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October 5-8, 2010
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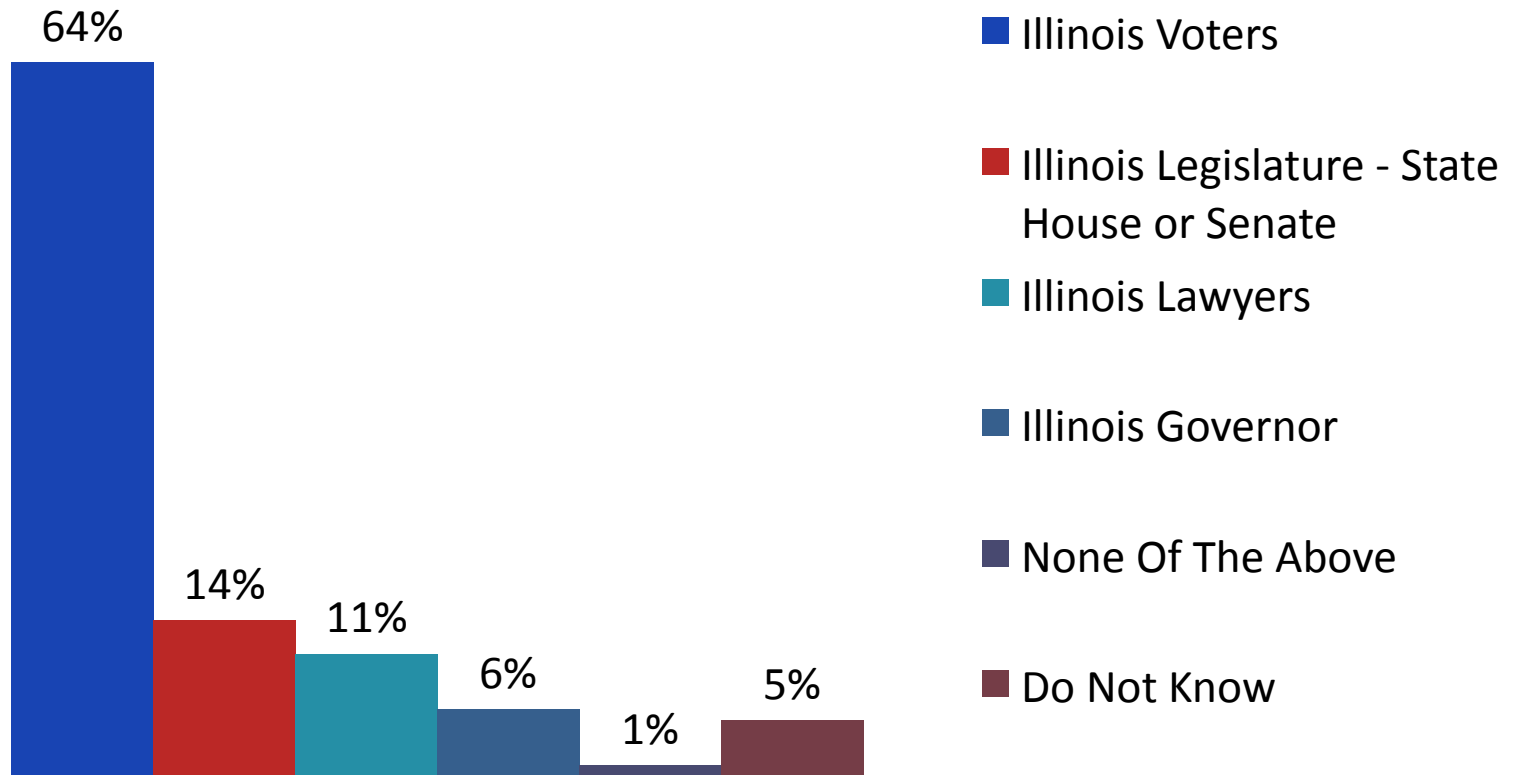
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Illinois Supreme Court Selection

Which of the following do you think should have the greatest input on who is selected to serve as a Justice on the Illinois Supreme Court?

