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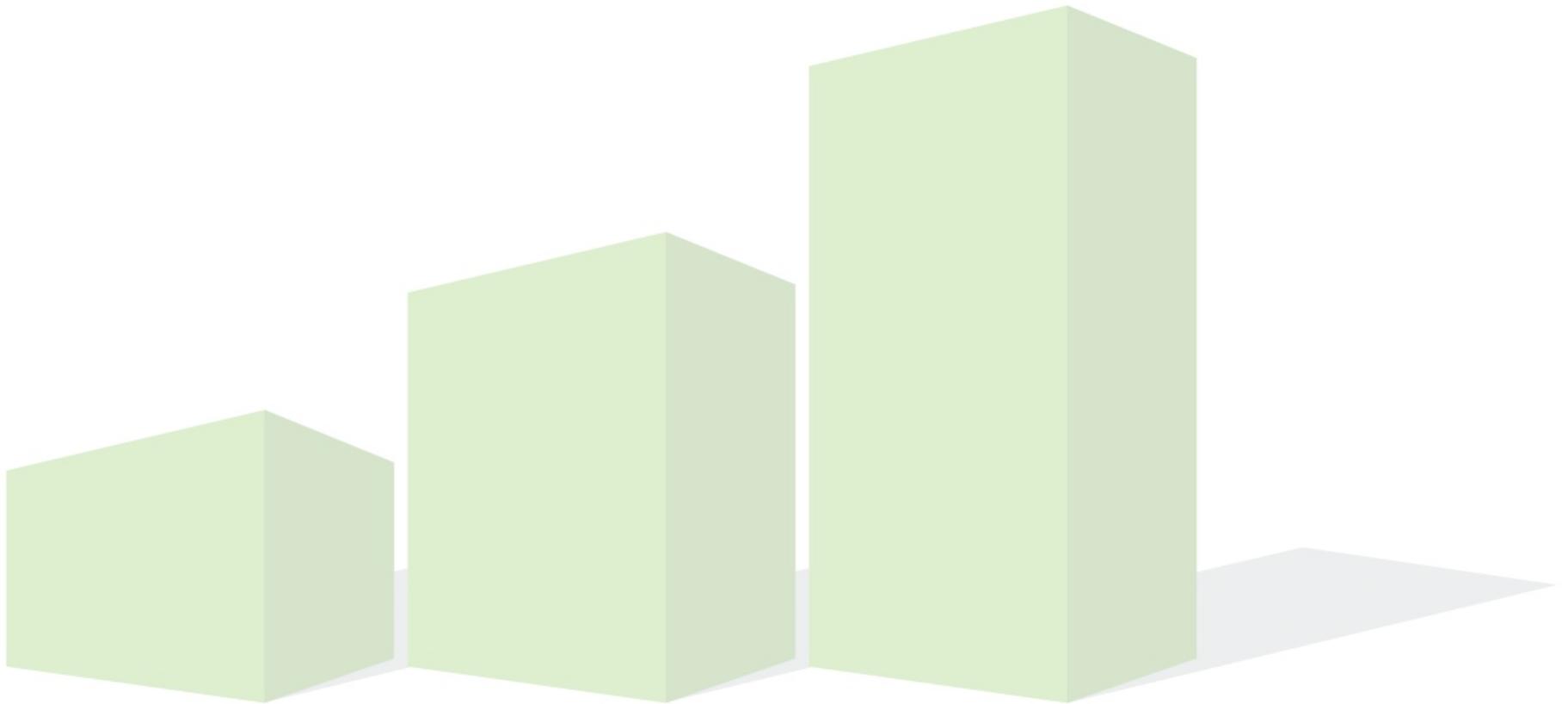
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## METHODOLOGY

This research study was commissioned by the Colorado Commissions on Judicial Performance to assess voters' knowledge about the Commissions, as well as to identify the best methods of getting information to voters so that they may make informed decisions regarding the retention of judges in Colorado.

### THE INTERVIEW

A random sample of registered voters who participated in the recent November 2014 General Election was interviewed by telephone. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers were generated from the Research & Polling, Inc. database. All interviews were conducted between November 19, 2014 and December 2, 2014.

The telephone interviewers are professionals who are brought together for a training session prior to each survey. This ensures their complete and consistent understanding of the survey instrument. A total of 408 Colorado voters completed interviews.

### MARGIN OF ERROR

A sample size of 408 at a 95% confidence level provides a maximum margin of error of approximately 4.9%. In theory, in 95 out of 100 cases, the results based on a sample of 408 will differ by no more than 4.9 percentage points in either direction from what would have been obtained by interviewing all Colorado voters who participated in the November election.

### SAMPLE BIAS

In any survey, there are some respondents who will refuse to speak to the professional interviewer. A lower response rate among certain types of individuals can result in a sample wherein certain types of individuals are over-represented or under-represented. The potential for sampling bias increases as the response rate decreases. Research & Polling, Inc. often sets quotas for various segments of the population who are historically undercounted. This has the effect of minimizing, but not necessarily eliminating, sampling bias.

### THE REPORT

This report summarizes the results from each question in the survey and reports on any variances in attitude or perception, where significant, among demographic subgroups. The subgroups examined in this report include:

- Gender
- Ethnicity
- Age
- Household income
- Education attainment level
- Length of residency
- Political affiliation
- Region of Colorado

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### INTRODUCTION

It is common knowledge that most voters pay a lot more attention to high profile races such as president, U.S. Senate, or governor than they do to lower profile judicial races. In fact, Colorado voters freely acknowledge that they have insufficient information to make informed decisions about whether or not to retain judges. Specifically, only one-third of Colorado voters feel they are sufficiently informed to decide which judges should be retained. Further, only one-quarter of Colorado voters feel that most of the electorate has enough information to make informed decisions about the retention of judges.

This self-reported acknowledgement among the voters that they are not well-informed while casting votes in judicial retention elections creates a great opportunity for the Commissions on Judicial Performance to perform an important public service by continuing to educate voters about the performance of judges, thereby enabling the electorate to make better informed decisions. One of the challenges facing the Commissions will be to identify additional resources and develop more effective strategies to increase their visibility among the electorate so that more voters will take advantage of this important service.

### PERCEIVED IMPORTANCE OF THE COMMISSIONS ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE

The missions of the Colorado Commissions on Judicial Performance are to provide voters with constructive information on each judge running for retention, as well as to improve the professional skills of each judge. These missions are viewed as important to Colorado voters as evident by the 80% who say *providing voters with information on each judge* is important, and the 85% who say the mission to *improve the performance of each judge* is important.

### AWARENESS OF THE COMMISSIONS ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE

Generally speaking however, awareness of the Commissions on Judicial Performance among Colorado voters is somewhat low, as 36% of voters say they have heard of the Commissions when asked in an unaided manner. And another 15% say they have heard of the Commissions after given a brief description, bringing the total to 51% who say they have heard of or are

aware of the Commissions. Further, among those who say they have heard of the Commissions, half are aware of the goals and missions of the Commissions, while the other half did not know of the missions or goals. Notably, voters of higher socio-economic status are more likely to be aware of the Commissions.

When asked, unaided, what the missions or goals of the Commissions are, 23% say the Commissions provide voters with information about the performance of each judge running for retention, 21% say the Commissions rate or grade judges, 12% say the Commissions' goal is to improve the performance of judges, and 11% say the Commissions recommend whether or not to retain judges.

### INFORMATION SOURCES: USEFULNESS & QUALITY

**THE BLUE BOOK:** The Blue Book is an invaluable source of information among voters who take the time and effort to review the performance of judges. In fact, among those who say they have read or heard about the Commissions' evaluations and recommendations, over nine-in-ten say they have received the Blue Book. Nine-in-ten also say they at least used the book to review retention recommendations and that it was helpful in assisting them to make informed decisions when voting. Interestingly, females compared to males, and Republicans compared to Democrats, are more likely to say they used the Blue Book.

**COMMISSIONS' WEBSITE:** When it comes to the Commissions' website, just one-fifth of those who have read or heard about the Commissions' evaluations and recommendations say they have visited the Commissions' website to review the evaluations of judges. However, among those who did visit, 90% say the information on the website was at least somewhat helpful. This indicates that although use of this resource may be less common, it is helpful to voters researching retention information. Voters of higher socio-economic status are slightly more likely to say they visited the Commissions' website to review the evaluations of judges.

**NEWSPAPER AND TELEVISION:** When it comes to publicity from television and newspaper, the majority (81%) of voters say they have not heard anything about the Commissions on Judicial Performance, while 10% mention newspaper, 7% mention television, and 2% say they have read and heard of the Commissions through both newspaper and television.

#### **PERFORMANCE OF THE COMMISSIONS IN CARRYING OUT THEIR MISSIONS**

Among those who recall reading or hearing about any of the judicial retention evaluations or recommendations written by the Commissions, just over half (54%) say they feel the Commissions are doing a good job (a score of 4 or 5 on a 5-point scale) getting voters information about the performance of justices and judges.

Notably, among those who did recall hearing or reading about the judicial evaluations and recommendations written by the Commissions, 61% say they relied on this information from the Commissions to make decisions on whether or not to retain judges, and 64% say they feel the Commissions' evaluations are trustworthy and credible. Very few voters (14%) find the Commissions on Judicial Performance to be untrustworthy or not credible.

#### **INFORMATION PREFERENCES**

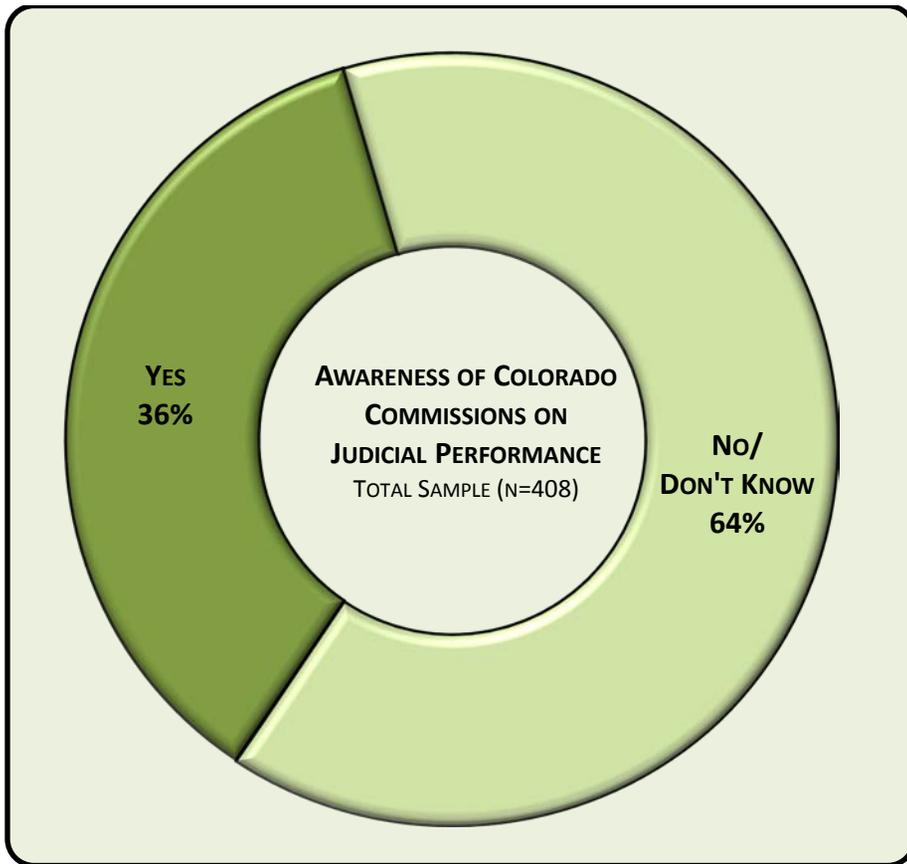
Voters who feel as though they do not have enough information on judicial retention were asked which types of information they would like more of. Voters say they would like more information regarding a judge's stance on a particular issue (25%), what cases judges have heard and the rulings for each (18%), better descriptions of good and bad behavior (15%), whether the judge is liberal or conservative (9%), more biographical information (8%), and more survey data (8%).

