

**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%

1. 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.

2. The framers of the US Constitution created a legislative system that is bicameral. However, it is not just bicameral; the framers also established two houses of distinctly different character and authority.

- A. Discuss two reasons why the framers created a bicameral legislature.
- B. Identify one power unique to the House of Representatives and explain why the framers gave the House that power.
- C. Identify one power unique to the Senate and explain why the framers gave the Senate that power.