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Survey of 500 Likely Voters in Georgia
October 11-13, 2006
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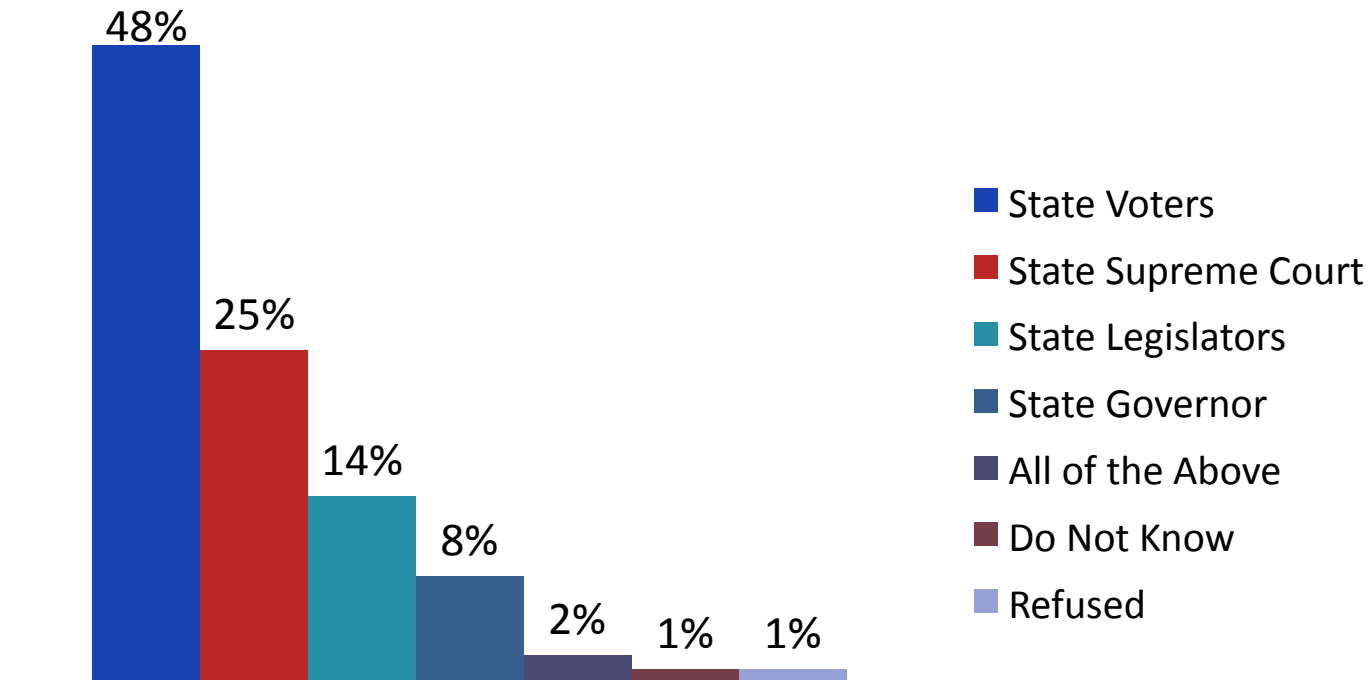
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Last Word On Georgia Laws

Who do you think should have the final say on laws passed here in Georgia?