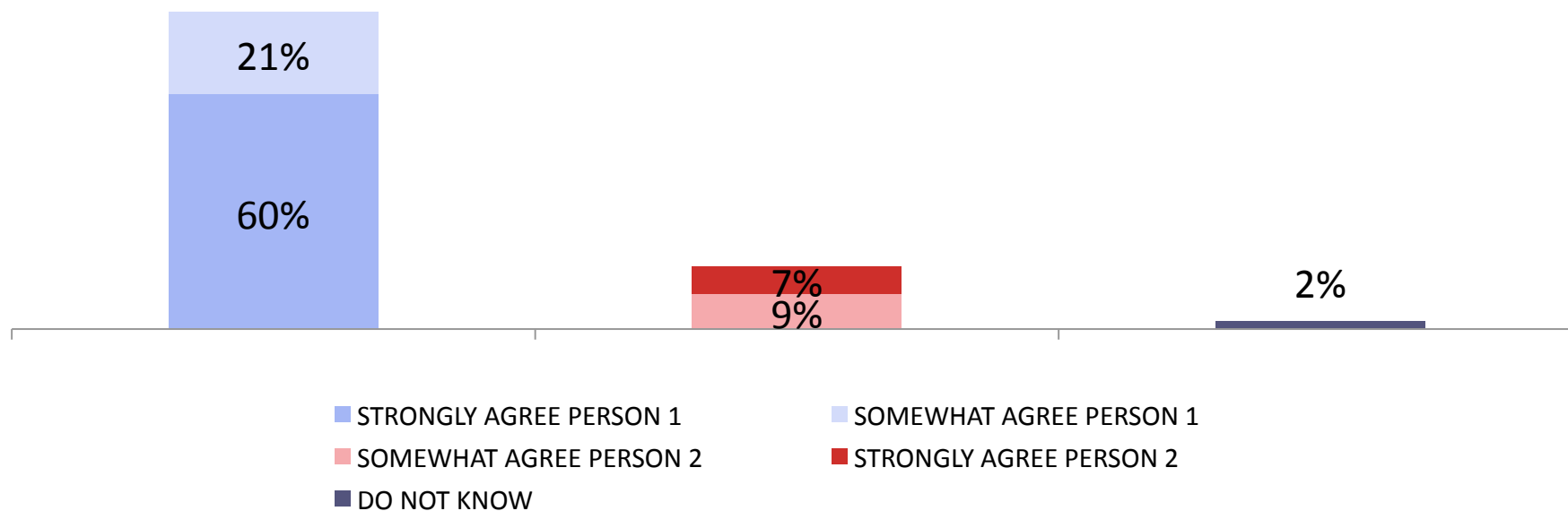


Role of Personal Viewpoints

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

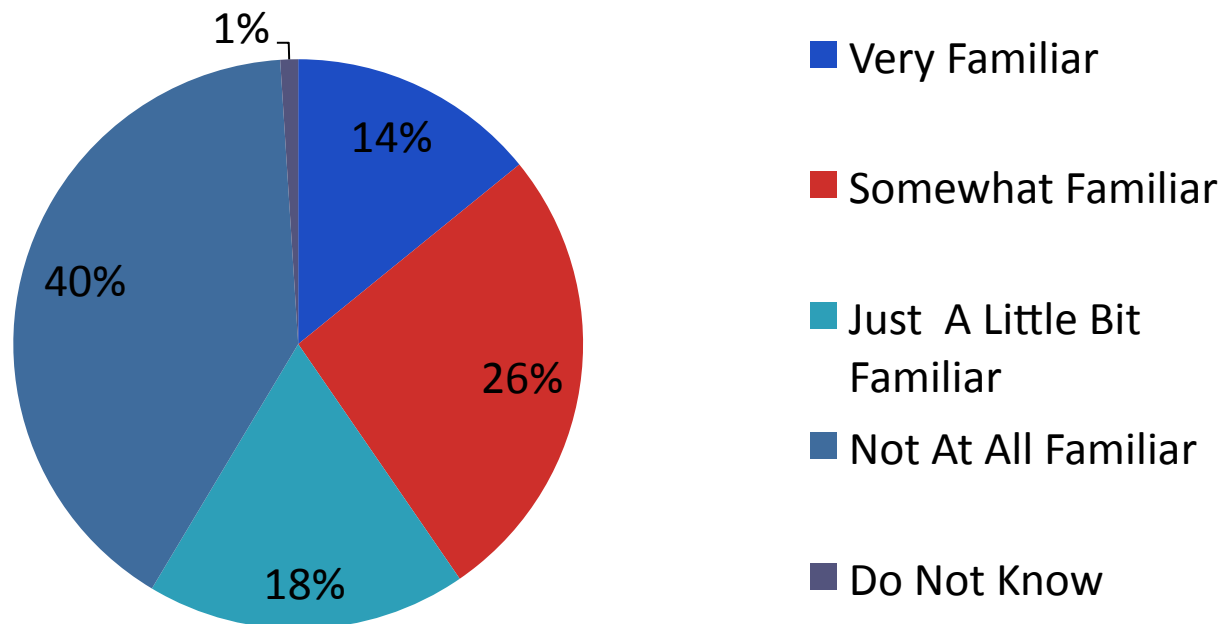
PERSON 1: Judges should interpret and apply the law as it is written and not take into account their own viewpoints and experiences.

