaus, also considered the order "fundamentally wrong"[15] and also resigned, making Bork the Acting Attorney General. When Nixon reiterated his order, Bork complied and fired Cox, an act later found to be illegal in November of that year in a suit brought by Ralph Nader. The Justice Department did not appeal the ruling, and because Mr. Cox indicated that he did not want his job back, the issue was considered moot.[15] Bork remained Acting Attorney General until the appointment of William B. Saxbe on January 4, 1974.[16]

One of his opinions while on the D.C. Circuit was *Dronenburg v. Zech*, 741 F.2d 1388, decided in 1984. This case involved James L. Dronenburg, a sailor who had been administratively discharged from the Navy for engaging in homosexual conduct. Dronenburg argued that his discharge violated his right to privacy. This argument was rejected in an opinion written by Bork and joined by Antonin Scalia, in which Bork critiqued the line of Supreme Court cases upholding a right to privacy.

In rejecting Dronenburg's suggestion for a rehearing en banc, the D.C. Circuit issued four separate opinions, including one by Bork (again joined by Scalia), who wrote that "no principle had been articulated [by the Supreme Court] that enabled us to determine whether appellant's case fell within or without that principle." [18]

President Reagan nominated Bork for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court on July 1, 1987 to replace Lewis Powell. A hotly contested United States Senate debate over Bork's nomination ensued. Opposition was partly fueled by civil rights and women's rights groups concerned with Bork's opposition to the authority claimed by the federal government to impose standards of voting fairness upon the states (at his confirmation hearings for the position of Solicitor General, he supported the rights of Southern states to impose a poll tax),[19] and his stated desire to roll back civil rights decisions of the Warren and Burger courts. Bork was one of only three Supreme Court nominees, along with William Rehnquist and Samuel Alito, to ever be opposed by the American Civil Liberties Union.[20] Bork was also criticized for being an "advocate of disproportionate powers for the executive branch of Government, almost executive supremacy", [15] most notably, according to critics, for his role in the Saturday Night Massacre.

Before Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell's expected retirement on June 27, 1987, some Senate Democrats had asked liberal leaders to form "a solid phalanx" to oppose whomever President Ronald Reagan nominated to replace him, assuming it would tilt the court rightward.[21] Democrats also warned Reagan there would be a fight if Bork were nominated.[22] Nevertheless, Reagan nominated Bork for the seat on July 1, 1987.

Robert Bork's America is a land in which women would be forced into back-alley abortions, blacks would sit at segregated lunch counters, rogue police could break down citizens' doors in midnight raids, schoolchildren could not be taught about evolution, writers and artists could be censored at the whim of the Government, and the doors of the Federal courts would be shut on the fingers of millions of citizens for whom the judiciary is "and is often the only" protector of the individual rights that are the heart of our democracy ... President Reagan is still our president. But he should not be able to reach out from the muck of Irangate, reach into the muck of Watergate and impose his reactionary vision of the Constitution on the Supreme Court and the next generation of Americans. No justice would be better than this injustice.[23][24]

Bork responded, "There was not a line in that speech that was accurate." [25] In an obituary of Kennedy, *The Economist* remarked that Bork may well have been correct, "but it worked." [25] Bork also contended in his best-selling [26] book, *The Tempting of America*, that the brief prepared for Sen. Joe Biden, head of the Senate Judiciary Committee, "so thoroughly misrepresented a plain

record that it easily qualifies as world class in the category of scurrility." [27]

Television advertisements narrated by Gregory Peck attacked Bork as an extremist. Kennedy's speech successfully fueled widespread public skepticism of Bork's nomination. The rapid response to Kennedy's "Robert Bork's America" speech stunned the Reagan White House, and the accusations went unanswered for two and a half months. [28]

During debate over his nomination, Bork's video rental history was leaked to the press. His video rental history was unremarkable, and included such harmless titles as A Day at the Races, Ruthless People, and The Man Who Knew Too Much. Writer Michael Dolan, who obtained a copy of the hand-written list of rentals, wrote about it for the Washington City Paper. [29] Dolan justified accessing the list on the ground that Bork himself had stated that Americans only had such privacy rights as afforded them by direct legislation. The incident led to the enactment of the 1988 Video Privacy Protection Act. [30]

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