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TRUMP'S JUDICIAL LEGACY

"I will do everything in my power to halt judicial activism, and to ensure that the law is upheld equally, fairly, and without political prejudice and for all our citizens." President Trump

An important factor in the election of President Trump was the appointment of federal judges. Mr. Trump is holding true to his campaign promise of appointing conservatives.

Reporting by the main-stream-media (MSM) on federal judgeships is sparse. The MSM chief concern is the Democrats sham impeachment effort. Regardless of the news cycle, the Trump judicial confirmation train keeps rolling. Reporting in the National Review, Carrie Severino provides a summary:

- Nominees Confirmed by the Senate since Inauguration Day: 159
- Supreme Court: 2
- Courts of Appeals: 43
- District/Specialty Courts: 114

The 43 appeals court judges are 14 more than George Bush, 16 more than Clinton, and 22 more than Obama had confirmed at the same time of their presidencies. President Trump has flipped the Third Circuit Court of Appeals (Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and the Virgin Islands). "Flipping a circuit" means creating a majority of judges on a circuit court who were nominated by presidents from the same party.

The Second Circuit Court of Appeals (New York, Vermont, and Connecticut) and the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals (Georgia, Florida, and Alabama) may also be flipped. Trump has even made gains on the left-leaning Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, California, Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands).

The average age of these new circuit judges is less than 50 years old. This is 10 years younger than the average age of circuit judges appointed by Obama. These young judges are likely to ensure Trump's legacy for decades. Republicans continue to reshape the federal judiciary to return it to its constitutional purpose.

Democrats are outraged that Senate Republican Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, was able to change the Senate's debate rules to speed up the confirmation process. Debates on lower-level judicial and agency nominees are now limited to two hours vs

thirty. The change does not apply to Cabinet-level nominees, federal appeals judges, members of some boards and commissions or the Supreme Court. It also does not change the 60-vote requirement to advance legislation.

Democrats may be suffering from short-term memory loss. It was in 2013, that Senate Democrat Majority Leader Harry Reid, buried the filibuster on all presidential appointments short of the Supreme Court on a rule change passed by simple majority vote. Reid with the support of Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Chuck Schumer (D-NY) ignored Senate historical precedents. McConnell warned them at the time that they would live to regret it. And now they do.

Democrats remain fearful that they will not be able to use the courts to impose their will on the public. This fear has some Democrats to openly support packing the Supreme Court. You can rest assure that Democrat opposition researchers have been working overtime on Trump's potential Supreme Court nominees. These researchers are the champions of character assassination.

The Democrat majority, under House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has approved more subpoenas to investigate President Trump than they have written new legislation. Important issues including immigration reform, improving health care, infrastructure, the bloated federal budget are victims of the resistance. The singular goal remains to undo the will of the voters who elected President Trump.