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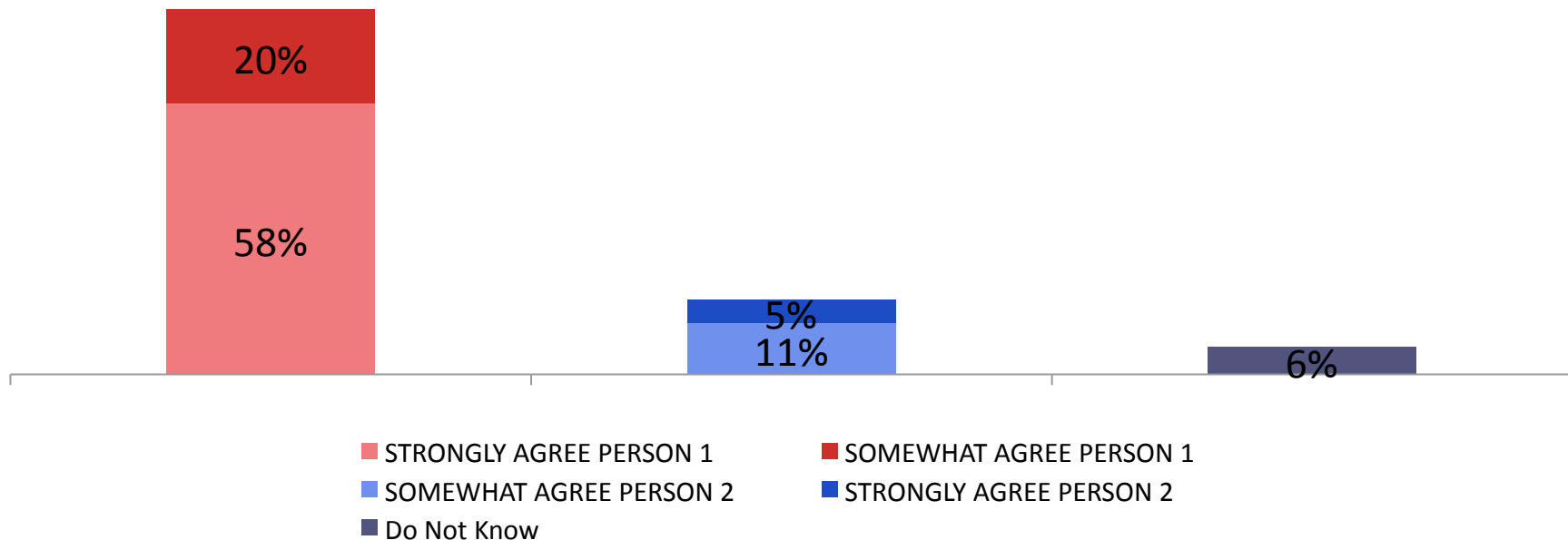


