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Survey of 502 Likely Voters in Ohio
September 22-24, 2008
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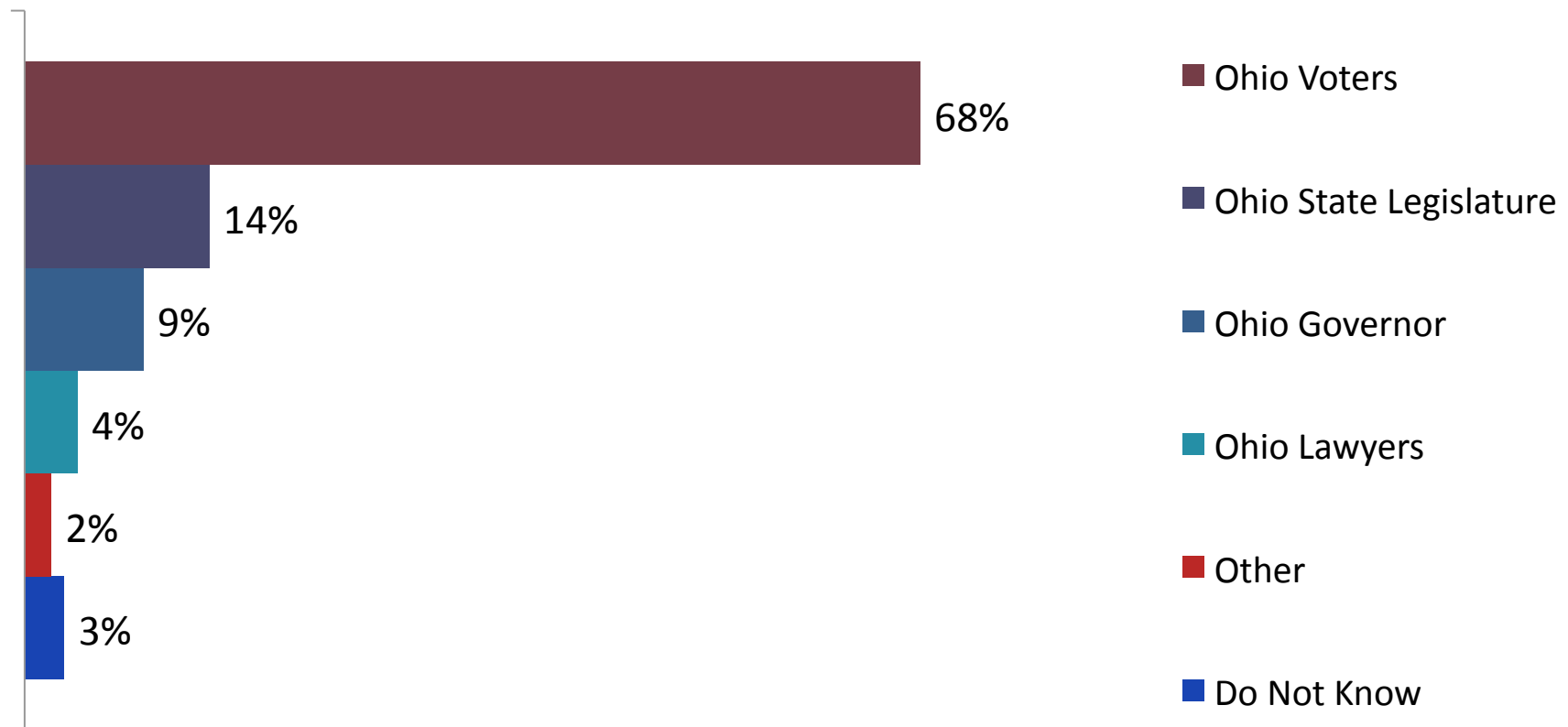
