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MADISON, WI - Over the past two weeks, Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice **Rebecca Bradley** has refused to apologize for previous statements she made arguing that women “play a role in date rape.” Gov.
Scott Walker
, who appointed Bradley to the position, has defended the embattled Justice while also dodging questions about his vetting process.



"Judges are supposed to stand up and protect victims, not shame them," said Sen. **Jennifer Shilling**
(D-La Crosse). "Justice Bradley's statement reveals a fundamental misunderstanding of our criminal justice system and a lack of respect for women. If she is unable or unwilling to respect the rights of women and prosecute criminals to the fullest extent under the law, she is unfit to serve on our state's highest court."



While studying at Marquette University, Rebecca Bradley argued that it was "legitimate" to believe that "women play a role in date rape." Despite attempts to walk back other previous statements, Justice Bradley has refused to disavow her comments blaming victims of rape. Justice Bradley has stood by her previous statements equating birth control to murder and arguing that pharmacists should deny contraceptive coverage to women who have a prescription.

"**Gov. Walker** clearly didn't do his homework before appointing Justice Bradley to the bench," added Shilling. "The statements made by Justice Bradley represent a horrible, misinformed and completely irresponsible view of the challenges facing women in our state. She owes families an apology."

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