When asked how they would like to receive information from the Commissions regarding judicial retention recommendations, voters are likely to say mail (42%), the Blue Book (35%), or an electronic source, such as the Internet (18%), email (17%), or the Commissions' website (9%). Of note, those who are younger and those with higher incomes prefer information via electronic communication, while those who are older prefer the Blue Book, local newspaper, or television.

#### **FINAL THOUGHTS**

Although the majority of voters who have heard of the Commissions say the missions of the Commissions are important, awareness of the Commissions on Judicial Performance among Colorado voters is somewhat low. Further, among those who say they have heard of the Commissions, only half are aware of the goals and missions of the Commissions. However, there is good news in that the majority of those who have heard of the Commissions say they received the Blue Book, used it, and found it helpful. Although the website is used by fewer voters, the majority who did utilize the website say it was helpful in assisting them to make retention decisions.

Because the majority of voters believe the Commissions' goals and missions are important, it is important to increase general awareness of the Commissions and their missions among voters. Increasing awareness will likely result in a greater percentage of voters rating the Commissions as trustworthy and credible as well as increase the percentage of voters who rely on the Commissions' information to make informed retention decisions. Informing voters in advance that they will be receiving judicial retention information from particular publications such as the Blue Book, and targeting certain demographic subgroups via different information sources may raise knowledge and awareness levels among Colorado voters.

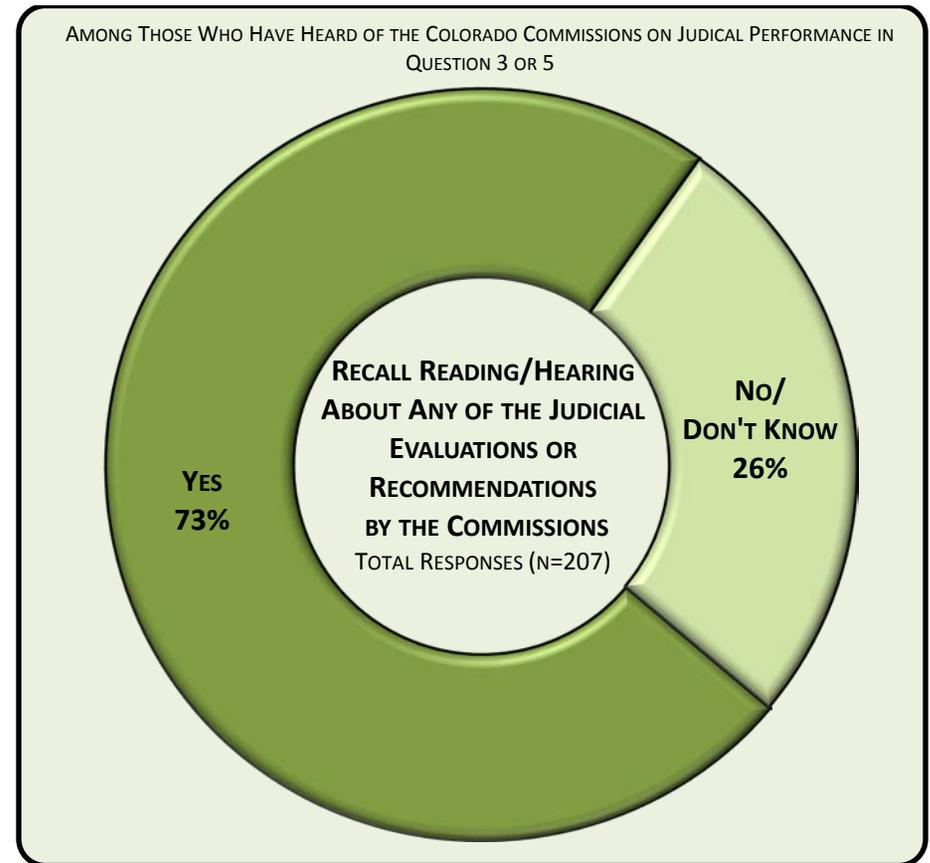
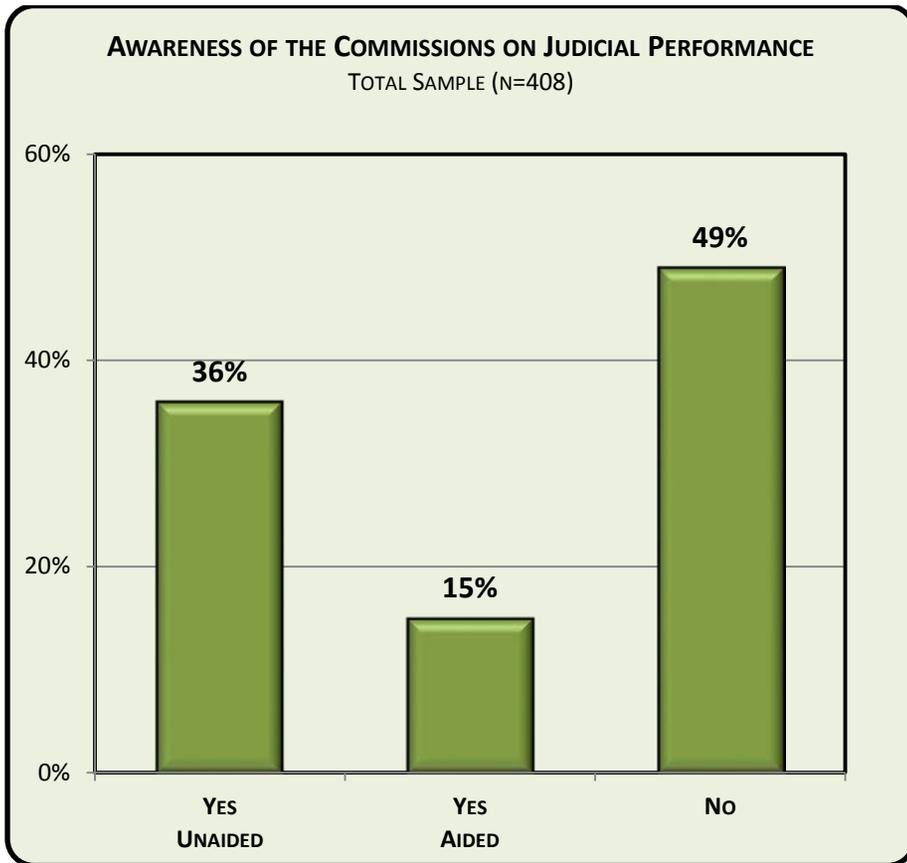


PERCEIVED GOALS OR MISSIONS OF THE COMMISSIONS ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE	
TOTAL RESPONSES (N=145) AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE HEARD OF THE COLORADO COMMISSIONS ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE	
PROVIDE VOTERS WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE OF EACH JUDGE WHO IS RUNNING FOR RETENTION	23%
TO RATE/GRADE JUDGES' PERFORMANCE	21%
TO IMPROVE THE PERFORMANCE/SKILLS OF JUDGES	12%
TO RECOMMEND WHETHER TO RETAIN JUDGES	11%
TO REPORT ON BAD JUDGES	2%
TO ENSURE THE INTEGRITY OF THE SYSTEM	1%
TO WHITEWASH THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM	1%
THEY GET FEEDBACK FROM ATTORNEYS ABOUT JUDGES	1%
OBSERVE JUDGES	1%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	49%

Colorado voters who participated in the recent General Election were asked **whether or not they have heard of the Colorado Commissions on Judicial Performance**. Over one-third (36%) of likely voters say they have heard of the Commissions, while the majority (64%) has not. Respondents more likely to say they have heard of the Colorado Commissions on Judicial Performance include:

- Those who are college graduates or higher (43%) compared to those with some college education or less (28%); and,
- Those residing in the Metro (42%) and South Front Range region (40%) compared to those residing in the North Front Range (27%) and Western Slope (24%) regions.

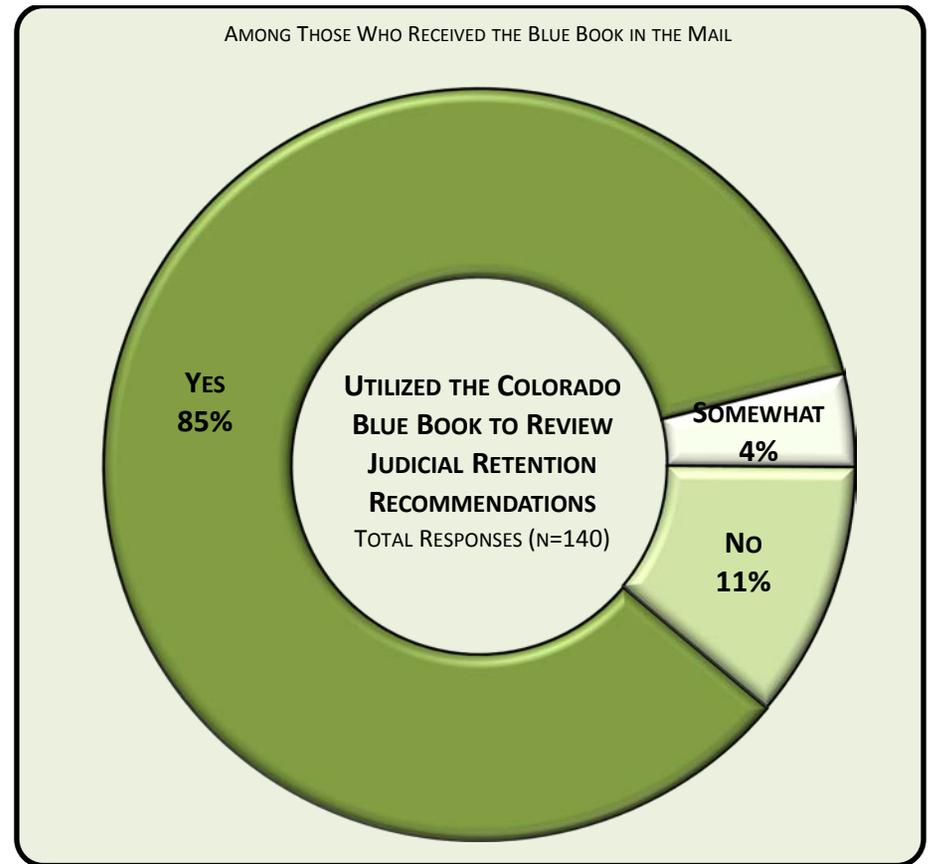
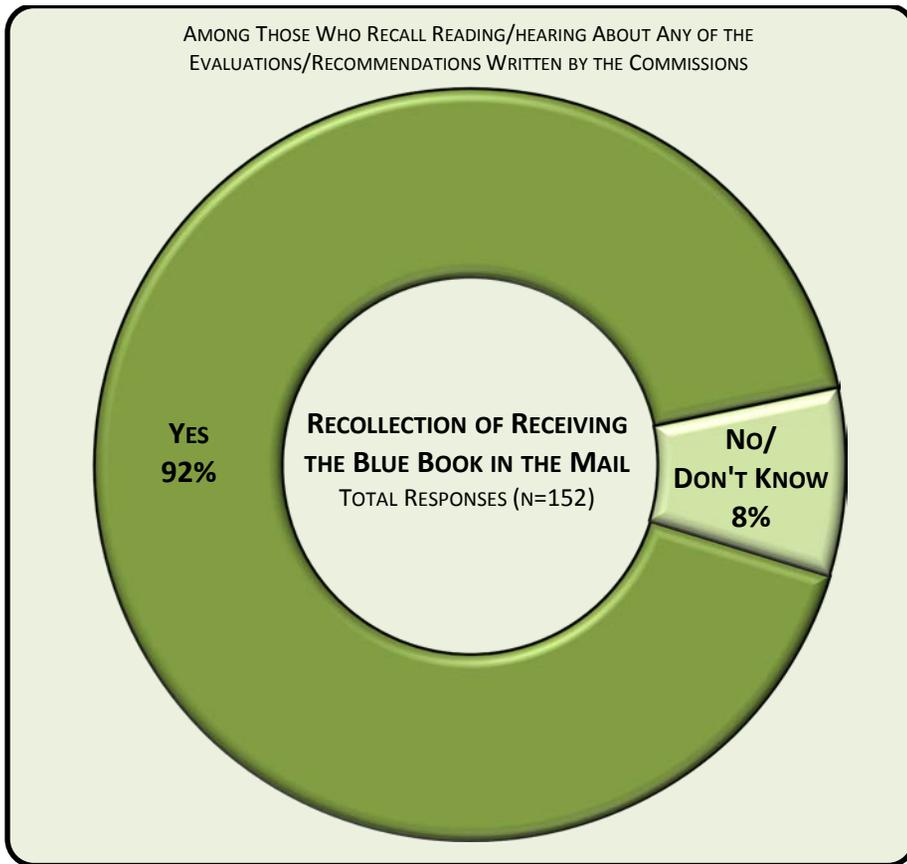
Respondents who say they have heard of the Colorado Commissions on Judicial Performance were asked **if they know the goals or missions of the Commissions**. Nearly one-quarter (23%) of respondents say the mission or goal of the Commissions is to provide voters with information about the performance of each judge who is running for retention. One-fifth (21%) say the mission or goal of the Commissions is to rate or grade judges, while one-in-ten say to improve the performance or skills of judges (12%) or to recommend whether to retain judges (11%). Two percent of respondents say the goal of the Commissions is to report on bad judges. Importantly, nearly half of those who say they have heard of the Commissions do not know the goals or missions of the Commissions.



