

Table 11-1 Determinants of Senate Confirmation, 1961–2006
(Nominations to the U.S. Courts of Appeals)

Variable	Coefficient (Robust SE)
Divided government	−1.11 (.330)***
Balanced bench	−.478 (.284)*
Degree of partisan polarization	−8.844 (1.202)***
Ideologically distant home state senator	−.711 (.310)**
Nomination pending during a presidential election year	−2.221 (2.87)***
Well-qualified nominee	.429 (.293)
Constant	9.312 (1.002)***
N	470
Log pseudolikelihood	−160.716
Prob. Chi2	.000***

Source: See Figure 11-1.

Notes: Parameter estimates are logit coefficients generated by the *logit* routine in Stata 9.0. *** $p < .001$, ** $p < .01$, * $p < .05$ (all one-tailed tests). The dependent variable is coded 1 if nominee confirmed in the Congress in which she or he was nominated, 0 otherwise. Independent variables described in text.