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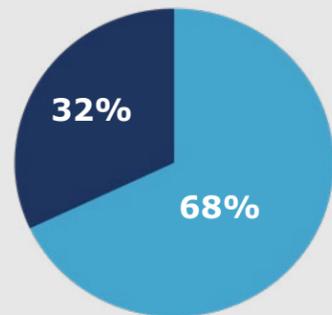


President Biden's 100<sup>th</sup> federal judge was confirmed today, February 14, 2023.

- 1 Supreme Court Justice
- 30 Circuit Court Judges
- 69 District Court Judges

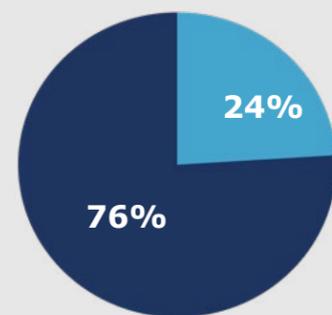
## President Biden's First 100 Judges

### Racial Diversity



■ People of Color ■ White

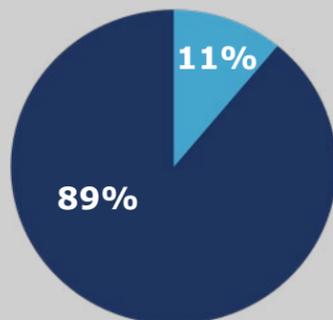
### Gender Diversity



■ Men ■ Women

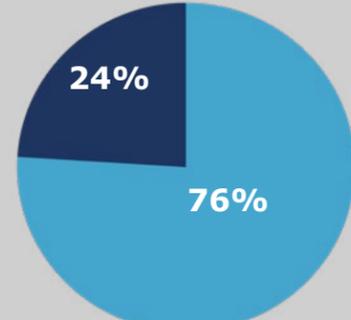
## President Trump's First 100 Judges

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## COMPARISON

- President Trump's 100<sup>th</sup> federal judge was not confirmed until May 2, 2019, and President Obama's 100<sup>th</sup> was not confirmed until October 3, 2011.
- President Biden's first 100 confirmed judges included:
  - » 49 women of color
  - » 5 white men
- President Trump's first 100 confirmed federal judges included:
  - » 3 women of color
  - » 68 white men
- President Biden has also achieved unprecedented diversity in the professional backgrounds of his nominees. One example, 27 of his first 100 confirmed judges are former public defenders.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- President Trump had 234 judges confirmed in 4 years.
  - » 102 judges were confirmed in 2019
  - » 47 judges were confirmed in 2020
- President Biden needs 135 more judges to be confirmed by the end of his first term to exceed the previous administration.
  - » With the 2024 election cycle likely to keep the Senate out of Washington for much of the year, the Senate needs

to maximize 2023 to confirm judges. This means significantly picking up the pace established thus far by the 118th Senate and reducing opportunities for GOP obstruction.

- » In 2019, President Trump had 21 judges confirmed in July and 23 judges confirmed in December, so we know what is possible in a single month if the Senate prioritizes confirmations.

## CONFIRMATION REFORM

In order to maximize the next two years and reduce obstruction of the confirmation process, the Senate should immediately:

- **Eliminate blue slips** for district court judges. Senator McConnell previously eliminated blue slips for circuit court judges during the Trump administration.
  - » With these first 100 confirmations, the Biden administration prioritized vacancies in states with two Democratic Senators. The vacancy map going forward disproportionately includes district courts in states with one or two Republican Senators, making the blue slip ripe for obstruction.
- **Reduce the floor time** allotted to circuit nominees from 30 hours to 2 hours, akin to district court nominees.
- **Enable multiple nominations** to be considered simultaneously.