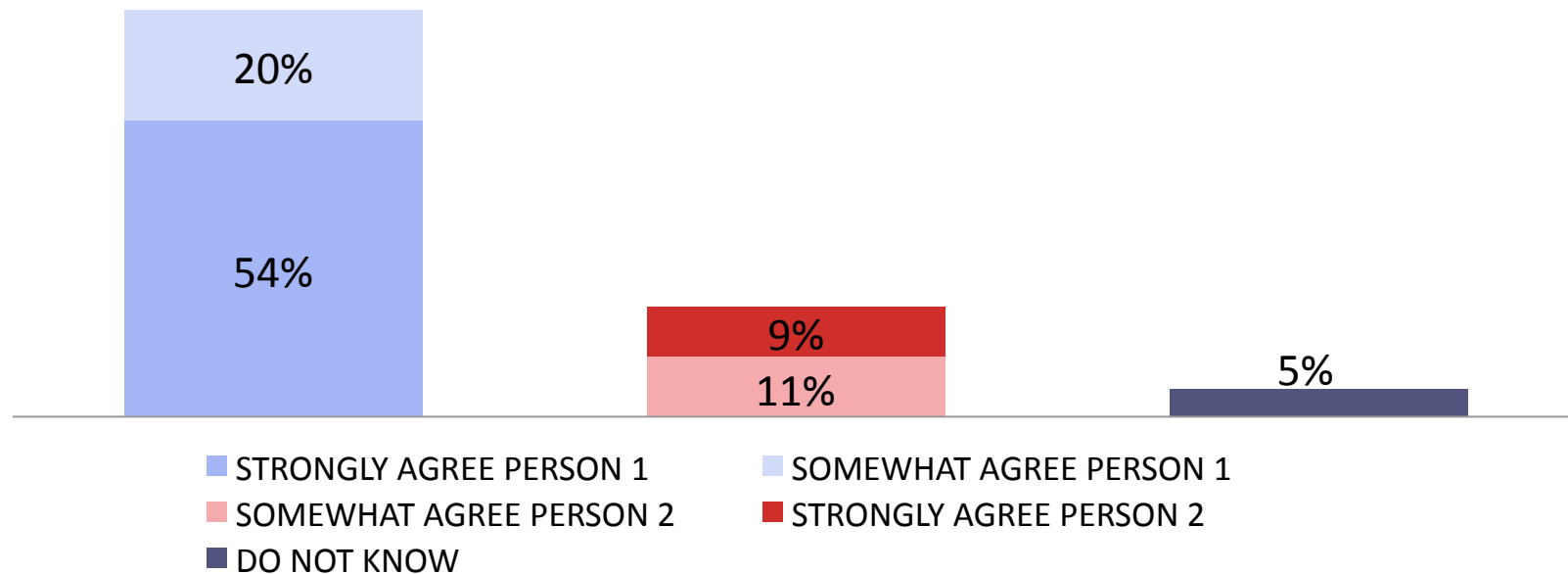


Georgia Supreme Court Selection

I am going to read you the opinions of two people. Please tell me which one comes closest to your view.

PERSON 1: *Supreme Court Justices should be elected by voters because elections hold Justices accountable for their decisions and rulings.*

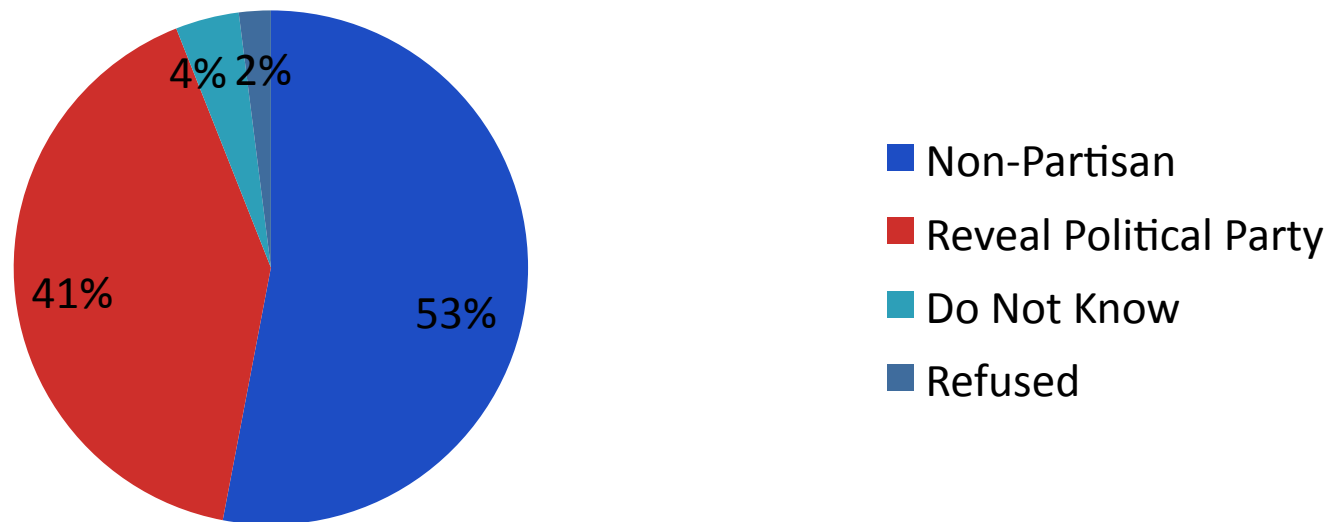
PERSON 2: *Supreme Court Justices should not be elected by voters because elections put pressure on Justices to make certain decisions and rulings based on public opinion.*