Colorado voters who participated in the recent General Election but did not initially say they have heard of the Colorado Commissions on Judicial Performance were **given a brief overview of the Commissions' function and then asked if they are aware of the Commissions**. An additional 15% of voters say they are aware of the Commissions after being prompted or aided with additional information. When taking into account the respondents who, unaided, say they have heard of the Commissions, and those who were aided with a brief summary of the Commissions functions, 51% of likely voters say they have heard of or are aware of the Commissions.

Those who say they are aware of the Commissions, either in an aided or unaided manner, were told that the Commissions on Judicial Performance evaluated all of the County, District Court, and appellate judges and justices in Colorado that were on the ballot for retention and asked **whether or not they recall reading or hearing about any of the judicial evaluations or recommendations** that were written by the Commissions.

Among those who have heard of the Commissions, the majority (73%) say they recall reading or hearing about the judicial evaluations or recommendations while just 26% say they do not recall reading or hearing anything. Notably, residents of higher socio-economic status are more likely to say they recall reading or hearing about the judicial evaluations or recommendations.

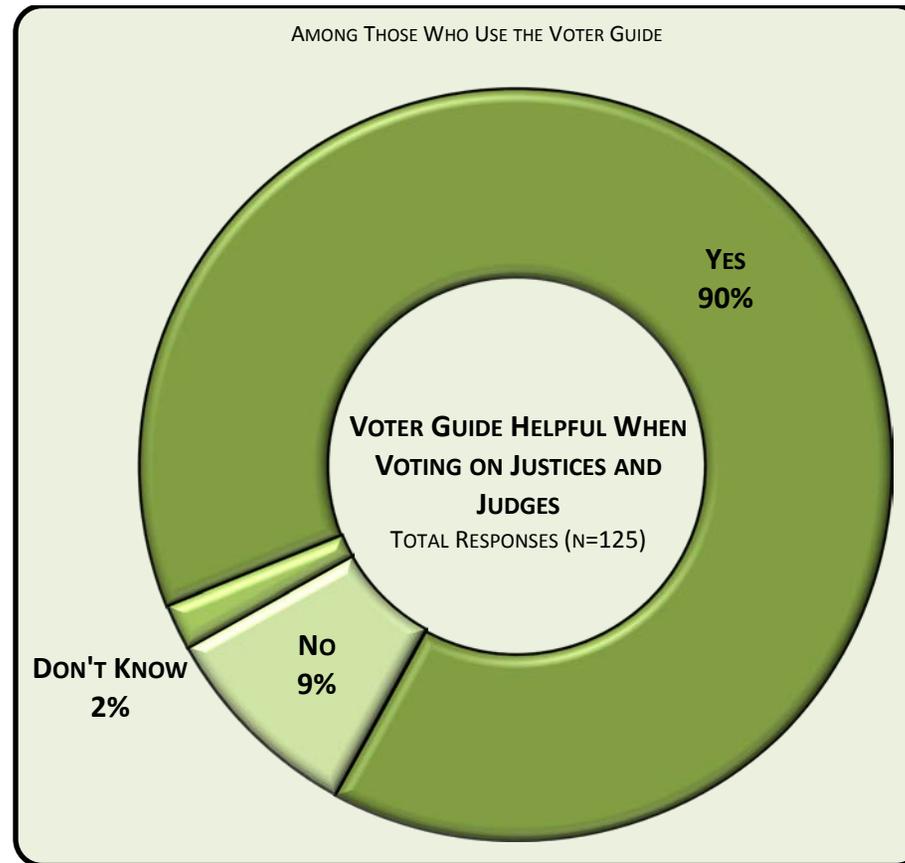


Those who say they have heard of or are aware of the Colorado Commissions on Judicial Performance and who also say they recall reading or hearing about any of the judicial evaluations or recommendations were informed that the State of Colorado produces and mails a ballot information booklet, also known as the Blue Book, which includes non-partisan information on Constitutional amendments and the judicial recommendations from the Commissions. Respondents were then asked **whether or not they received this booklet in the mail**.

The vast majority (92%) of respondents say they received the Blue Book in the mail, while just 8% say they either did not receive it or they don't know. Those more likely to recall receiving the Blue Book include:

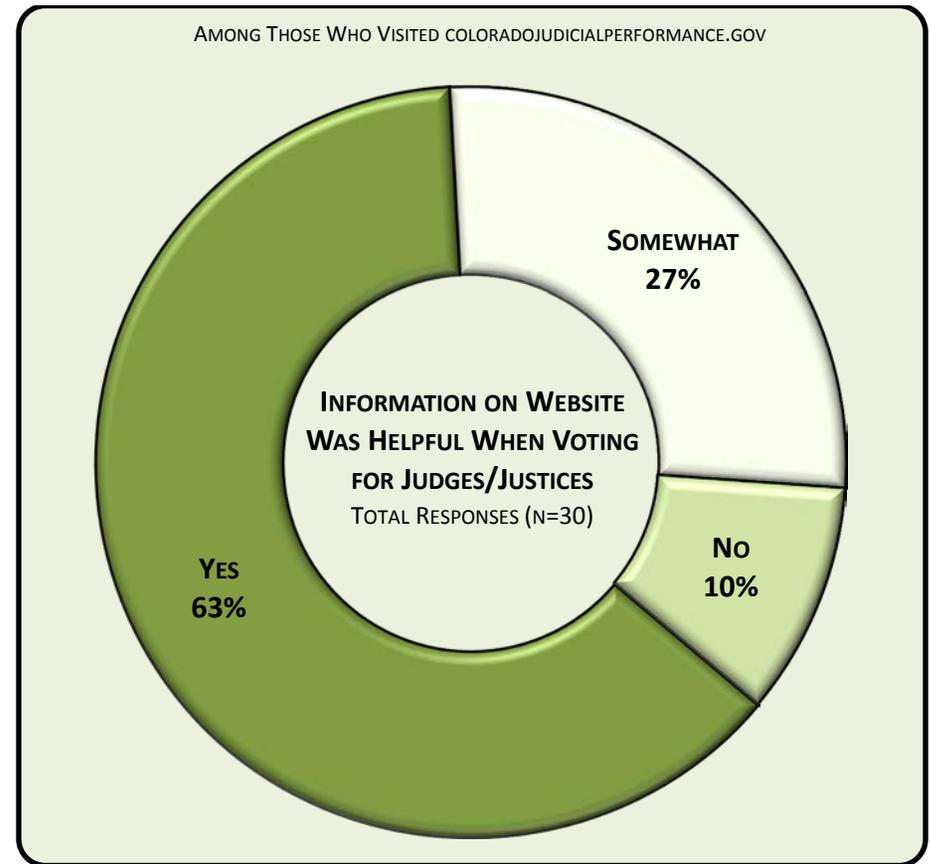
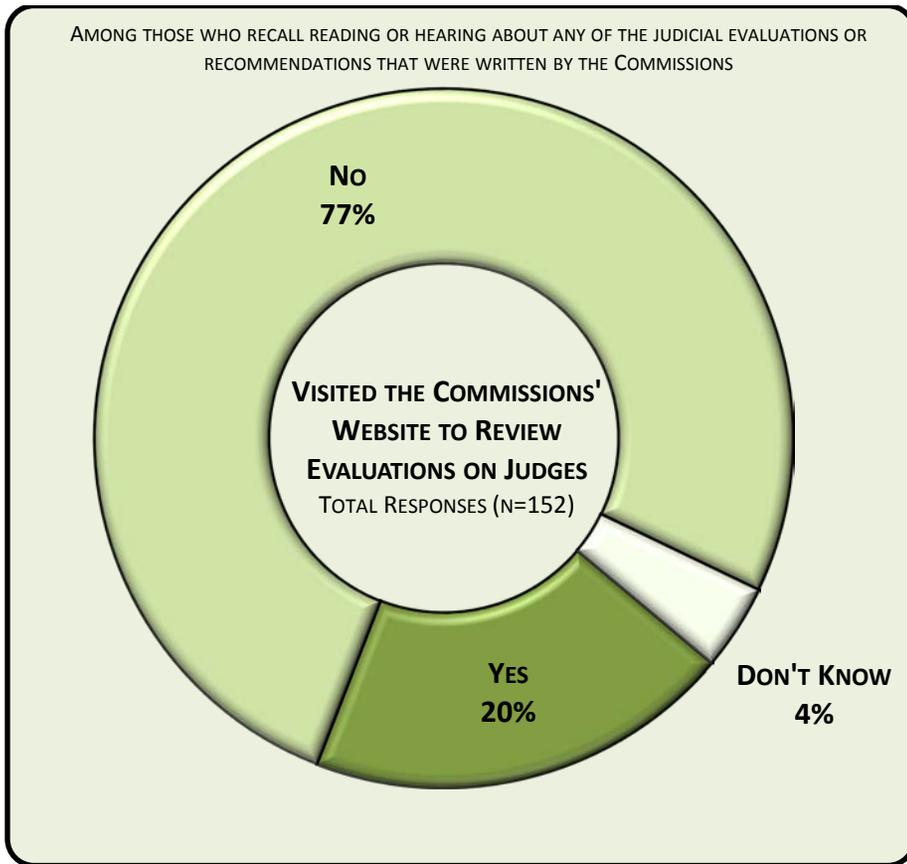
- Males (97%) compared to females (87%); and,
- Those ages 50 to 64 (98%) compared to those ages 18 to 49 (87%) and seniors (90%).