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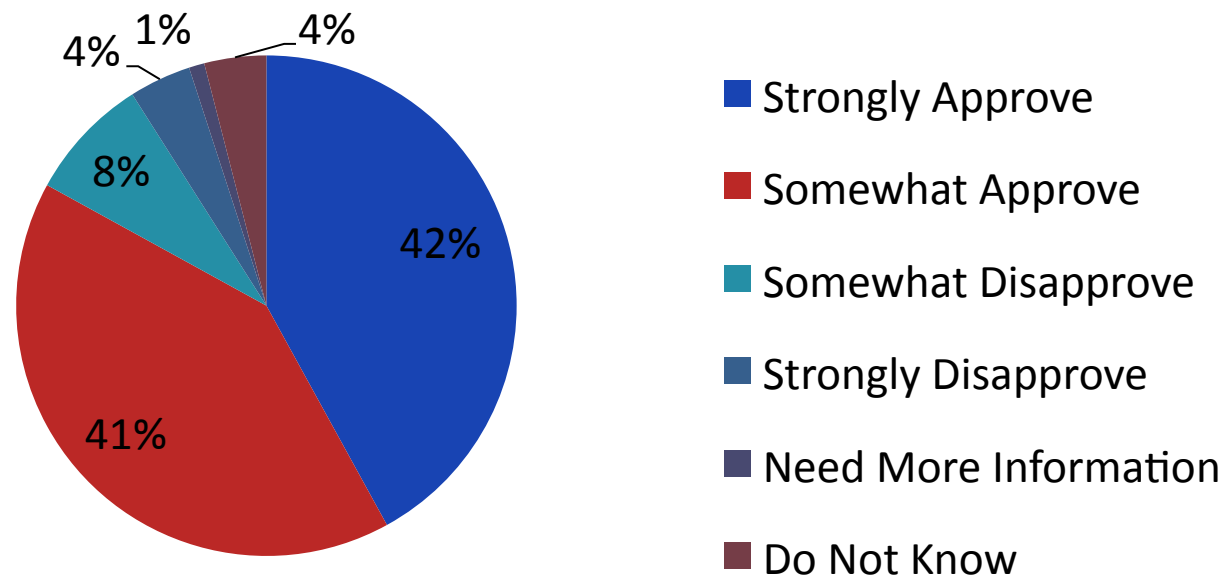
Who do you think should have the greatest input on whom is selected to serve as a Justice on the Supreme Court of Ohio?



