(Why) Do Women Matter: The Impact of Women in Political Life
This talk discusses if, why, and how female legislators and judges in the U.S. behave differently than their male counterparts. It also includes discussions about whether “gendered representation” is a positive or negative for our democracy.
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Diversity on the Courts: Represent or Rise Above?
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