Among those who received the Blue Book, 85% say they used the booklet to **review judicial retention recommendations**, while 4% say they only *somewhat* used the booklet and 11% say they did not use the booklet. Interestingly, females (91%) compared to males (80%), and Republicans (92%) compared to Democrats (83%) are more likely to say they used the Blue Book to review judicial retention recommendations.



Among those who say they used the Blue Book to review judicial retention recommendations, nine-in-ten say **the booklet was helpful in assisting them to be better informed** when voting on justices and judges on the ballot in the recent November election. Those more likely to say they found the information in the Blue Book helpful include:

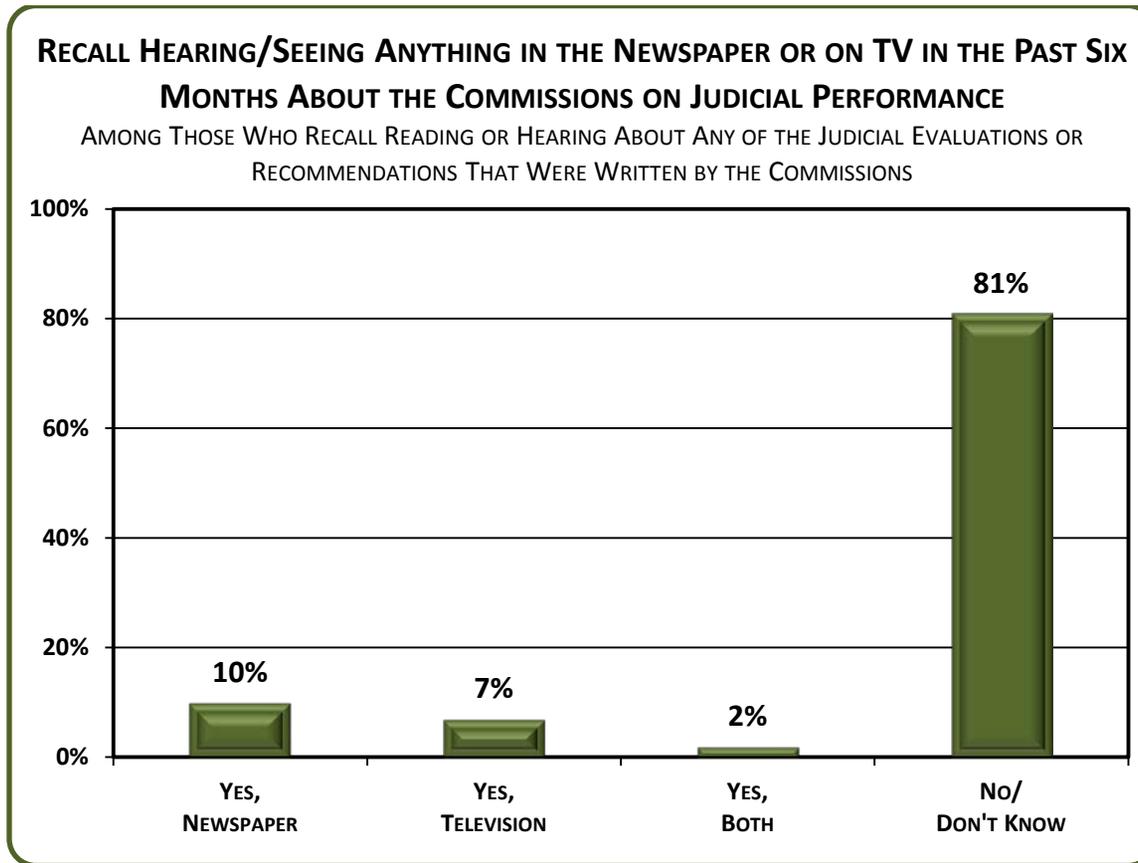
- Those under age 50 (100%) compared to those over age 50 (84%);
- Those earning \$80,000 or more (98%) compared to those earning under \$80,000 (88%);
- Those with graduate degrees (100%) compared to those with a college education or less (87%); and,
- Republicans (97%) compared to Democrats (91%) and those of other political parties (79%).



Those who say they have heard of or are aware of the Colorado Commissions on Judicial Performance and who also say they recall reading or hearing about any of the judicial evaluations or recommendations were informed that the Commissions report judicial retention recommendations and information on their website, coloradojudicialperformance.gov. Respondents were then asked if they have **visited the website to review the evaluations of the judges**.

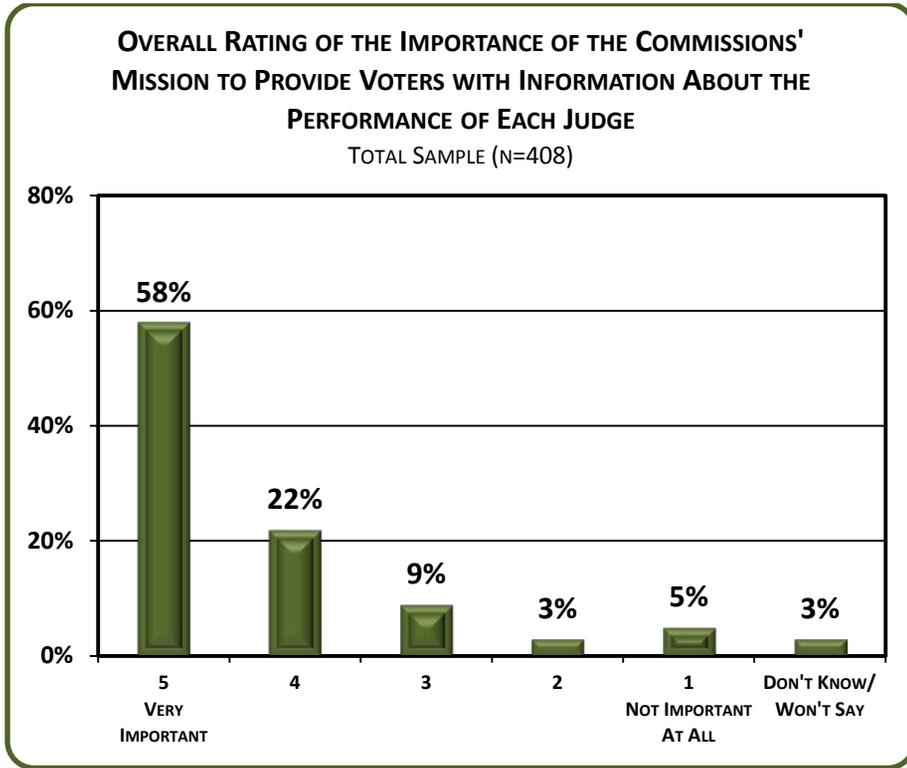
Just one-fifth of respondents say they have visited the website, while the majority (81%) says they have not. Those slightly more likely to say they have visited the website include those of higher socio-economic status.

Among those who say they have visited the website to review evaluation information, 63% say the **website's information was helpful in assisting them to be better informed when voting** on justices and judges on the ballot for retention in the recent November election, while 27% say the information on the website was somewhat helpful. One-in-ten respondents say the information on the judicial performance website was not helpful.

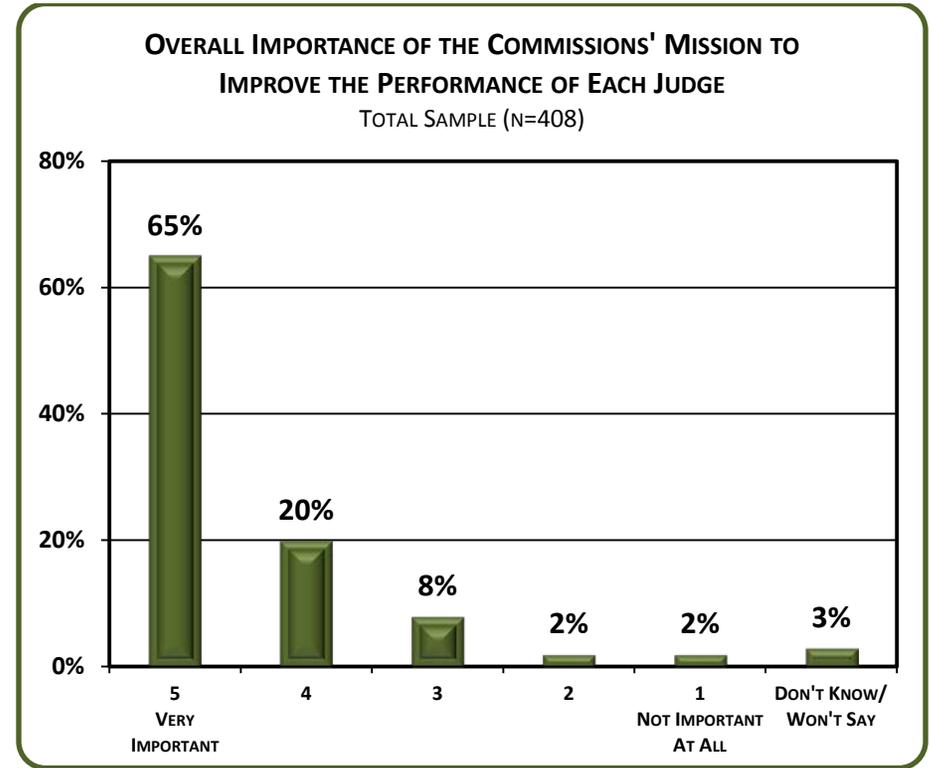


Those who say they have heard of or are aware of the Colorado Commissions on Judicial Performance and who also say they recall reading or hearing about any of the judicial evaluations or recommendations were asked if they **recall seeing or hearing anything in the newspaper or television in the past six months** about the Commissions on Judicial Performance.

The majority (81%) say they do not recall hearing or seeing anything in the newspaper or on television, while one-in-ten say they recall seeing something about the Commissions in the newspaper and another 7% say they recall seeing something on television. Two percent of respondents say they recall hearing or seeing something about the Commissions both in the newspaper and on television.



MEAN †: 4.3



MEAN †: 4.5

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Colorado voters who participated in the recent November election were informed that the Commissions on Judicial Performance have two basic missions or goals. The **first mission** voters were read was:

*“The first mission of the Commissions is to provide the voters with information about the performance of each judge who is running in a retention election. Volunteer commissioners evaluate the job performance of each judge by conducting surveys, interviews, and reviewing court records and decisions, and making court room observations. The Commissions’ recommendations are made available to the public through the Blue Book and judicial performance website.”*

Voters were asked, using a five-point scale where a score of five is *very important* and a score of one is *not important at all*, to rate the importance of the Commissions’ mission to provide voters with information about the performance of each judge on the ballot for retention.

Eight-in-ten voters say this mission is important with 58% who say this mission is *very important*. Just 8% of voters say this mission is not important. Those more likely to rate the importance of this mission as *very important* include:

- Females (63%) compared to males (52%);
- Those ages 50 to 64 (65%) compared to those ages 18 to 49 (51%) and seniors (58%); and,
- Those with a graduate degree (66%) compared to those with a high school education or less (49%).