Ohio Supreme Court Selection

As you may know, there are seven Justices on the Supreme Court of Ohio. They are elected by elected by Ohio voters in non-partisan general elections (meaning the Justices do not identify as Republican or Democrat) for six-year terms. Independent candidates can get their names on the general election ballot if they obtain 5,000 signatures of registered Ohio voters. Elections are staggered such that not every seat is up for election at the same time. In order to run for Supreme Court Justice, a candidate must have practiced law for six years.

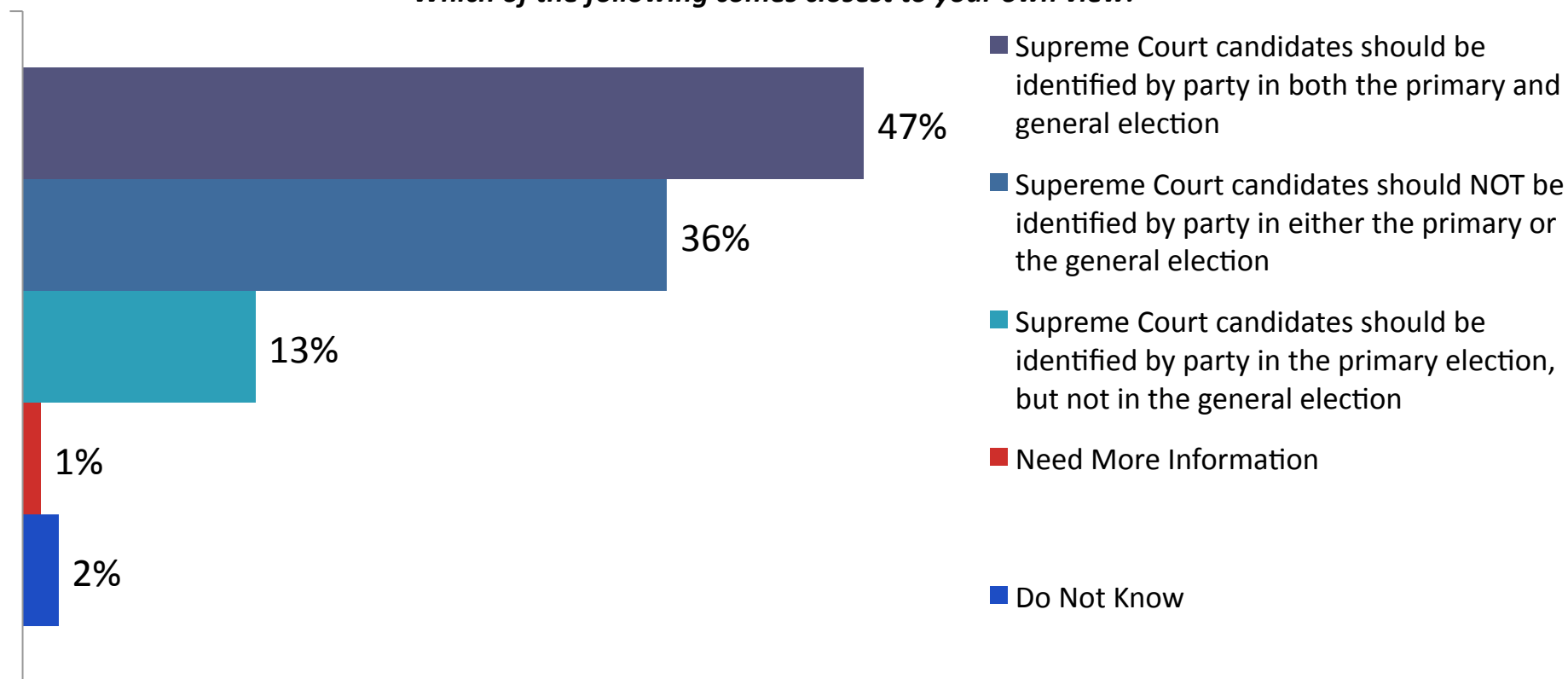
Do you approve or disapprove of this method of judicial selection for the Supreme Court of Ohio?