Party ID Disclosure for State Supreme Court Candidates

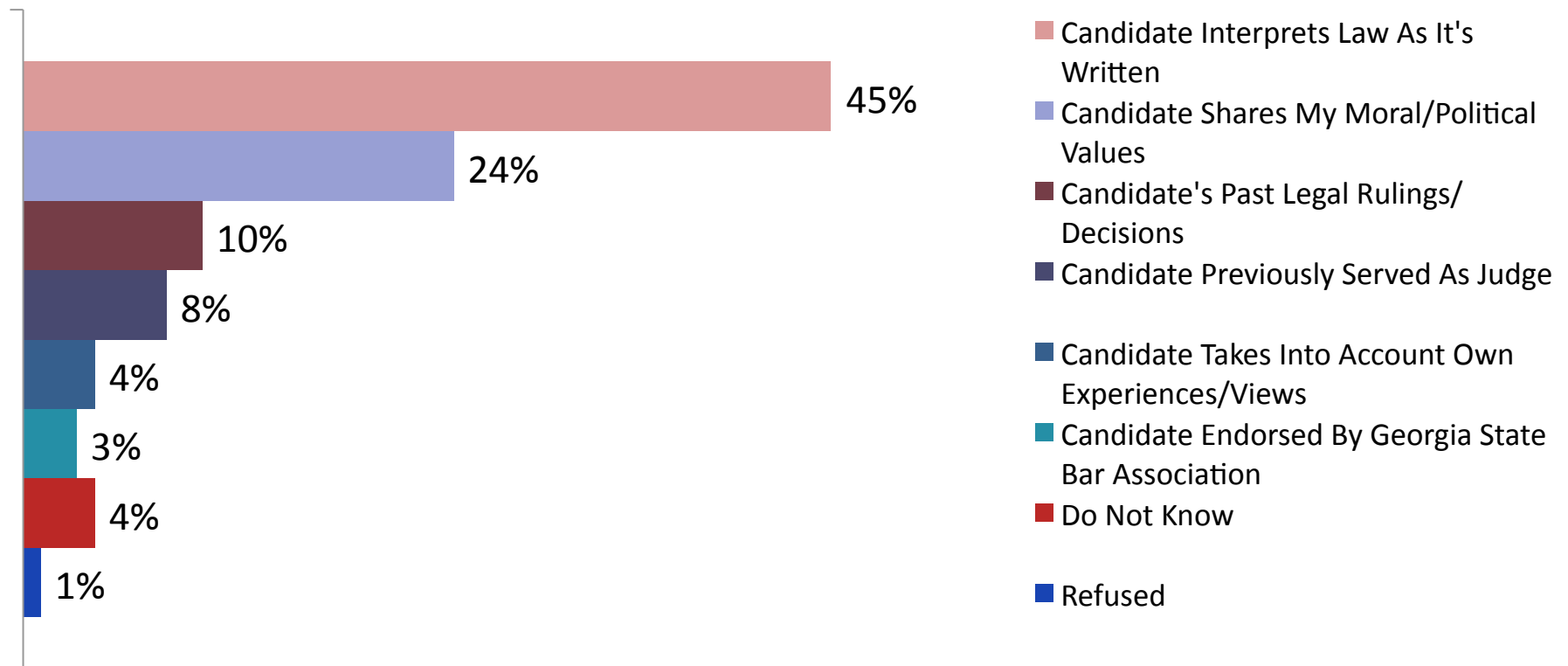
As I mentioned previously, judicial elections here in Georgia are non-partisan, meaning candidates do not identify themselves as Republican or Democrat and generally do not talk about their political views.