Role of Personal Viewpoints

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

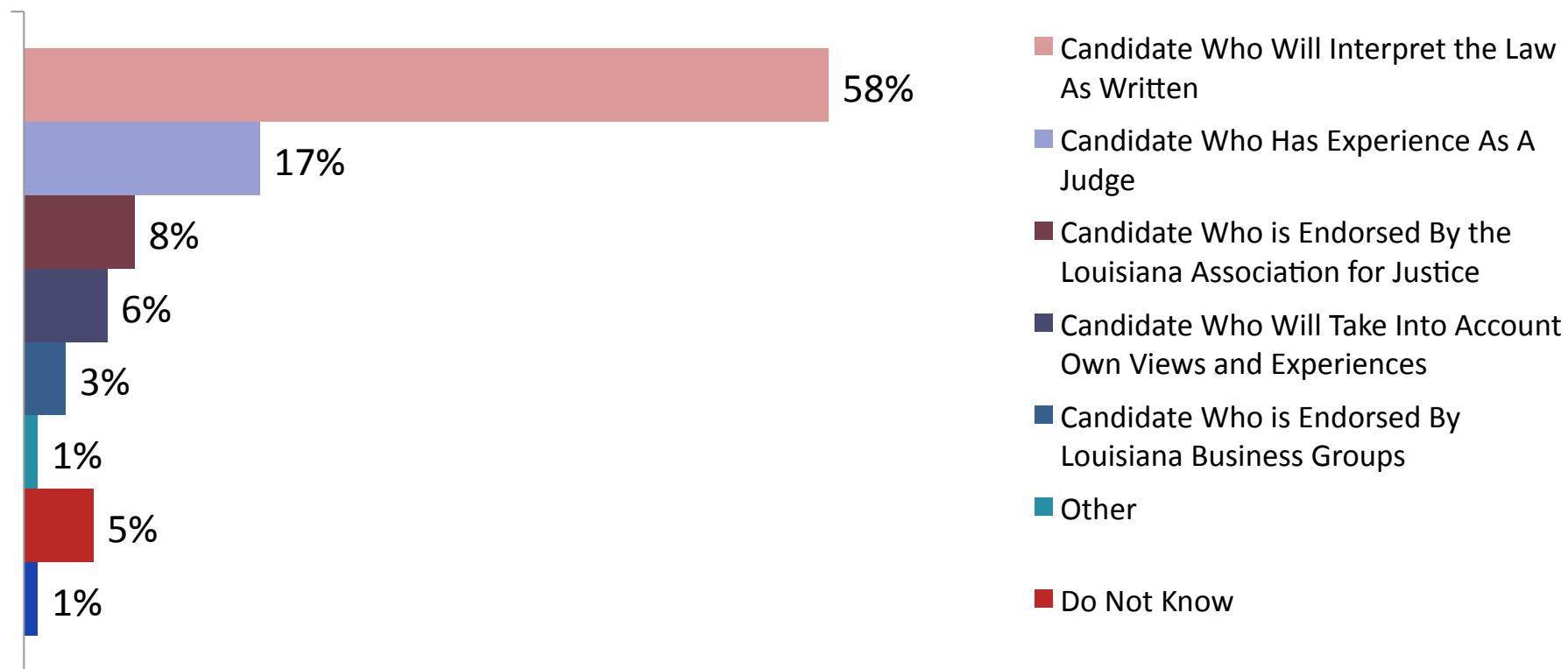
PERSON 1: Judges should interpret and apply the law as it is written and not take into account their own viewpoints and experiences

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



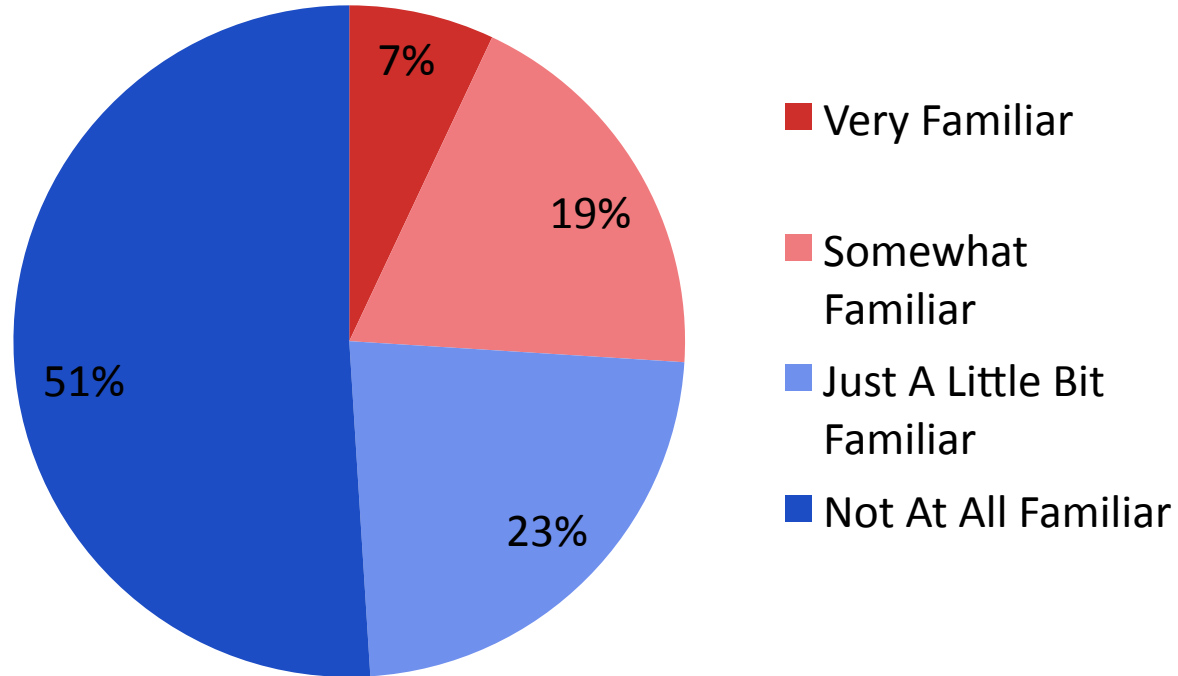
Role of Personal Viewpoints

As you may know, members of the Louisiana State Supreme Court are elected by Louisiana voters in District-wide elections. Two Districts have judicial elections this Fall. If you had the chance to vote for Louisiana State Supreme Court, which of the following candidates would be you be most likely to choose?



