

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY BY SELECTED DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS, 2000–2011 (in percent)						
President	African American	Hispanic	Asian American	White	Women	Men
Barack Obama	22%	11%	8%	59%	46%	54%
George W. Bush	7%	9%	1%	82%	22%	78%

Source: Alliance for Justice, August 2011  
Percentages do not add up to 100.

Presidents consider many factors when nominating candidates to the federal courts, and getting their nominees confirmed is often difficult.

- (a) Using the chart above, describe ONE similarity between President Barack Obama's judicial appointments and those made by President George W. Bush.
- (b) Using the chart above, describe TWO differences between President Barack Obama's judicial appointments and those made by President George W. Bush.
- (c) Explain why a president's party affiliation accounts for differences in presidential appointments to the judiciary.
- (d) Describe one way a president can increase the chances of having judicial nominations to federal courts confirmed.