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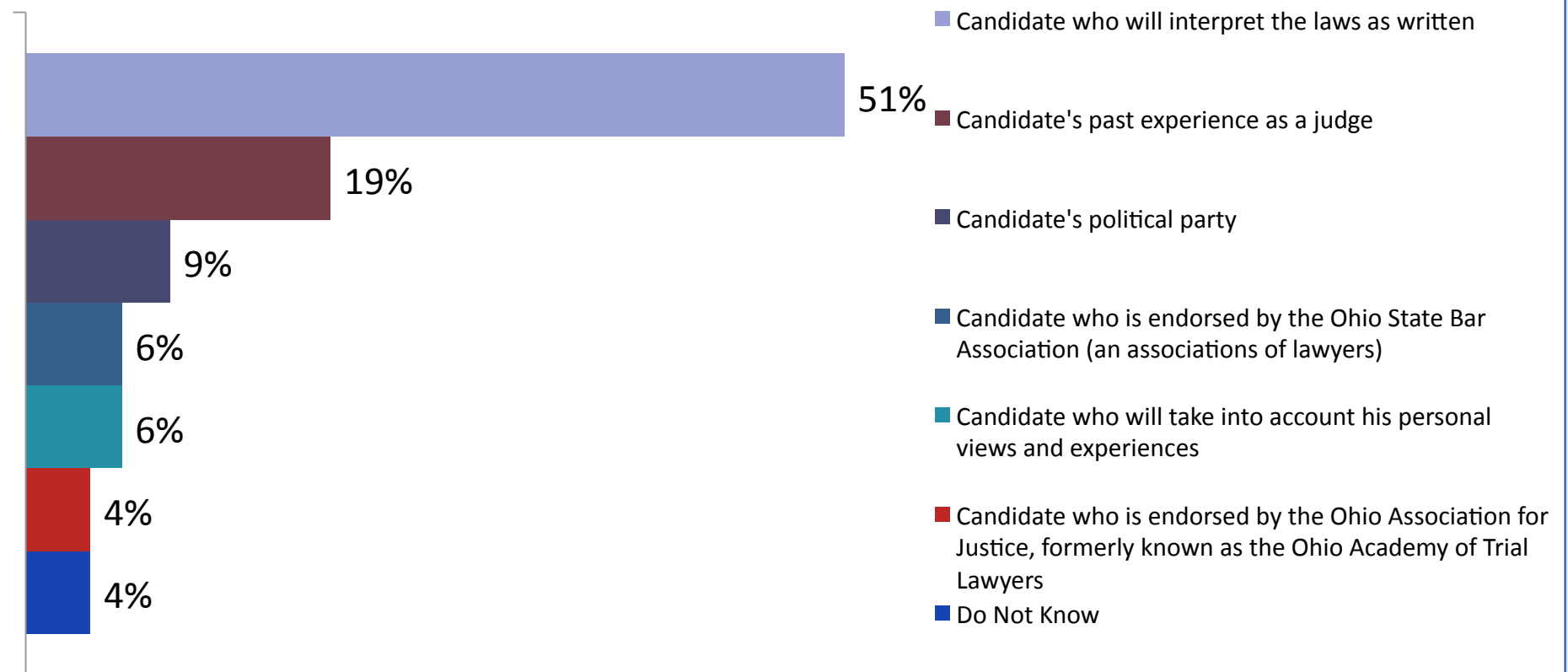
Though the candidates for Justice on the Supreme Court of Ohio are not identified as Republican or Democrat on the general election ballot, there are partisan primary elections, meaning that Republican voters select a candidate for the general election and Democrat voters select a candidate for the general election. Once they make it to the General Election, they are no longer identified on the ballot by party.

Which of the following comes closest to your own view:



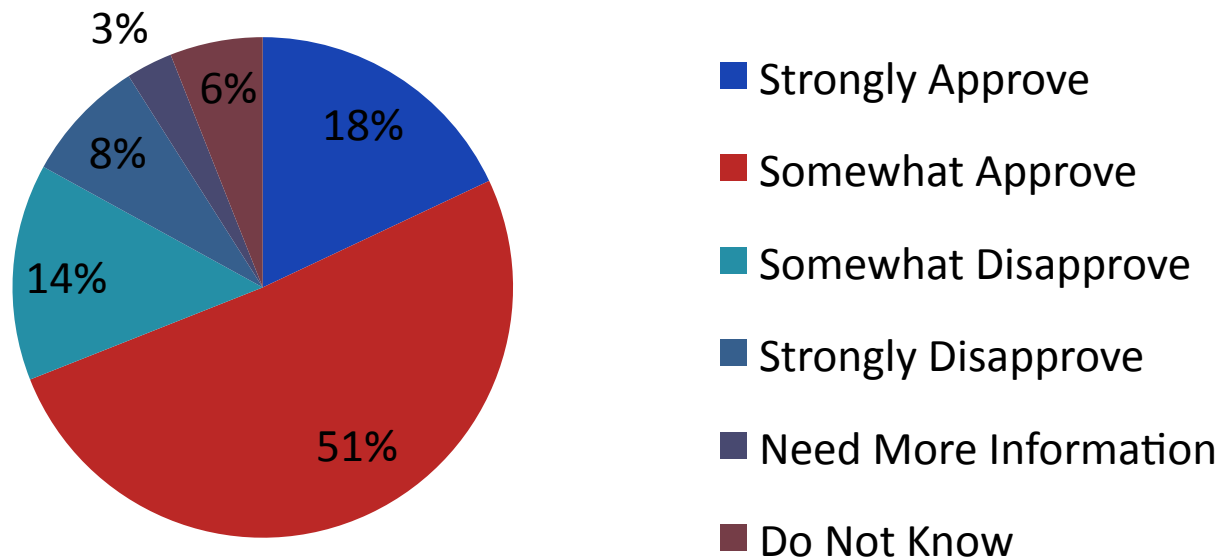
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Which of the following will be MOST important to you in deciding how to vote for Justice to the Supreme Court of Ohio this November?