Do you think that judicial elections in Georgia should be non-partisan or do you believe people running for Supreme Court in Georgia should reveal whether they are Republicans and Democrats and their views on particular issues?



Georgia Supreme Court Selection

Which of the following will be MOST important to you in deciding how to vote for Georgia State Supreme Court in November?

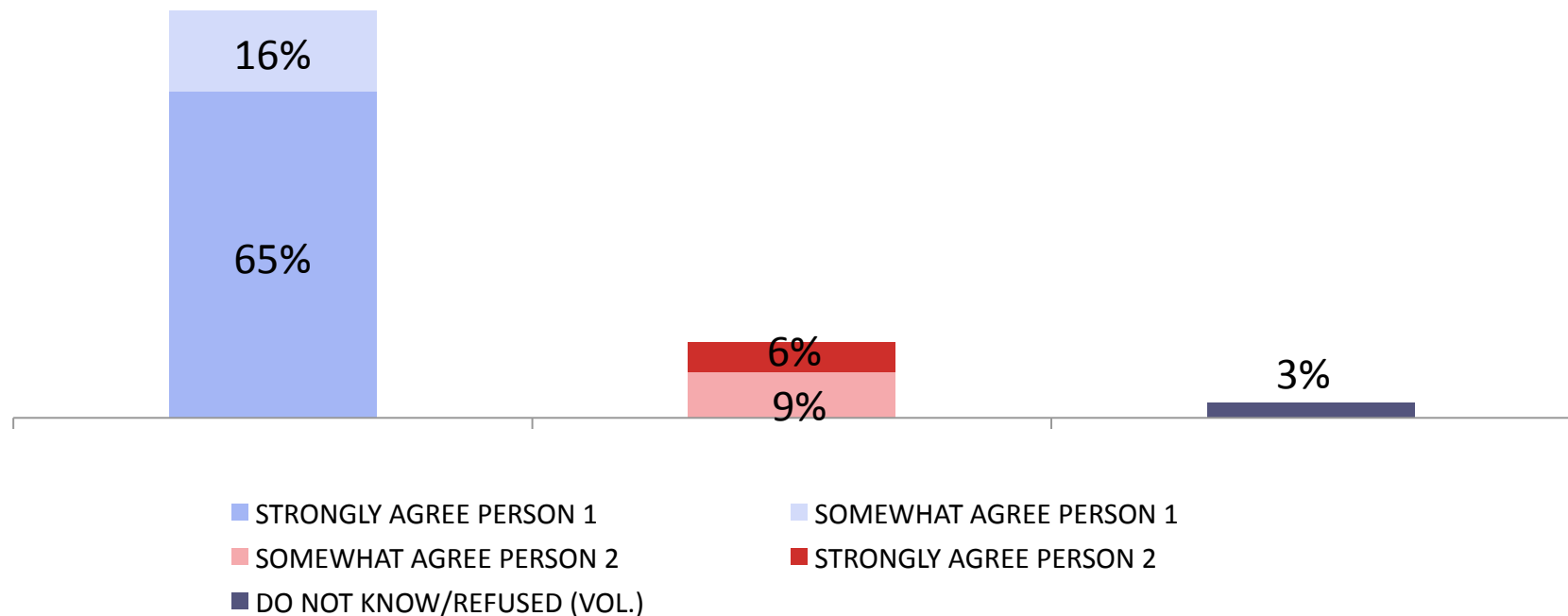


Role of Personal Viewpoints