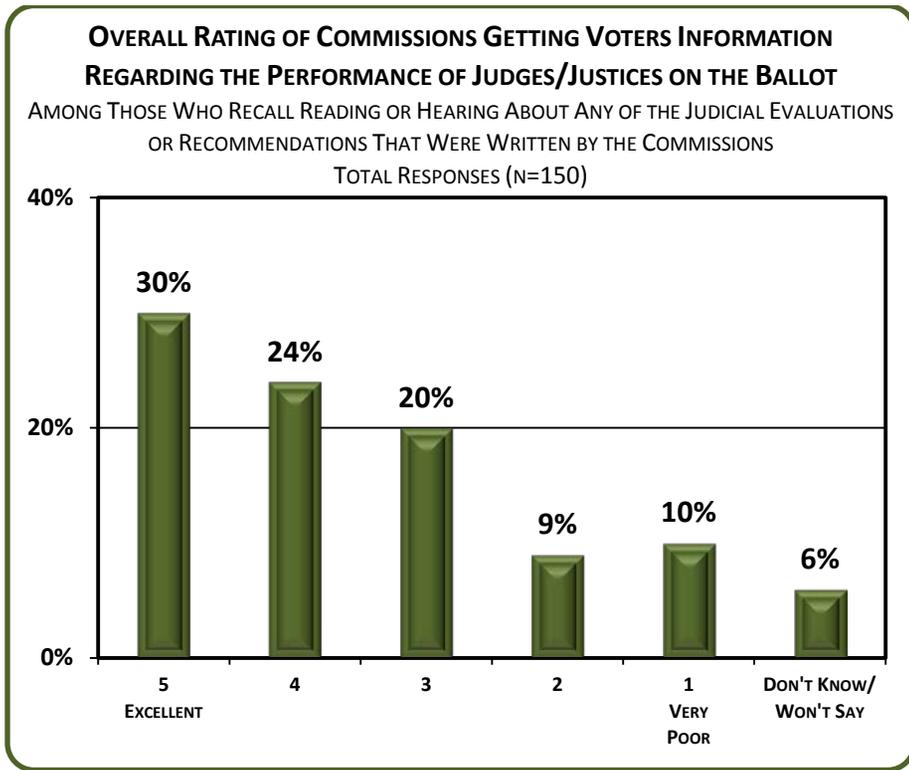
The **second mission** that voters were read was:

*“The second mission of the Commissions is to improve the performance of judges. Half way through a judge’s term in office, the Commissions evaluate the job performance of each judge by surveying attorneys, litigants, jurors, and other parties who attend hearings in the court room. The Commissions report the results of their evaluation to each judge. The reports are used by the judge and commission to monitor the judge’s performance and suggest corrective action if areas of poor performance are identified.”*

Voters were asked, using a five-point scale where a score of five is *very important* and a score of one is *not important at all*, **to rate the importance of the Commissions’ mission to improve the performance of each judge.**

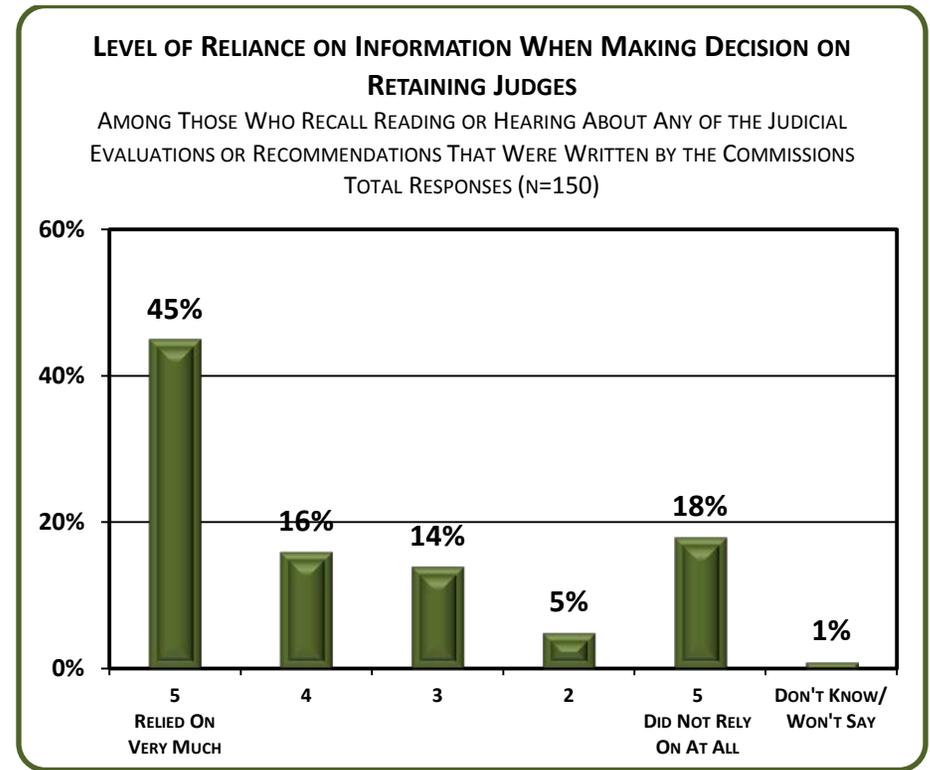
The vast majority (85%) of voters say this mission is important with two-thirds (65%) saying this mission is *very important*. Just 4% of voters say this mission is not important. Those more likely to say this mission is *very important* include:

- Females (75%) compared to males (55%); and,
- Republicans (73%) compared to Democrats (64%) and those of other political parties (58%).



MEAN †: 3.6

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Those who have heard of or are aware of the Commissions and who also say they recall reading or hearing about any of the judicial evaluations or recommendations, were asked, using a five-point scale where a score of five is *excellent* and a score of one is *very poor*, to **rate how well the Commissions are doing in getting voters information** regarding the performance of Colorado’s judges and justices.

The majority (54%) of respondents say the Commissions are doing an excellent/good job (a score of 4 or 5), with three-in-ten saying the Commissions are doing an *excellent* job. One-fifth gives a neutral rating (a score of 3) and another fifth (19%) gives a poor rating (a score of 1 or 2). Those more likely to say the Commissions are doing a good job getting voters information include:

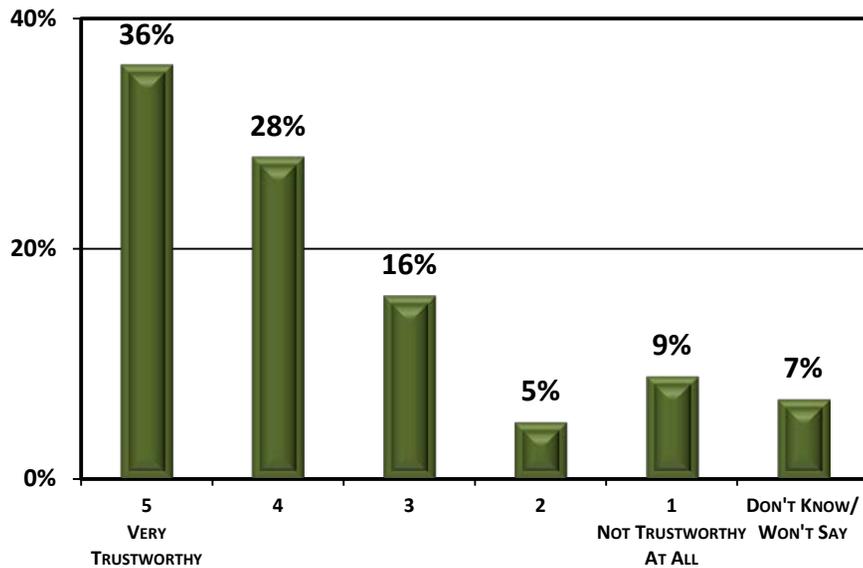
- Those ages 18 to 49 (62%) compared to those over age 50 (50%);
- Those with a graduate degree (72%) compared to those who are college graduates or less (50%); and,
- Republicans (69%) compared to Democrats (57%) and those of other political parties (36%).

Those who have heard of or are aware of the Commissions and who also say they recall reading or hearing about any of the judicial evaluations or recommendations, were asked, using a five-point scale where a score of five is *relied on very much* and a score of one is *did not rely on at all*, to **rate how much they relied on the information from the Commissions** for making decisions on whether or not to retain judges.

The majority (61%) of respondents say they relied on the information from the Commissions (a score of 4 or 5) with 45% who say they *relied very much* on the information. Nearly one-quarter (23%) of voters say they did not rely on the information from the Commissions. Respondents more likely to say they *relied very much* on the information from the Commissions include:

- Females (52%) compared to males (39%);
- Those residing in the Metro region (60%) compared to those in the South Front Range (25%) and Western Slope regions (24%);
- Those ages 18 to 49 (51%) compared to seniors (38%); and,
- Republicans (58%) compared to Democrats (42%) and those of other political parties (37%).

**TRUSTWORTHINESS OR CREDIBILITY OF THE COMMISSIONS' EVALUATIONS**  
AMONG THOSE WHO RECALL READING OR HEARING ABOUT ANY OF THE JUDICIAL  
EVALUATIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE WRITTEN BY THE COMMISSIONS  
TOTAL RESPONSES (N=150)

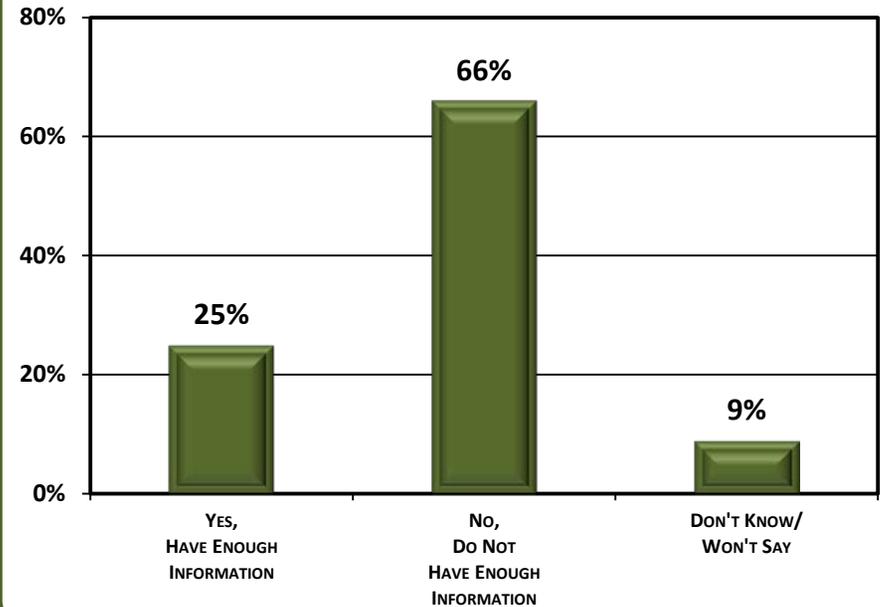


MEAN †: 3.8

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**OVERALL FEELING THAT MOST VOTERS HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO  
MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION ABOUT JUDGES RETENTIONS**

TOTAL SAMPLE (N=408)



Those who have heard of or are aware of the Commissions and who also say they recall reading or hearing about any of the judicial evaluations or recommendations, were asked, using a five-point scale where a score of five is *very trustworthy* and a score of one is *not trustworthy at all*, to **rate how trustworthy or credible they find the Commissions' evaluations**.

