

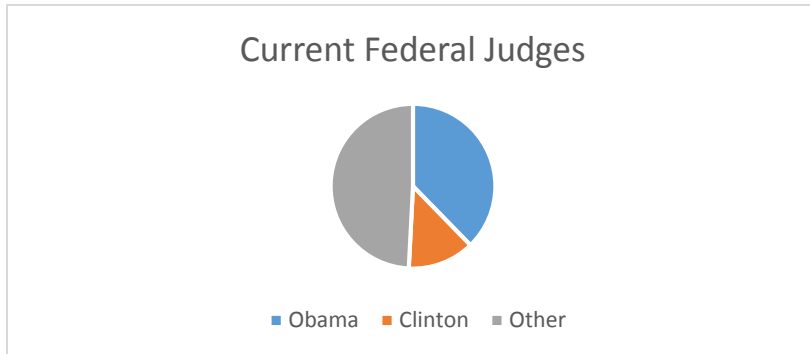
# U.S. Federal Courts by the Numbers

Former Speaker of the House John Boehner:

"The legislative process, the political process in Washington is at a standstill and will be regardless of who wins . . . because more and more issues because they can't be dealt with legislatively are going to end up in the court system . . . **And so you're going to see more and more issues in our society end up in the court system and eventually end up in the Supreme Court and that's where the real action is going to be.**"

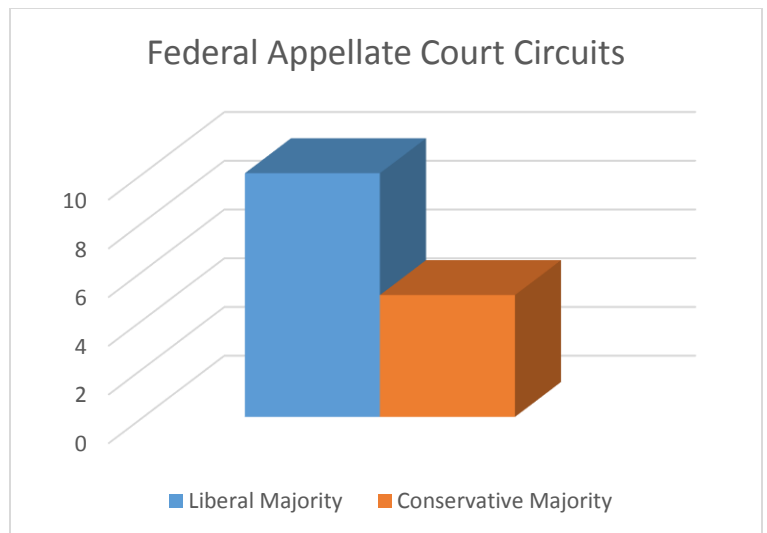
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**40%** of current federal judges were appointed by Obama



**52%** of current federal judges appointed by Clinton and Obama

**9 out of 13:** The number of federal appellate circuits controlled by liberal judges



**35,000**

The number of cases heard by federal appellate courts each year

**1 in 10,000**

The U.S. Supreme Court agrees to hear roughly 100 cases each year, and declines more than 10,000 appeals for each case it agrees to consider

**99.7%**

Percentage of cases for which the federal appeals courts are the court of last resort and final decision

## Helpful Sources

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