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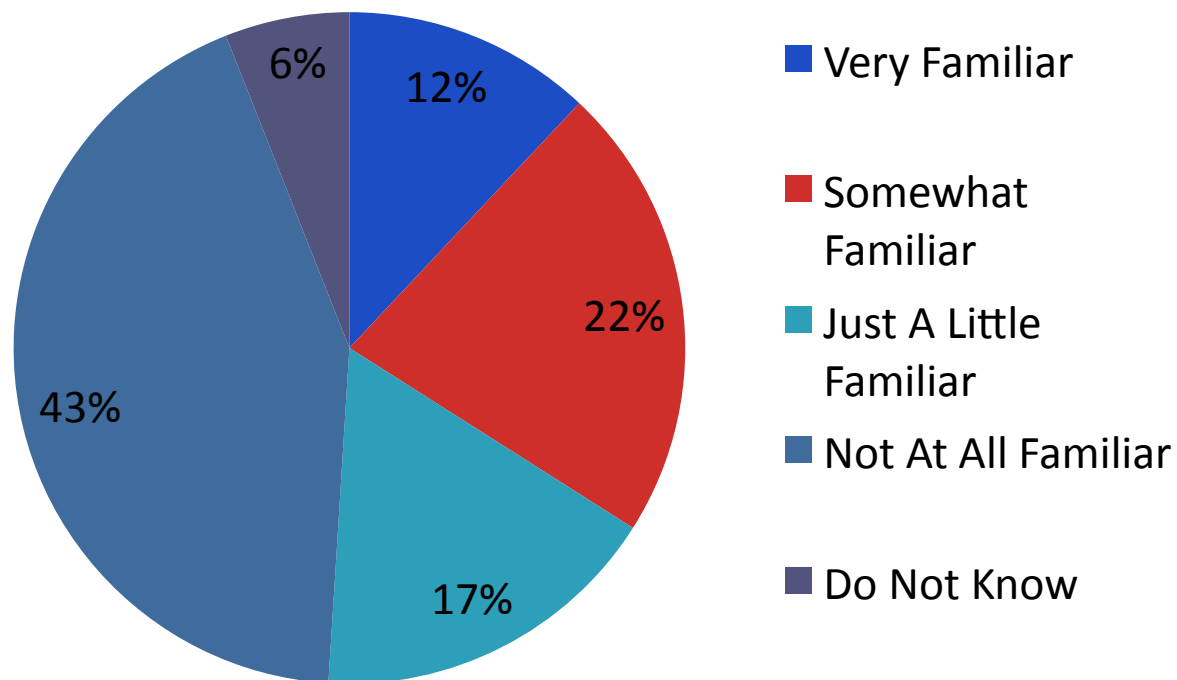
PERSON 1: Judges should interpret and apply the law as it is written and not take into account their own viewpoints and experiences.

PERSON 2: Judges should go beyond interpreting and applying the law and take into account their own viewpoints and experiences.



Awareness of Judicial Activism

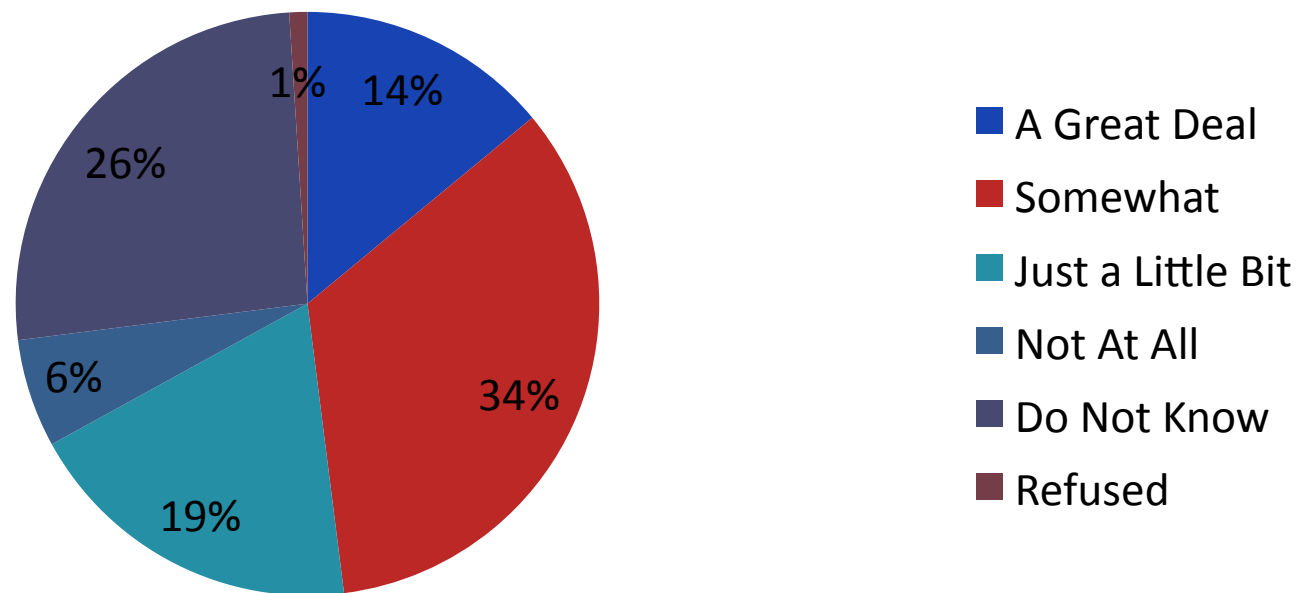
How familiar are you with the concept of “judicial activism”? Would you say you are...