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



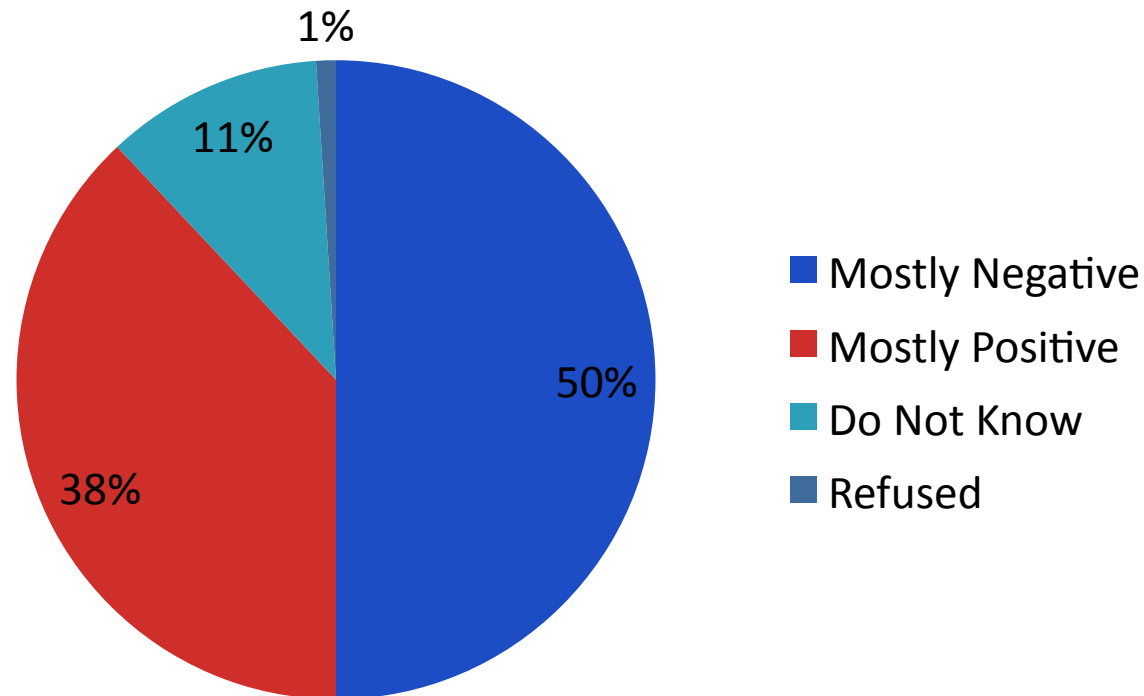
Awareness of Judicial Activism

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



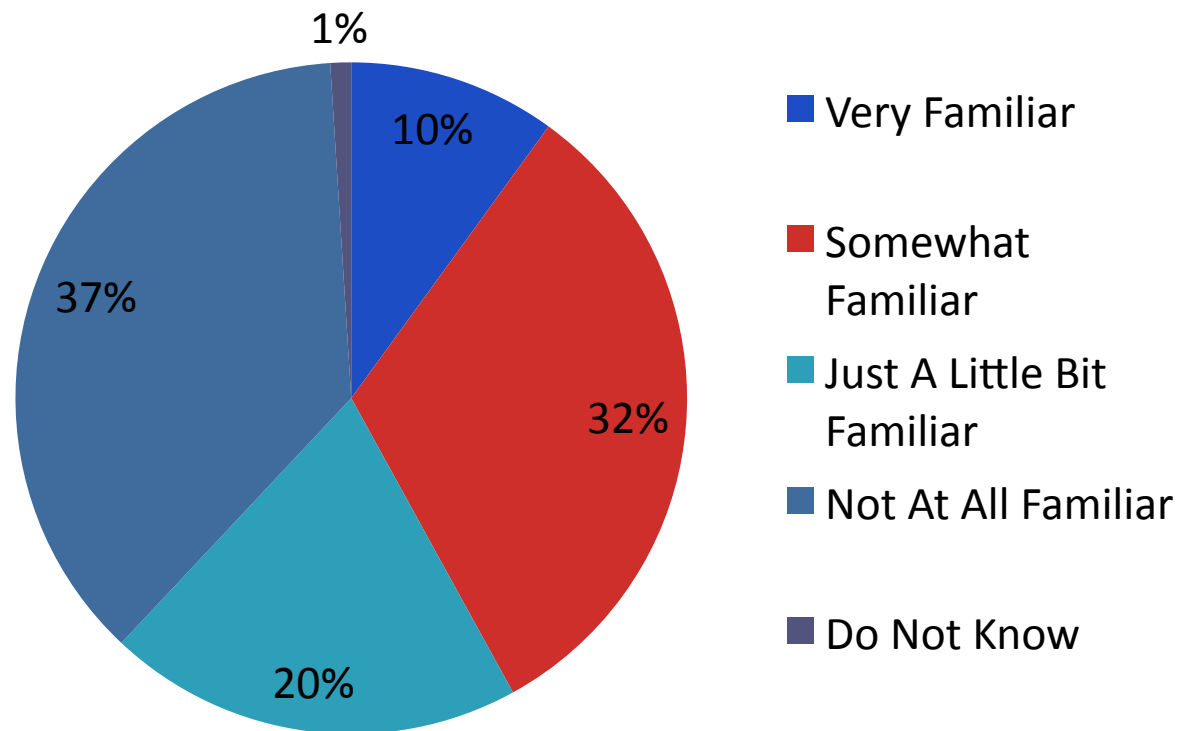
Attitudes Toward Judicial Activism

“Judicial activism” is a term used to describe when a judge feels that his or her role is not simply to review the law as it is written, but is instead to allow for new or evolving meaning of the law over time. Do you think judicial activism is a mostly positive or mostly negative thing for the Illinois Supreme Court?



