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Five of the eight judges now sitting on the Supreme Court were appointed by Prime Minister Harper. Once the spot that was to be held by Justice Marc Nadon is filled, it will be six of nine. It is these judges who have had, and will continue to have, the final say over various aspects of the tough-on crime approach implemented by the current Parliament..."

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