The majority (64%) of respondents says they feel the Commissions' evaluations are trustworthy (a score of 4 or 5) with 36% who say they Commissions' evaluations are *very trustworthy*. Over one-in-ten respondents rate the Commissions' evaluations as untrustworthy (a score of 1 or 2) with 9% who say the evaluations are *not trustworthy at all*. Those more likely to say the Commissions' evaluations are *very trustworthy* include:

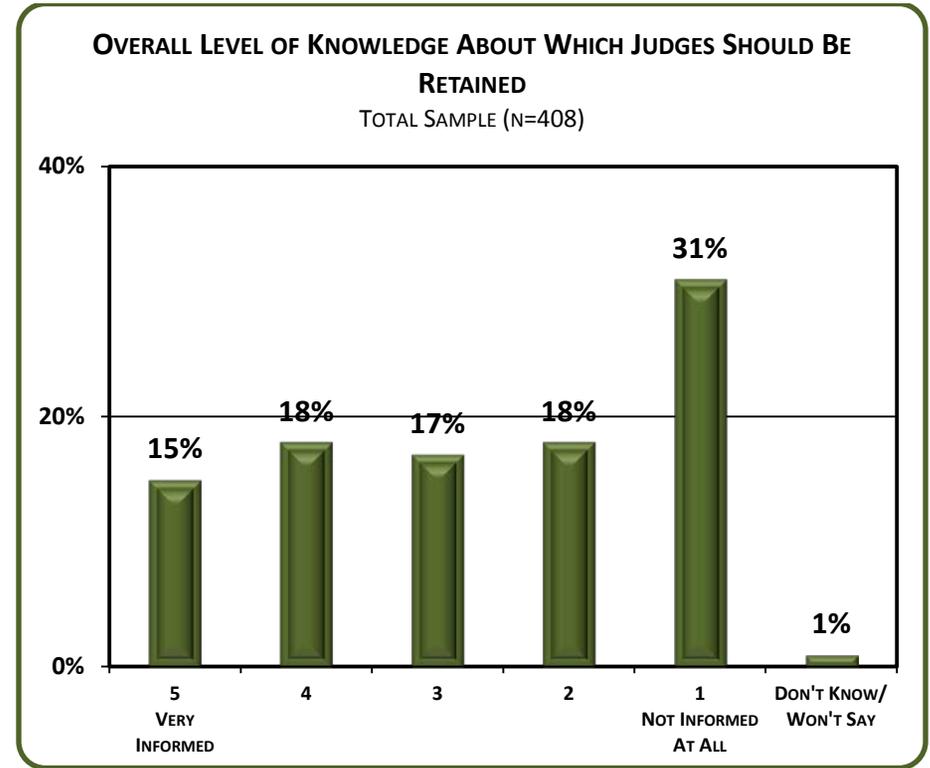
- Females (47%) compared to males (26%);
- Those under age 50 (48%) compared to those over 50 (28%);
- Those residing in Colorado 20 years or less (49%) compared to those residing in the state more than 20 years (31%); and,
- Republicans (45%) compared to Democrats (33%) and those of other political parties (32%).

Colorado voters who participated in the recent November election were asked **whether or not they feel as though voters have enough information** to make informed decisions about which judges should be retained and which judges should not. Just one-quarter of voters say they feel as though most voters have enough information, while the vast majority says they do not (66%) or are unsure (9%).

Those with graduate degrees (34%) compared to those who are college graduates or less (22%), and Republicans (30%) compared to Democrats (24%) and those of other political parties (21%) are more likely to say they feel as though most voters have enough information to make informed decisions regarding judicial retention.

Among those who say they recall hearing or reading about any of the judicial evaluations or recommendations written by the Commissions, 46% say they feel as though most voters have enough information to make informed decisions about which judges should be retained and which judges should not; however, 47% say voters do not have enough information and another 7% did not know if voters have enough information.

<b>TYPES OF JUDICIAL INFORMATION WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE OF</b> AMONG THOSE WHO DO NOT FEEL MOST VOTERS HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION ABOUT WHICH JUDGES SHOULD BE OR SHOULD NOT BE RETAINED TOTAL RESPONSES (N=269) TOP 10 UNAIDED RESPONSES	
JUDGES STANCE ON PARTICULAR ISSUES	25%
WHAT CASES THEY HAVE HAD AND THEIR RULINGS/THE OUTCOMES OF THEIR CASES	18%
BETTER DESCRIPTIONS OF GOOD/BAD BEHAVIOR	15%
LIBERAL/CONSERVATIVE	9%
MORE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION	8%
MORE SURVEY DATA	8%
POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION	6%
PRO DEFENSE/PROSECUTION	4%
PERFORMANCE GRADE FOR EACH JUDGE	4%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	26%



MEAN †:2.7

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Those who say voters do not have enough information to make informed decisions about which judges should be retained and which judges should not were asked, in an unaided manner, **which types of judicial retention information they would like to have more of**. One-quarter of respondents say they would like to have information about judges' stances on particular issues, while one-third mention either information about what cases judges have heard and the rulings of those cases (18%) or better descriptions of good and bad behavior (15%). Nearly one-in-ten mention whether the judge is liberal or conservative (9%), more biographical information (8%), or more survey data (8%). Political party affiliation was mentioned by 6% and 4% mention either pro-defense/prosecution or a performance grade for each judge.

Colorado voters who participated in the recent November election were asked, using a five-point scale where a score of five is *very informed* and a score of one is *not informed at all*, to **rate how informed they feel about making knowledgeable decisions** about which judges should be retained.

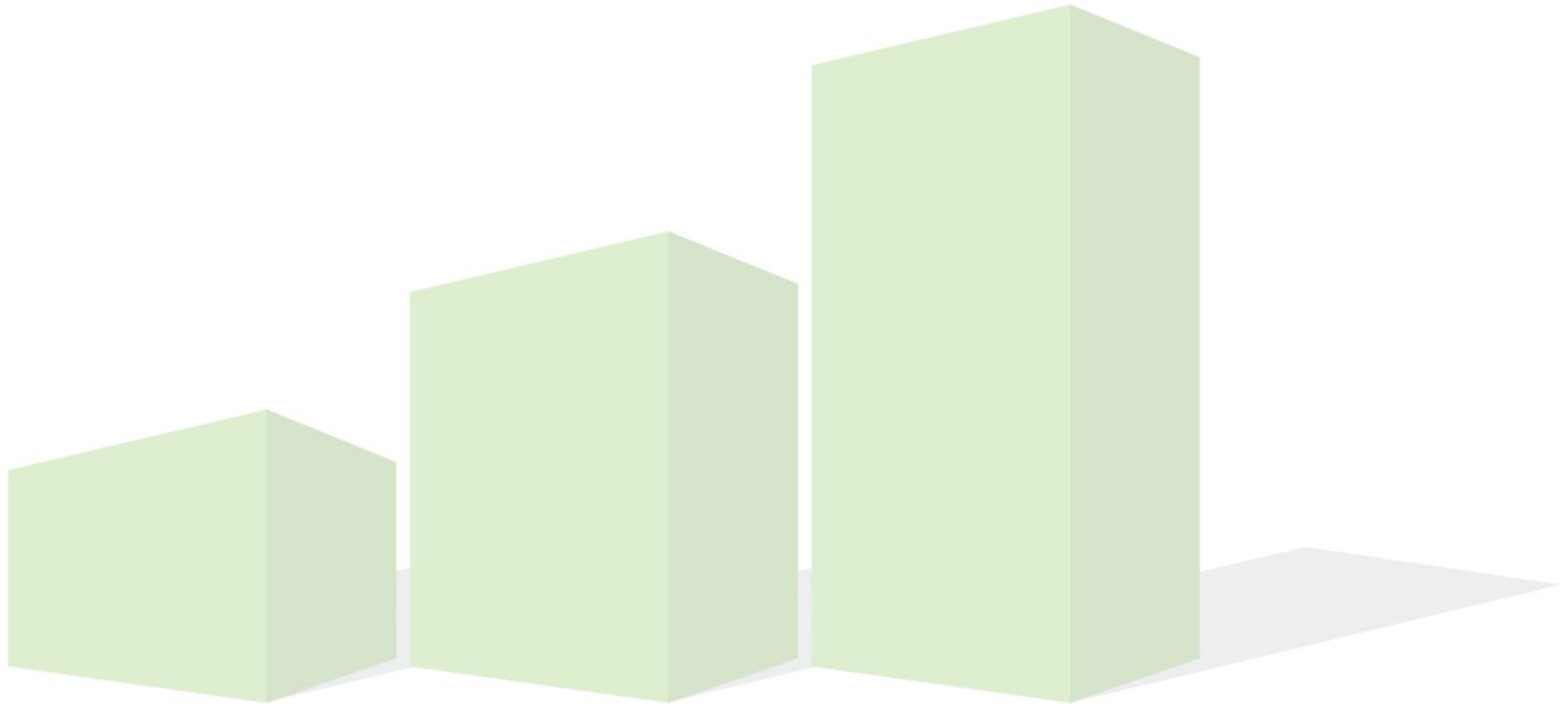
One-third of voters say they feel informed (a score of 4 or 5) with 15% who say they feel *very informed*; however, 17% give a neutral rating (a score of 3) and 49% say they are uninformed. Three-in-ten voters say they are *not informed at all* as to making knowledgeable decisions about which judges should be retained. Notably, residents with high socio-economic status and those residing in the South Front Range and Metro regions are more likely than others to say they feel they are informed (a score of 4 or 5).

Among those who say they recall hearing or reading about any of the judicial evaluations or recommendations written by the Commissions, nearly two-thirds (63%) say they feel informed with 31% who say they feel *very informed*. Just one-fifth of voters who say they recall hearing or reading about any of the judicial evaluations or recommendations written by the Commissions say they did not feel informed.

<b>PREFERRED WAY OF RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM THE                      COMMISSIONS ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE</b>	
TOTAL SAMPLE (N=408) TOP 9 UNAIDED RESPONSES	
<b>MAIL</b>	42%
<b>VOTER GUIDE BOOKLET/BLUE BOOK</b>	35%
<b>INTERNET</b>	18%
<b>EMAIL</b>	17%
<b>COMMISSIONS' WEBSITE</b>	9%
<b>LOCAL NEWSPAPER</b>	8%
<b>TELEVISION</b>	7%
<b>BROCHURE/FLYER</b>	6%
<b>DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY</b>	6%

Colorado voters who participated in the recent November election were asked, in an unaided manner, **how they would prefer to receive information from the Commissions on Judicial Performance** regarding judicial retention recommendations. Two-fifths of voters say they would prefer to receive information via mail (42%) while 35% say they would prefer information from the Blue Book (which is distributed via mail). Over two-fifths of voters would prefer to receive information electronically either through the Internet (18%), email (17%), or the Commissions' website (9%). Local newspaper was mentioned by 8%, television by 7%, and a brochure or flyer by 6%.

Generally speaking, voters who are under age 50 (62%) compared to those over age 50 (30%) and those earning over \$80,000 (54%) compared to those earning under \$80,000 (40%) would prefer to receive information electronically either through the Internet, email, or the Commissions' website. Voters ages 50 to 64 (46%) are more likely than those ages 18 to 49 (30%) and seniors (30%) to say they would prefer to receive information via the Blue Book. Finally, seniors (28%) are more likely than those under age 65 (10%) to say they prefer receiving information through local newspaper or television.



**AWARENESS OF COLORADO COMMISSIONS ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE**

QUESTION 3: HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THE COLORADO COMMISSIONS ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE?

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=408)	GENDER		ETHNICITY			AGE CATEGORY			HOUSEHOLD INCOME			
		MALE	FEMALE	ANGLO CAUCASIAN	HISPANIC	OTHER	18 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS OR OLDER	LESS THAN \$40,000	\$40,000 TO \$59,999	\$60,000 TO \$79,999	\$80,000 AND OVER
Yes	36%	38%	33%	37%	30%	35%	33%	39%	35%	33%	35%	32%	38%
No/DON'T KNOW	64%	62%	67%	63%	70%	65%	67%	61%	65%	67%	65%	68%	62%

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=408)	EDUCATION				COLORADO RESIDENCY		POLITICAL AFFILIATION			REGION				
		HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	20 YEARS OR LESS	MORE THAN 20 YEARS	REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT	OTHER	EASTERN PLAINS	METRO	NORTH FRONT RANGE	SOUTH FRONT RANGE	WESTERN SLOPE
Yes	36%	28%	28%	43%	42%	32%	37%	35%	40%	30%	28%	42%	27%	40%	24%
No/DON'T KNOW	64%	72%	72%	57%	58%	68%	63%	65%	60%	70%	72%	58%	73%	60%	76%

**PERCEIVED GOALS OR MISSIONS OF THE COMMISSIONS ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE**

AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE HEARD OF THE COLORADO COMMISSIONS ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE

TOTAL RESPONSES (N=145)

QUESTION 4: DO YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW WHAT ARE ANY OF THE GOALS OR THE MISSIONS OF THE COMMISSIONS ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE?