Awareness of Judicial Activism

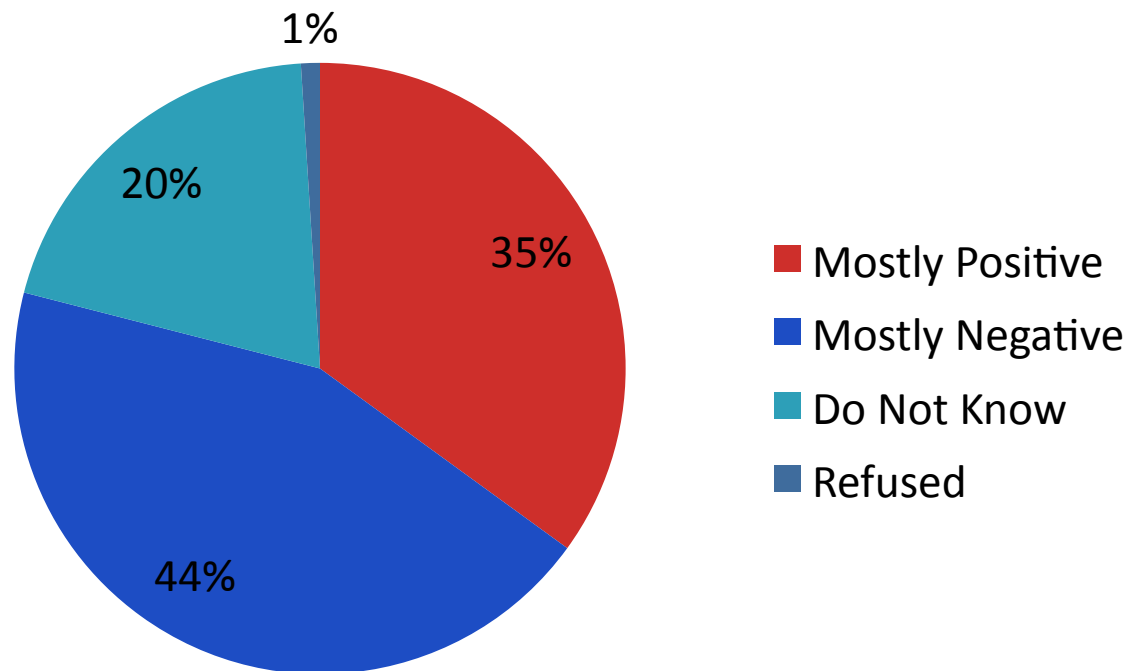
How familiar are you with the concept of “judicial activism”? Would you say you are...



Attitudes Toward Judicial Activism

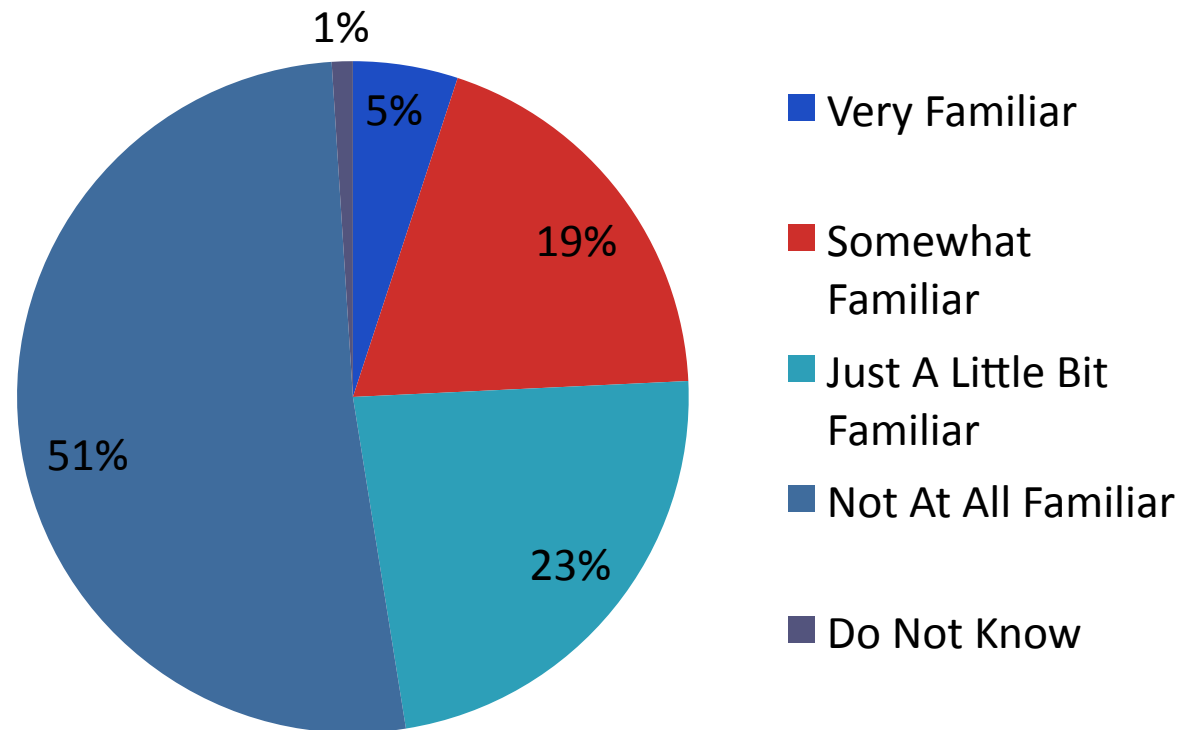
“Judicial activism” is a term used to describe when a judge feels that his or her role is not simply to review the law as it is written, but is instead to allow for new or evolving meaning of the law over time.