Attitudes Towards Judicial Activism

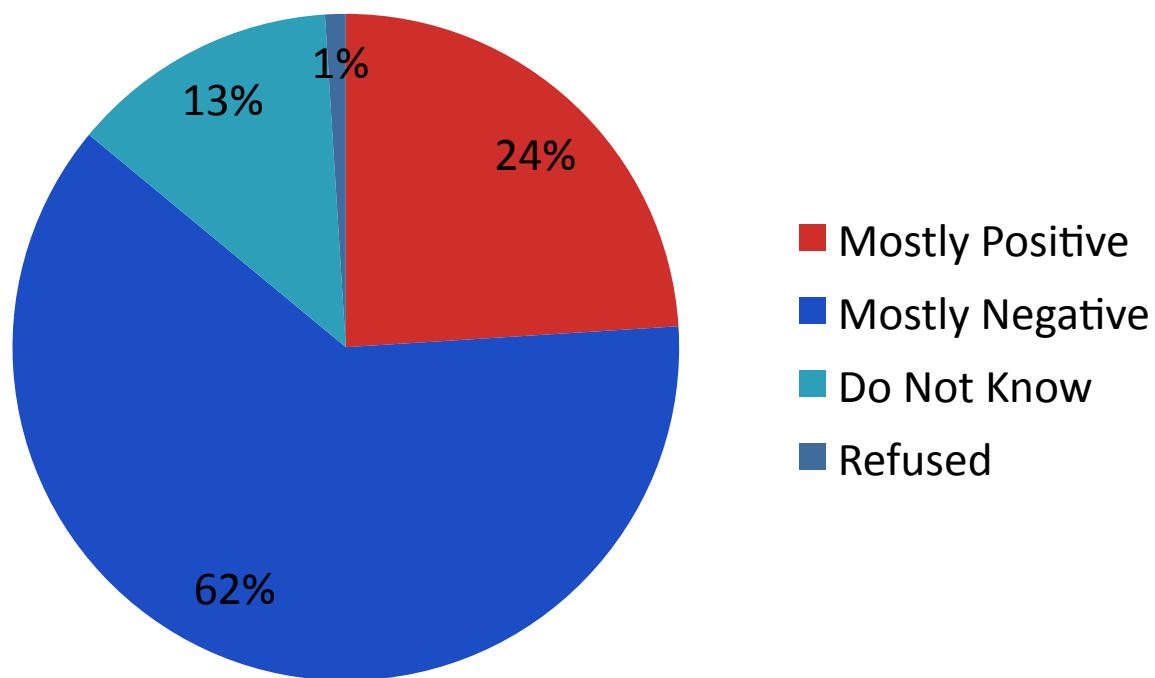
“Judicial activism” is the term used to describe when a judge bases a decision on his or her own personal views instead of the law like the State Constitution or statute.

How much do you think the Justices on the Georgia State Supreme Court engage in judicial activism?