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Knowing about the partisan primary elections and the non-partisan general election, would you say that overall you approve or disapprove of the method of judicial selection for the Supreme Court of Ohio?

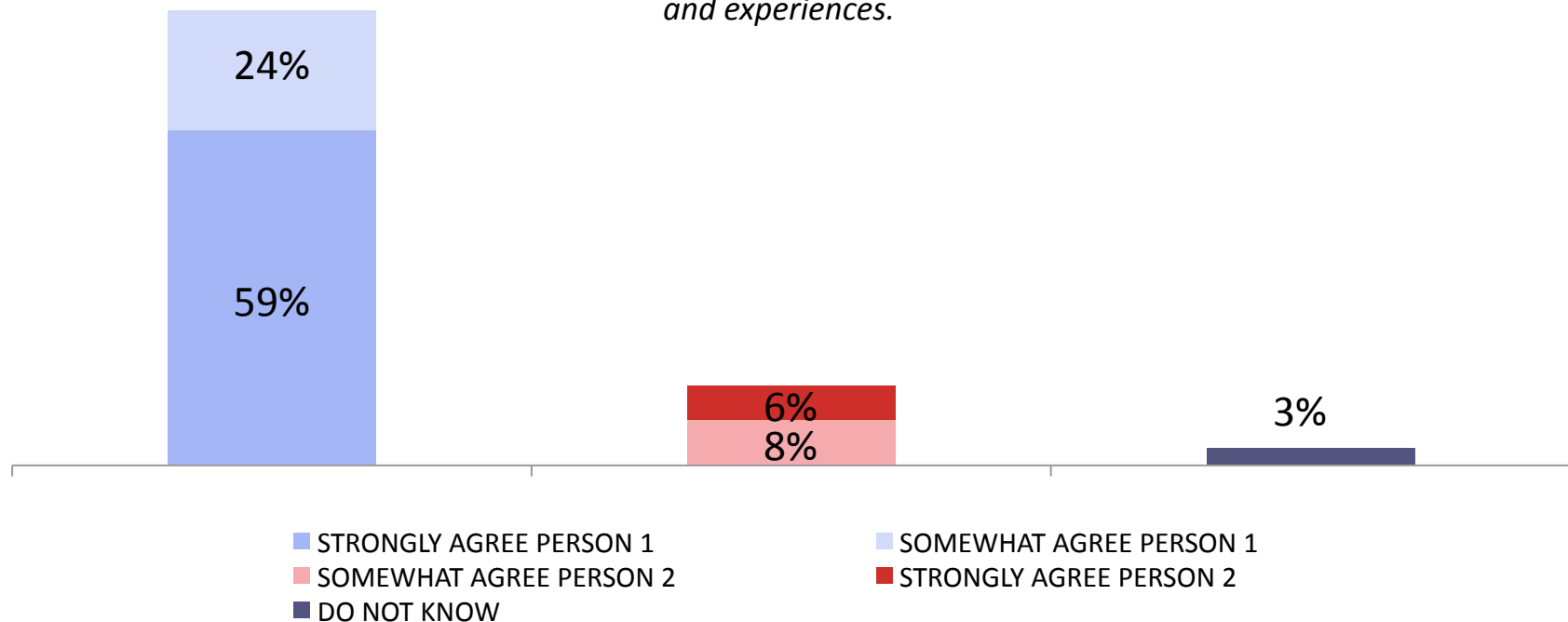


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I am going to read you the opinions of two people. Please tell me which one comes closest to your view.