<b>PROVIDE VOTERS WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE OF EACH JUDGE WHO IS RUNNING FOR RETENTION</b>	23%
<b>TO RATE/GRADE JUDGES' PERFORMANCE</b>	21%
<b>TO IMPROVE THE PERFORMANCE/SKILLS OF JUDGES</b>	12%
<b>TO RECOMMEND WHETHER TO RETAIN JUDGES</b>	11%
<b>TO REPORT ON BAD JUDGES</b>	2%
<b>TO ENSURE THE INTEGRITY OF THE SYSTEM</b>	1%
<b>TO WHITEWASH THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM</b>	1%
<b>THEY GET FEEDBACK FROM ATTORNEYS ABOUT JUDGES</b>	1%
<b>OBSERVE JUDGES</b>	1%
<b>FAIR, OBJECTIVE GUIDE</b>	*
<b>DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY</b>	49%

\* LESS THAN 1% REPORTED.

**AWARE THE COMMISSIONS EVALUATE STANDING JUDGES PERFORMANCE**

AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE NOT HEARD OF THE COLORADO COMMISSIONS ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE

TOTAL RESPONSES (N=263)

QUESTION 5: THE COLORADO COMMISSIONS ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATE THE JOB PERFORMANCE OF COLORADO'S JUDGES STANDING FOR RETENTION AND REPORTS THEIR FINDINGS TO COLORADO'S VOTERS PRIOR TO EACH ELECTION. ARE YOU AWARE OF THESE COMMISSIONS?

	TOTAL RESPONSES (N=263)	GENDER		ETHNICITY			AGE CATEGORY			HOUSEHOLD INCOME			
		MALE	FEMALE	ANGLO CAUCASIAN	HISPANIC	OTHER	18 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS OR OLDER	LESS THAN \$40,000	\$40,000 TO \$59,999	\$60,000 TO \$79,999	\$80,000 AND OVER
YES - AIDED	15%	16%	15%	15%	16%	17%	16%	15%	14%	16%	12%	26%	13%
NO	47%	45%	49%	46%	53%	46%	47%	45%	49%	49%	51%	39%	47%
YES - UNAIDED	35%	38%	33%	37%	30%	33%	33%	39%	35%	33%	35%	32%	38%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	4%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%

	TOTAL RESPONSES (N=263)	EDUCATION				COLORADO RESIDENCY		POLITICAL AFFILIATION			REGION				
		HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	20 YEARS OR LESS	MORE THAN 20 YEARS	REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT	OTHER	EASTERN PLAINS	METRO	NORTH FRONT RANGE	SOUTH FRONT RANGE	WESTERN SLOPE
YES - AIDED	15%	14%	16%	15%	16%	18%	14%	10%	19%	16%	6%	11%	18%	16%	28%
NO	47%	58%	55%	36%	41%	47%	47%	54%	38%	51%	66%	46%	49%	44%	48%
YES - UNAIDED	35%	28%	27%	43%	42%	32%	37%	34%	40%	30%	28%	42%	27%	40%	23%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	2%	-	2%	5%	1%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	-	2%	6%	-	1%

**RECALL READING/HEARING ABOUT ANY OF THE JUDICIAL EVALUATIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONS**

AMONG THOSE WHO ARE AWARE OF THE COLORADO COMMISSIONS ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE

TOTAL RESPONSES (N=207)

QUESTION 6: PRIOR TO THE NOVEMBER ELECTION, THE COMMISSIONS ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATED ALL OF THE COUNTY, DISTRICT COURT, AND APPELLATE JUDGES AND JUSTICES IN COLORADO THAT WERE ON THE BALLOT FOR THEIR RETENTION ELECTION. THE COMMISSIONS REPORTED THEIR FINDINGS BY WRITING A SUMMARY NARRATIVE FOR EACH JUDGE. THE COMMISSIONS ALSO RECOMMENDED WHETHER EACH JUDGE SHOULD BE RETAINED BY THE VOTERS. DO YOU RECALL READING OR HEARING ABOUT ANY OF THE JUDICIAL EVALUATIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE WRITTEN BY THE COMMISSIONS?

	TOTAL RESPONSES (N=207)	GENDER		ETHNICITY			AGE CATEGORY			HOUSEHOLD INCOME			
		MALE	FEMALE	ANGLO CAUCASIAN	HISPANIC	OTHER	18 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS OR OLDER	LESS THAN \$40,000	\$40,000 TO \$59,999	\$60,000 TO \$79,999	\$80,000 AND OVER
Yes	73%	74%	72%	75%	71%	61%	69%	77%	76%	67%	57%	79%	83%
No	25%	24%	27%	24%	23%	39%	30%	21%	24%	33%	40%	18%	16%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	1%	2%	1%	1%	5%	-	2%	2%	-	-	3%	3%	1%

	TOTAL RESPONSES (N=207)	EDUCATION				COLORADO RESIDENCY		POLITICAL AFFILIATION			REGION				
		HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	20 YEARS OR LESS	MORE THAN 20 YEARS	REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT	OTHER	EASTERN PLAINS	METRO	NORTH FRONT RANGE	SOUTH FRONT RANGE	WESTERN SLOPE
Yes	73%	67%	73%	69%	84%	69%	75%	72%	72%	76%	62%	76%	68%	73%	73%
No/DON'T KNOW	25%	33%	25%	29%	16%	31%	23%	26%	27%	22%	38%	24%	30%	27%	23%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	1%	-	2%	2%	-	-	2%	2%	1%	2%	-	1%	2%	-	4%

**RECOLLECTION OF RECEIVING THE BLUE BOOK IN THE MAIL**

AMONG THOSE WHO RECALL READING OR HEARING ABOUT ANY OF THE JUDICIAL EVALUATIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE WRITTEN BY THE COMMISSIONS

QUESTION 7: THE STATE OF COLORADO PRODUCES AND MAELS A BALLOT INFORMATION BOOKLET, ALSO KNOWN AS THE BLUE BOOK WHICH INCLUDES NON-PARTISAN INFORMATION ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND THE JUDICIAL RETENTION RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMISSIONS ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE. DO YOU RECALL RECEIVING THIS PUBLICATION IN THE MAIL OR NOT?

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=152)	GENDER		ETHNICITY			AGE CATEGORY			HOUSEHOLD INCOME			
		MALE	FEMALE	ANGLO CAUCASIAN	HISPANIC	OTHER	18 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS OR OLDER	LESS THAN \$40,000	\$40,000 TO \$59,999	\$60,000 TO \$79,999	\$80,000 AND OVER
Yes	92%	97%	87%	91%	100%	93%	87%	98%	90%	92%	100%	88%	94%
No	6%	2%	9%	6%	-	7%	9%	2%	7%	8%	-	8%	2%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	2%	1%	4%	3%	-	-	5%	-	2%	-	-	4%	5%

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=152)	EDUCATION				COLORADO RESIDENCY		POLITICAL AFFILIATION			REGION				
		HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	20 YEARS OR LESS	MORE THAN 20 YEARS	REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT	OTHER	EASTERN PLAINS	METRO	NORTH FRONT RANGE	SOUTH FRONT RANGE	WESTERN SLOPE
Yes	92%	92%	92%	91%	93%	86%	94%	94%	92%	89%	100%	92%	92%	88%	96%
No	6%	8%	6%	9%	-	7%	5%	4%	6%	7%	-	4%	8%	12%	4%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	2%	-	3%	-	7%	6%	1%	2%	2%	4%	-	4%	-	-	-

**UTILIZATION OF THE COLORADO BLUE BOOK TO REVIEW JUDICIAL RETENTION RECOMMENDATIONS**  
 AMONG THOSE WHO RECEIVED THE BLUE BOOK IN THE MAIL

QUESTION 8: DID YOU USE THE VOTER GUIDE, ALSO KNOWN AS THE COLORADO BLUE BOOK, TO REVIEW JUDICIAL RETENTION RECOMMENDATIONS?

	TOTAL RESPONSES (N=140)	GENDER		ETHNICITY			AGE CATEGORY			HOUSEHOLD INCOME			
		MALE	FEMALE	ANGLO CAUCASIAN	HISPANIC	OTHER	18 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS OR OLDER	LESS THAN \$40,000	\$40,000 TO \$59,999	\$60,000 TO \$79,999	\$80,000 AND OVER
<b>Yes</b>	85%	80%	91%	84%	96%	82%	87%	82%	88%	87%	93%	80%	84%
<b>SOMEWHAT</b>	4%	6%	2%	4%	4%	7%	4%	6%	2%	-	3%	12%	3%
<b>No</b>	11%	14%	6%	12%	-	11%	9%	12%	9%	13%	4%	8%	13%

	TOTAL RESPONSES (N=140)	EDUCATION				COLORADO RESIDENCY		POLITICAL AFFILIATION			REGION				
		HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	20 YEARS OR LESS	MORE THAN 20 YEARS	REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT	OTHER	EASTERN PLAINS	METRO	NORTH FRONT RANGE	SOUTH FRONT RANGE	WESTERN SLOPE
<b>Yes</b>	85%	88%	78%	86%	92%	88%	84%	92%	83%	81%	40%	87%	93%	89%	72%
<b>SOMEWHAT</b>	4%	-	3%	9%	-	2%	5%	4%	4%	5%	-	3%	4%	-	12%
<b>No</b>	11%	12%	19%	5%	8%	10%	11%	4%	13%	14%	60%	10%	3%	11%	15%

**VOTER GUIDE HELPFUL WHEN VOTING ON JUSTICES AND JUDGES**  
 AMONG THOSE WHO USED THE VOTER GUIDE

QUESTION 9: WAS THE VOTER GUIDE THAT YOU RECEIVED HELPFUL IN ASSISTING YOU TO BE BETTER INFORMED WHEN VOTING ON JUSTICES AND JUDGES ON YOUR BALLOT IN THE RECENT NOVEMBER ELECTION?

	TOTAL RESPONSES (N=125)	GENDER		ETHNICITY			AGE CATEGORY			HOUSEHOLD INCOME			
		MALE	FEMALE	ANGLO CAUCASIAN	HISPANIC	OTHER	18 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS OR OLDER	LESS THAN \$40,000	\$40,000 TO \$59,999	\$60,000 TO \$79,999	\$80,000 AND OVER
Yes	90%	90%	89%	89%	96%	86%	100%	84%	85%	86%	94%	81%	98%
No	9%	9%	8%	9%	4%	14%	-	13%	13%	11%	4%	19%	2%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	2%	1%	2%	2%	-	-	-	3%	2%	3%	3%	-	-

	TOTAL RESPONSES (N=125)	EDUCATION				COLORADO RESIDENCY		POLITICAL AFFILIATION			REGION				
		HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	20 YEARS OR LESS	MORE THAN 20 YEARS	REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT	OTHER	EASTERN PLAINS	METRO	NORTH FRONT RANGE	SOUTH FRONT RANGE	WESTERN SLOPE
Yes	90%	92%	86%	86%	100%	97%	88%	97%	91%	79%	100%	88%	97%	85%	92%
No	9%	8%	11%	11%	-	3%	10%	-	9%	21%	-	9%	3%	15%	8%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	2%	-	3%	3%	-	-	2%	3%	-	-	-	3%	-	-	-

**VISITED THE COMMISSIONS WEBSITE TO REVIEW EVALUATIONS OF JUDGES**

AMONG THOSE WHO RECALL READING OR HEARING ABOUT ANY OF THE JUDICIAL EVALUATIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE WRITTEN BY THE COMMISSIONS

QUESTION 10: THE COMMISSIONS ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REPORTS JUDICIAL RETENTION RECOMMENDATIONS AND INFORMATION ON THEIR WEBSITE, COLORADOJUDICIALPERFORMANCE.GOV. DID YOU VISIT THE COMMISSIONS ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE WEBSITE TO REVIEW THE EVALUATIONS OF THE JUDGES?