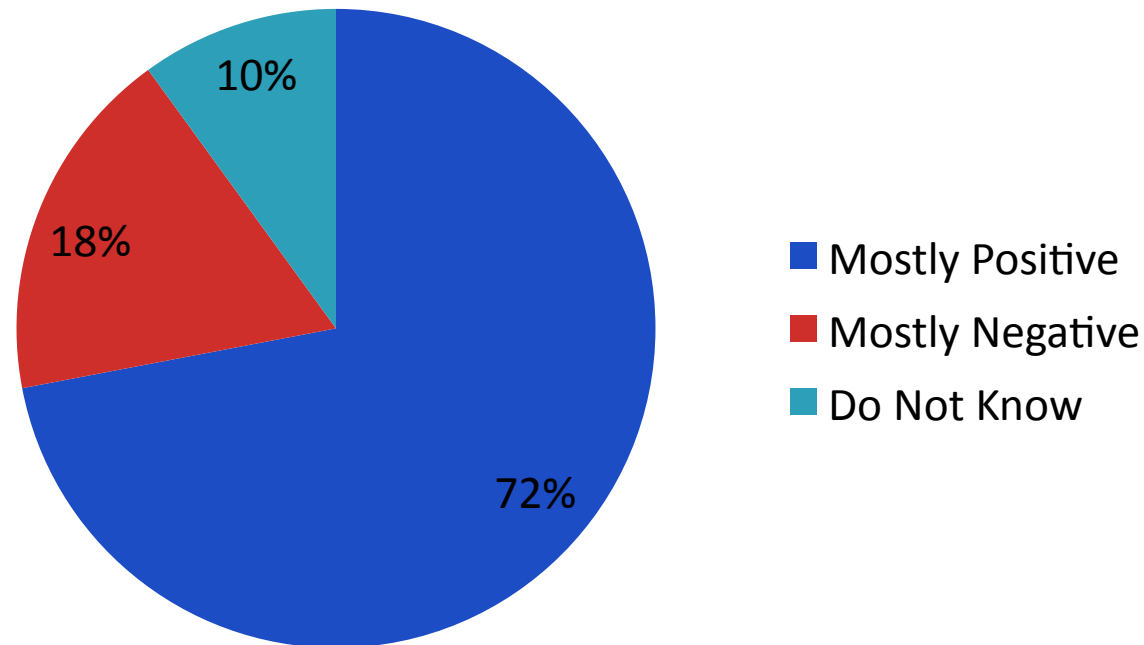
Awareness of Judicial Restraint

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



Attitudes Toward Judicial Restraint

“Judicial restraint” is a term used to describe when a judge views his or her role solely as an evaluator of whether a law or lower court ruling is in line with the state constitution. Do you think judicial restraint is a mostly positive or mostly negative thing for the Illinois Supreme Court?



Preferred Jurisprudence for Illinois Supreme Court

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