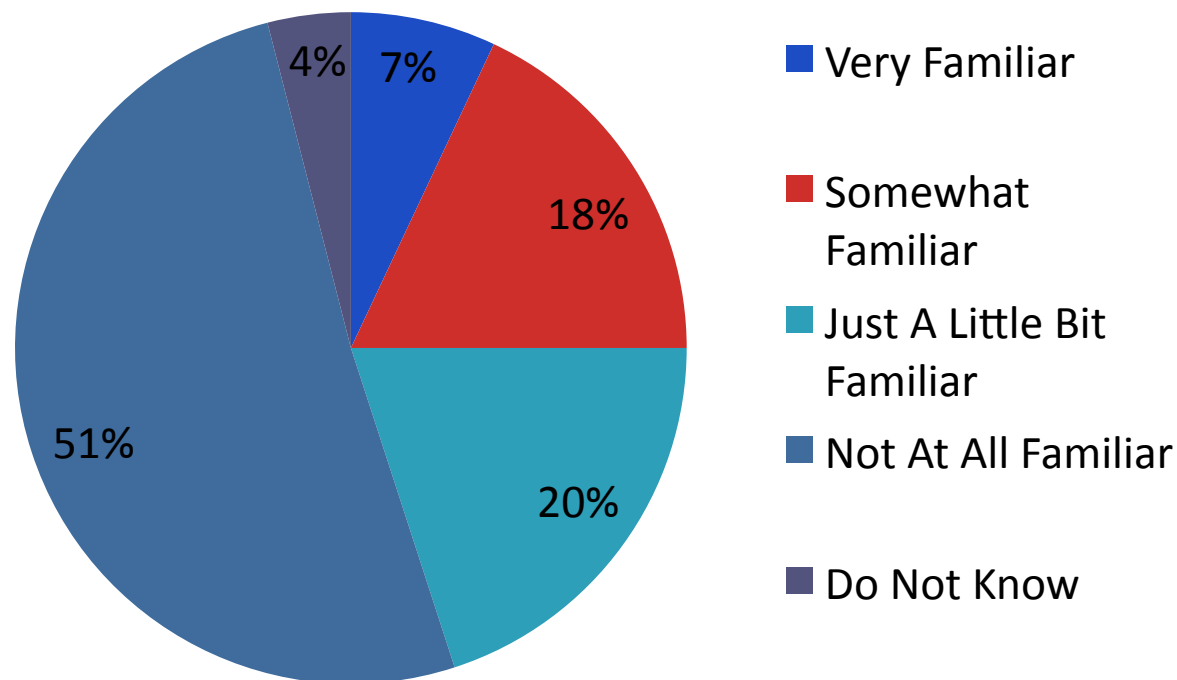
PERSON 1: Judges should interpret and apply the law as it is written and not take into account their own viewpoints and experiences.

