

THE CASE AGAINST SUSAN COLLINS

JUDICIAL NOMINEES

- Collins has confirmed more than 95% of Trump’s extremist judges.¹
- Collins has helped fill one-quarter of the appeals courts with Trump’s judges. Most final court decisions are made by appeals courts.²
- Collins has confirmed dozens of anti-abortion and anti-LGBTQ judges.³
- Trump has nominated more judges rated unqualified by the American Bar Association than any other president. Collins voted for almost all of those who’ve been confirmed.⁴
- Collins voted for the “nuclear option” in 2017, which allowed Republicans to end debate on Supreme Court nominees with a simple majority instead of 60 votes.⁵
- Trump’s judges are notably more conservative than those nominated by past Republican presidents, with 80% of the nominees belonging to the far-right Federalist Society.⁶
- Just 10 months after Collins confirmed the Federalist Society’s Supreme Court pick Brett Kavanaugh, the group’s executive vice president, Leonard Leo, held a fundraiser for her in Bar Harbor.⁷
- Collins co-sponsored a bill in 2013 to eliminate 3 vacant seats on the D.C. Court of Appeals, a measure pushed by Sen. Mitch McConnell to block President Barack Obama from filling them. She was the only non-member of the Judiciary Committee to sponsor the bill.⁸

Find more details on Sen. Collins’ votes on Trump’s judicial nominees online at:

<https://www.suitupmaine.org/case-against-collins/>

¹ Congressional Record

² American Constitution Society, “One Quarter of Circuit Court Judges Have Now Been Nominated by Trump,” 11/6/19

³ HuffPost, “Pro-Choice GOP Senators Keep Voting For Trump’s Anti-Abortion Judges,” 4/5/18

⁴ Bloomberg Law, “Trump Picks More ‘Not Qualified’ Judges,” 12/17/18

⁵ Senate roll call, PN55, 4/6/17

⁶ Vox, “Study: Trump’s judicial appointees are more conservative than those of past Republican presidents,” 1/25/19

⁷ Portland Press Herald, “Protesters greet Collins before fundraiser at Mount Desert Island home,” 8/9/19

⁸ Congress.gov, S.699, introduced 4/10/13