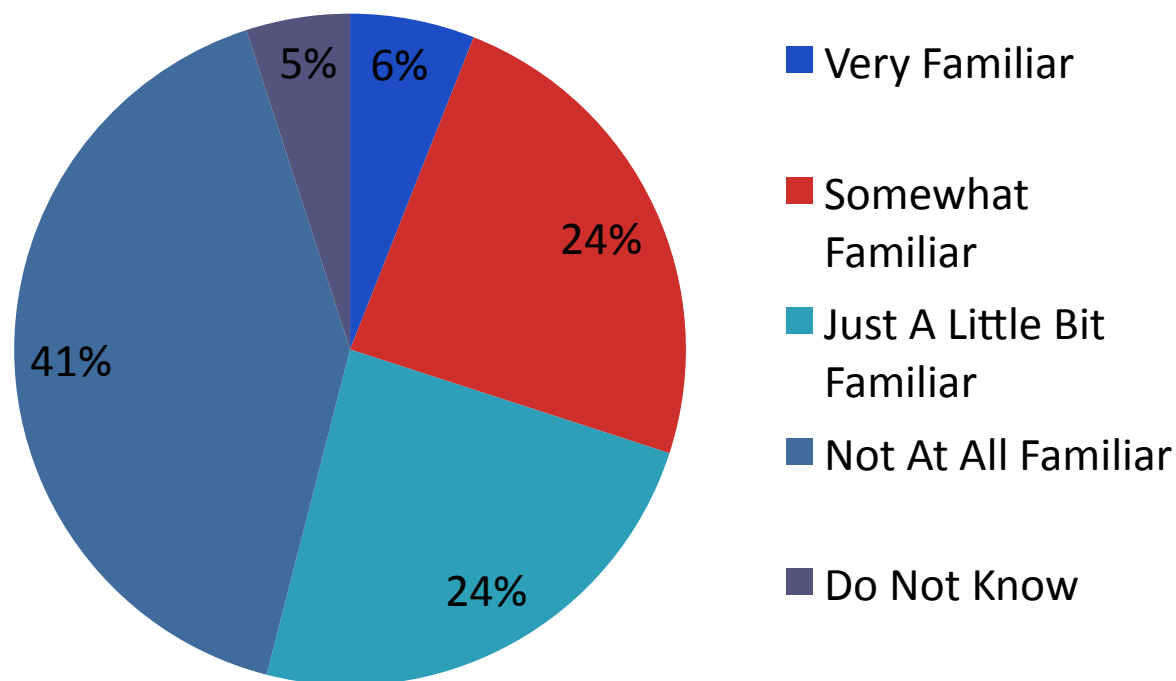
Attitudes Towards Judicial Activism

Do you think judicial activism is a mostly positive or mostly negative thing for the Georgia State Supreme Court?



Awareness of Judicial Restraint

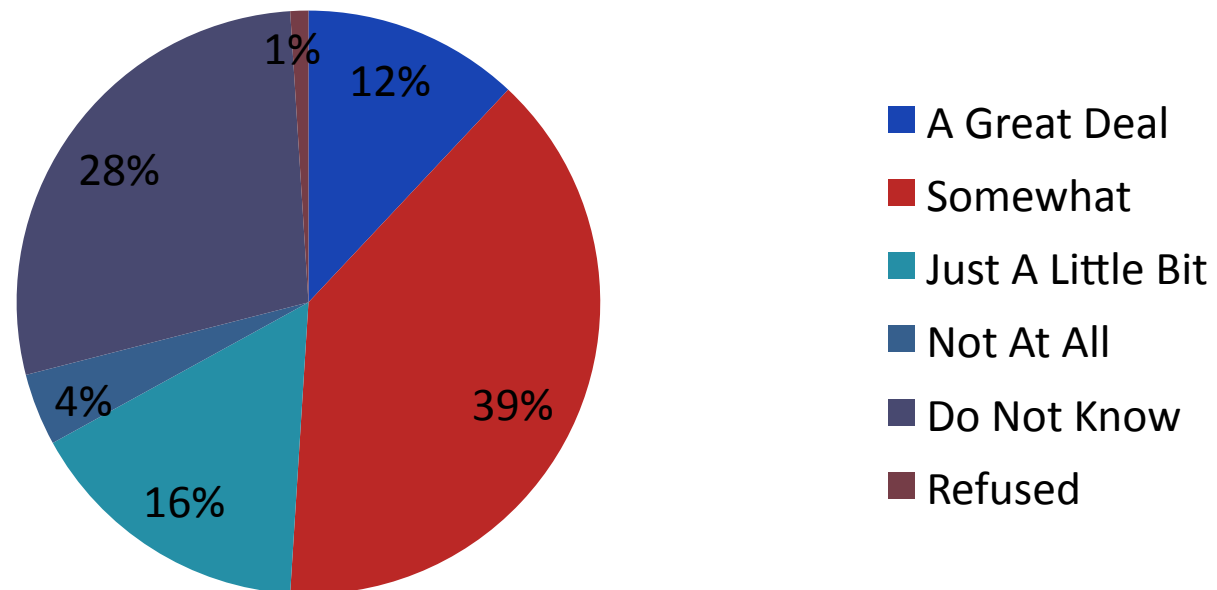
How familiar are you with the concept of “judicial restraint”? Would you say you are...



