Federal Judicial Selection
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1. President Nominates
2. Senate Confirms
3. Judge Takes Bench
Federal Judicial Selection
Reality - Part I

Senator (or Rep) recommends to White House

Senatorial Nominating Committee (some states)

White House picks from short list

White House refers short list to Justice Dept for vetting & FBI check
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Reality - Part II

Interest Groups and other senators examine record.

If no senator places hold, hearings are scheduled and held.

If confirmation is moved from committee, may be ratified by whole Senate.

President signs commission, judge takes bench.
THE SOTOMAYOR STOPWATCH:
How Much Time She Talks vs. the Senators

WEDNESDAY
SOTOMAYOR: 177:00.0
SENATORS: 198:00.0

TOTAL
SOTOMAYOR: 360:30.0
SENATORS: 582:00.0
## Judicial Diversity: G. W. Bush v. Obama

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Liberal Votes by Appointing President

![Bar chart showing liberal votes by appointing president from LBJ to Bush 43]
Liberal Votes on Equal Protection by Appointing President

- LBJ: 55
- Nixon: 30
- Ford: 35
- Carter: 40
- Reagan: 25
- Bush 41: 30
- Clinton: 35
- Bush 43: 15