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



Awareness of Judicial Restraint

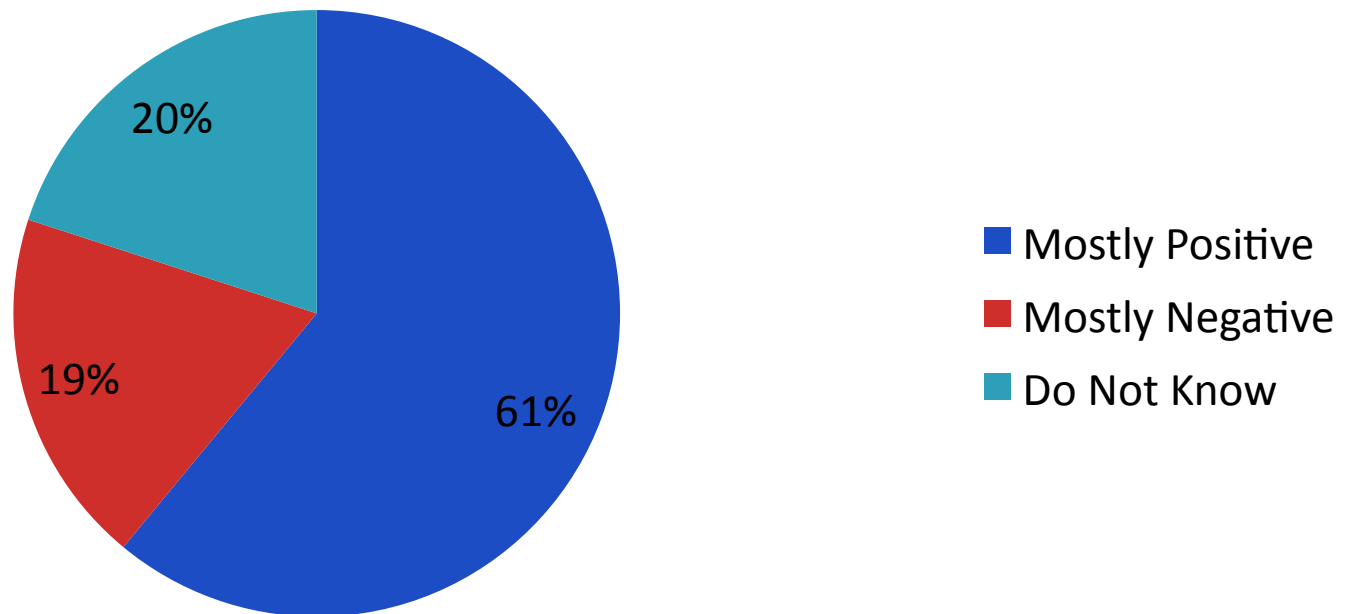
How familiar are you with the concept of “judicial restraint”? Would you say you are...



Attitudes Toward Judicial Restraint

“Judicial restraint” is 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 Louisiana State Supreme Court?



Preferred Jurisprudence for Louisiana Supreme Court

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