Attitudes Toward Judicial Restraint

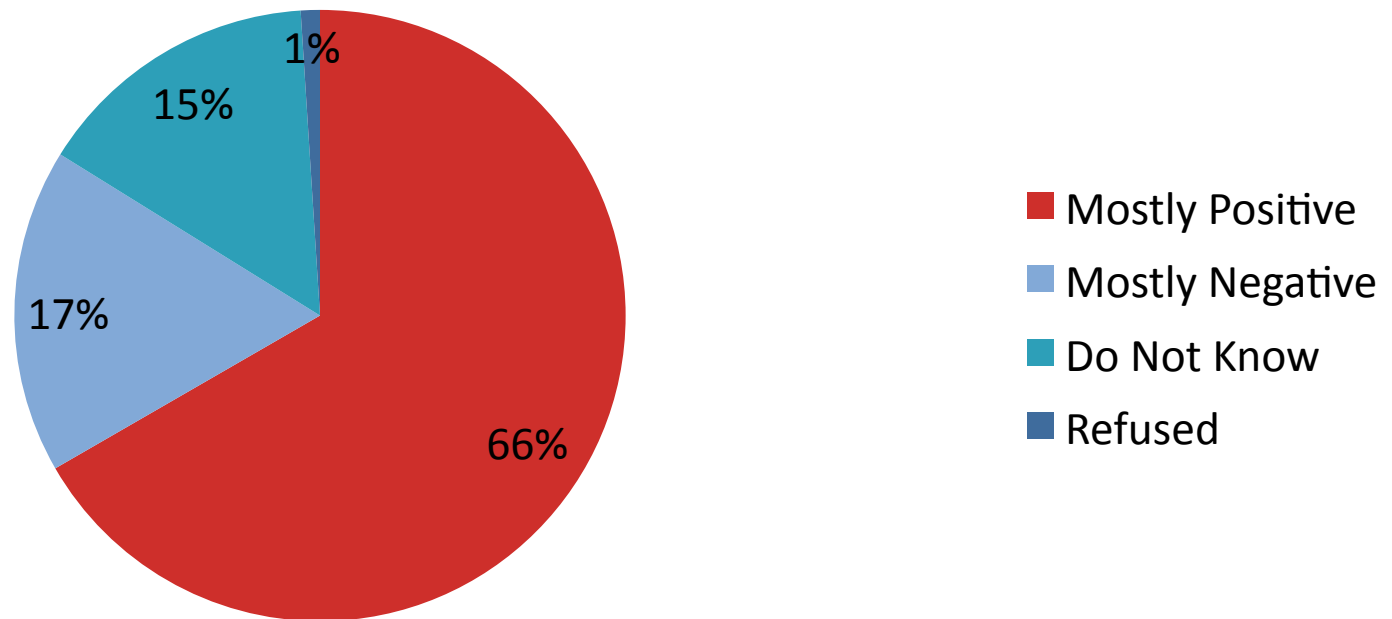
“Judicial restraint” is the term used to describe a limited exercise of power by court justices and a strict interpretation of the law based on the constitution. Those who practice judicial restraint are sometimes referred to as “strict constructionists.”

How much do you think the Justices on the Georgia State Supreme Court exercise judicial restraint?



Attitudes Toward Judicial Restraint

Do you think judicial restraint is a mostly positive or mostly negative thing for the Georgia State Supreme Court?



Preferred Jurisprudence for Georgia Supreme Court

Based on the definitions I gave you, would you rather the Georgia Supreme Court practice judicial activism or judicial restraint?