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



Awareness of Judicial Activism

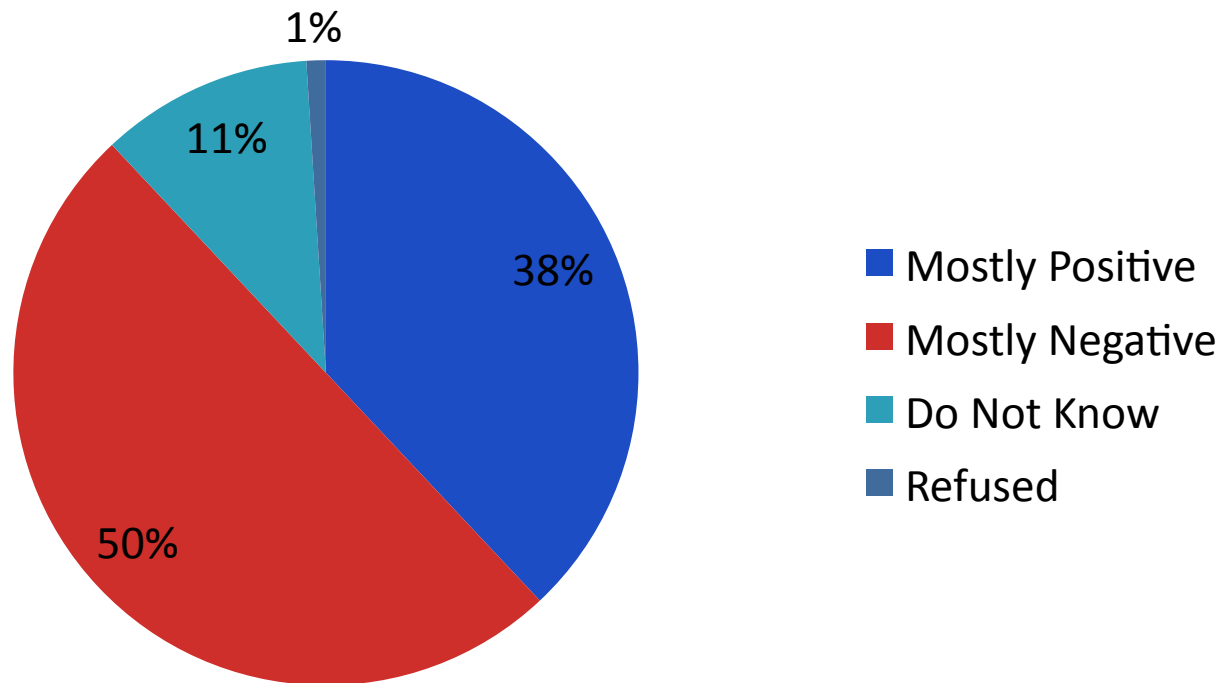
How familiar are you with the concept of “judicial activism”? Would you say you are...



Attitudes Toward Judicial Activism

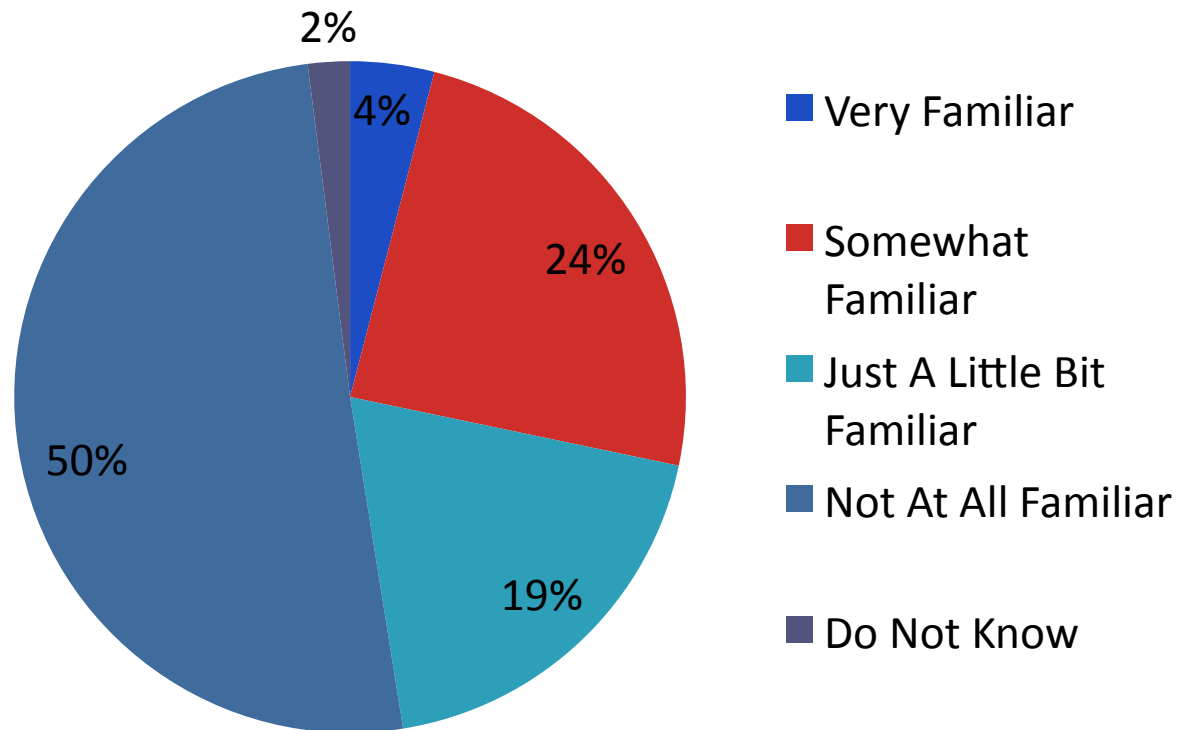
“Judicial activism” is a term used to describe when a judge feels that his or her role is not simply to review the law as it is written, but is instead to allow for new or evolving meaning of the law over time.

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



Awareness of Judicial Restraint

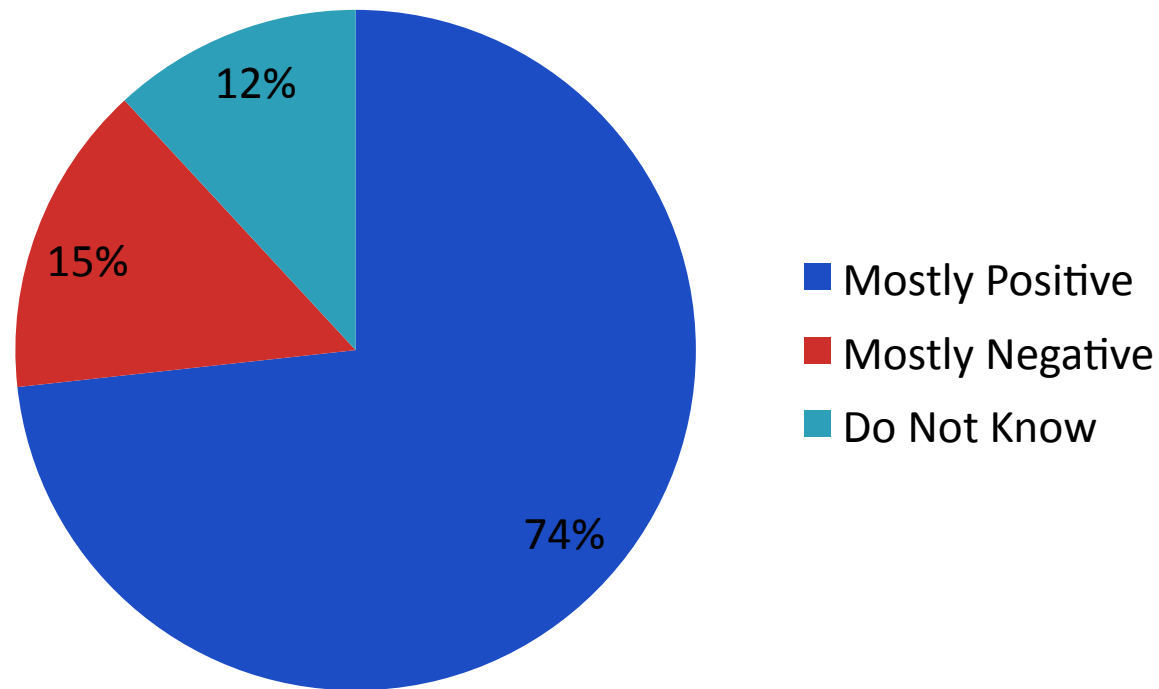
How familiar are you with the concept of “judicial restraint”? Would you say you are...



Attitudes Towards 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 Supreme Court of Ohio?



Preferred Jurisprudence for Ohio Supreme Court

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