	TOTAL RESPONSES (N=152)	GENDER		ETHNICITY			AGE CATEGORY			HOUSEHOLD INCOME			
		MALE	FEMALE	ANGLO CAUCASIAN	HISPANIC	OTHER	18 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS OR OLDER	LESS THAN \$40,000	\$40,000 TO \$59,999	\$60,000 TO \$79,999	\$80,000 AND OVER
Yes	20%	21%	18%	15%	38%	45%	27%	16%	15%	16%	19%	10%	27%
No	77%	76%	78%	82%	58%	55%	71%	78%	84%	80%	81%	84%	70%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	-	2%	6%	2%	4%	-	6%	4%

	TOTAL RESPONSES (N=152)	EDUCATION				COLORADO RESIDENCY		POLITICAL AFFILIATION			REGION				
		HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	20 YEARS OR LESS	MORE THAN 20 YEARS	REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT	OTHER	EASTERN PLAINS	METRO	NORTH FRONT RANGE	SOUTH FRONT RANGE	WESTERN SLOPE
Yes	20%	4%	19%	17%	33%	28%	16%	17%	16%	27%	-	24%	13%	19%	13%
No	77%	90%	78%	81%	62%	64%	82%	80%	80%	70%	100%	72%	87%	76%	84%
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	4%	6%	3%	2%	5%	7%	2%	3%	5%	3%	-	4%	-	5%	3%

**INFORMATION ON WEBSITE WAS HELPFUL WHEN VOTING FOR JUDGES/JUSTICES**  
AMONG THOSE WHO VISITED COLORADOJUDICIALPERFORMANCE.GOV

QUESTION 11: WAS THE INFORMATION ON THE JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE WEBSITE HELPFUL IN ASSISTING YOU TO BE BETTER INFORMED WHEN VOTING ON JUSTICES AND JUDGES ON YOUR BALLOT IN THE RECENT NOVEMBER ELECTIONS?

	TOTAL RESPONSES (N=30)	GENDER		ETHNICITY			AGE CATEGORY			HOUSEHOLD INCOME			
		MALE	FEMALE	ANGLO CAUCASIAN	HISPANIC	OTHER	18 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS OR OLDER	LESS THAN \$40,000	\$40,000 TO \$59,999	\$60,000 TO \$79,999	\$80,000 AND OVER
<b>Yes</b>	63%	65%	61%	70%	75%	27%	74%	60%	40%	100%	100%	51%	47%
<b>SOMEWHAT</b>	27%	23%	32%	25%	25%	36%	17%	40%	31%	-	-	-	47%
<b>No</b>	10%	12%	7%	5%	-	37%	8%	-	30%	-	-	49%	6%

	TOTAL RESPONSES (N=30)	EDUCATION				COLORADO RESIDENCY		POLITICAL AFFILIATION			REGION				
		HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	20 YEARS OR LESS	MORE THAN 20 YEARS	REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT	OTHER	EASTERN PLAINS	METRO	NORTH FRONT RANGE	SOUTH FRONT RANGE	WESTERN SLOPE
<b>Yes</b>	63%	100%	74%	61%	60%	62%	64%	54%	72%	59%	-	58%	100%	59%	69%
<b>SOMEWHAT</b>	27%	-	26%	24%	32%	38%	19%	46%	28%	14%	-	33%	-	14%	31%
<b>No</b>	10%	-	-	15%	7%	-	16%	-	-	27%	-	9%	-	27%	-

**RECALL HEARING/SEEING ANYTHING IN THE NEWSPAPER OR ON TV IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS ABOUT THE COMMISSIONS ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE**  
 AMONG THOSE WHO RECALL READING OR HEARING ABOUT ANY OF THE JUDICIAL EVALUATIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE WRITTEN BY THE COMMISSIONS

QUESTION 12: DO YOU RECALL HEARING OR SEEING ANYTHING IN THE NEWSPAPER OR ON TELEVISION IN THE LAST 6 MONTHS ABOUT THE COMMISSIONS ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE? (IF YES) WAS IT NEWSPAPER, TELEVISION OR BOTH?

	TOTAL RESPONSES (N=152)	GENDER		ETHNICITY			AGE CATEGORY			HOUSEHOLD INCOME			
		MALE	FEMALE	ANGLO CAUCASIAN	HISPANIC	OTHER	18 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS OR OLDER	LESS THAN \$40,000	\$40,000 TO \$59,999	\$60,000 TO \$79,999	\$80,000 AND OVER
YES, NEWSPAPER	10%	11%	9%	12%	-	6%	6%	8%	20%	10%	22%	2%	10%
YES, TELEVISION	7%	8%	7%	8%	10%	-	15%	4%	2%	14%	12%	7%	5%
YES, BOTH	2%	4%	-	2%	-	6%	-	4%	2%	7%	-	-	1%
No/DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	81%	78%	84%	79%	90%	88%	79%	85%	77%	70%	66%	91%	83%

	TOTAL RESPONSES (N=152)	EDUCATION				COLORADO RESIDENCY		POLITICAL AFFILIATION			REGION				
		HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	20 YEARS OR LESS	MORE THAN 20 YEARS	REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT	OTHER	EASTERN PLAINS	METRO	NORTH FRONT RANGE	SOUTH FRONT RANGE	WESTERN SLOPE
YES, NEWSPAPER	10%	9%	3%	11%	17%	5%	12%	19%	9%	2%	-	4%	26%	9%	18%
YES, TELEVISION	7%	18%	12%	-	8%	12%	6%	8%	9%	6%	-	5%	21%	10%	-
YES, BOTH	2%	6%	2%	-	2%	2%	2%	2%	-	5%	-	3%	-	-	3%
No/DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	81%	67%	83%	89%	73%	81%	80%	72%	82%	87%	100%	88%	54%	81%	79%

**OVERALL RATING OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COMMISSIONS' MISSION TO PROVIDE VOTERS WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE OF EACH JUDGE**

QUESTION 13: THE COMMISSIONS ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE HAS TWO BASIC MISSIONS OR GOALS: THE FIRST MISSION OF THE COMMISSIONS IS TO PROVIDE THE VOTERS WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE OF EACH JUDGE WHO IS RUNNING IN A RETENTION ELECTION. VOLUNTEER COMMISSIONERS EVALUATE THE JOB PERFORMANCE OF EACH JUDGE BY CONDUCTING SURVEYS, INTERVIEWS, REVIEWING COURT RECORDS AND DECISIONS, AND MAKING COURT ROOM OBSERVATIONS. THE COMMISSIONS' RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE BLUE BOOK AND JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE WEBSITE. OVERALL, HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COMMISSIONS' MISSION TO PROVIDE VOTERS WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE OF EACH JUDGE ON THE BALLOT FOR RETENTION? USING A 5-POINT SCALE WHERE 5 MEANS THIS MISSION IS VERY IMPORTANT AND 1 MEANS IT IS NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL, HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS GOAL?

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=408)	GENDER		ETHNICITY			AGE CATEGORY			HOUSEHOLD INCOME			
		MALE	FEMALE	ANGLO CAUCASIAN	HISPANIC	OTHER	18 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS OR OLDER	LESS THAN \$40,000	\$40,000 TO \$59,999	\$60,000 TO \$79,999	\$80,000 AND OVER
<b>5 VERY IMPORTANT</b>	58%	52%	63%	58%	53%	59%	51%	65%	58%	52%	56%	58%	63%
<b>4</b>	22%	24%	21%	21%	33%	24%	29%	20%	16%	26%	26%	13%	24%
<b>3</b>	9%	12%	6%	10%	3%	4%	12%	6%	7%	9%	10%	11%	7%
<b>2</b>	3%	2%	4%	3%	-	4%	1%	3%	6%	3%	-	7%	3%
<b>1 NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL</b>	5%	6%	4%	5%	5%	6%	4%	3%	10%	6%	6%	2%	3%
<b>DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY</b>	3%	5%	2%	3%	6%	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	2%	9%	*
<b>MEAN †</b>	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.5	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=408)	EDUCATION				COLORADO RESIDENCY		POLITICAL AFFILIATION			REGION				
		HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	20 YEARS OR LESS	MORE THAN 20 YEARS	REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT	OTHER	EASTERN PLAINS	METRO	NORTH FRONT RANGE	SOUTH FRONT RANGE	WESTERN SLOPE
<b>5 VERY IMPORTANT</b>	58%	49%	56%	59%	66%	54%	59%	61%	62%	48%	63%	59%	50%	64%	55%
<b>4</b>	22%	27%	21%	22%	21%	28%	20%	21%	22%	25%	24%	24%	22%	20%	18%
<b>3</b>	9%	10%	11%	8%	7%	12%	7%	8%	7%	12%	-	6%	16%	9%	10%
<b>2</b>	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	5%	1%	3%	5%	4%	3%	1%	3%
<b>1 NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL</b>	5%	9%	5%	4%	-	2%	6%	3%	5%	6%	-	6%	2%	4%	8%
<b>DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY</b>	3%	2%	5%	2%	5%	2%	4%	3%	2%	6%	8%	1%	8%	2%	6%
<b>MEAN †</b>	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.6	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.2

\* LESS THAN 1% REPORTED

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**OVERALL IMPORTANCE OF THE COMMISSIONS' MISSION TO IMPROVE THE PERFORMANCE OF EACH JUDGE**

QUESTION 14: THE SECOND MISSION OF THE COMMISSIONS IS TO IMPROVE THE PERFORMANCE OF JUDGES. HALF WAY THROUGH A JUDGE'S TERM OF OFFICE, THE COMMISSIONS EVALUATE THE JOB PERFORMANCE OF EACH JUDGE BY SURVEYING ATTORNEYS, LITIGANTS, JURORS, AND OTHER PARTIES WHO ATTEND HEARINGS IN THE COURT ROOM. THE COMMISSIONS' REPORT THE RESULTS OF THE ITS EVALUATION TO EACH JUDGE. THE REPORTS ARE USED BY THE JUDGE AND COMMISSION TO MONITOR THE JUDGE'S PERFORMANCE AND SUGGEST CORRECTIVE ACTION IF AREAS OF POOR PERFORMANCE ARE IDENTIFIED. OVERALL, HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COMMISSIONS' MISSION TO IMPROVE THE PERFORMANCE OF EACH JUDGE? USING A 5-POINT SCALE WHERE 5 MEANS THE MISSION IS VERY IMPORTANT AND 1 MEANS IT IS NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL, HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS GOAL?

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=408)	GENDER		ETHNICITY			AGE CATEGORY			HOUSEHOLD INCOME			
		MALE	FEMALE	ANGLO CAUCASIAN	HISPANIC	OTHER	18 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS OR OLDER	LESS THAN \$40,000	\$40,000 TO \$59,999	\$60,000 TO \$79,999	\$80,000 AND OVER
<b>5 VERY IMPORTANT</b>	65%	55%	75%	64%	74%	66%	64%	68%	64%	64%	70%	62%	67%
<b>4</b>	20%	24%	15%	22%	10%	10%	22%	17%	20%	21%	17%	18%	21%
<b>3</b>	8%	13%	4%	8%	8%	11%	11%	7%	6%	10%	7%	5%	8%
<b>2</b>	2%	2%	1%	2%	-	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	-	3%	2%
<b>1 NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL</b>	2%	3%	2%	2%	4%	4%	1%	3%	5%	4%	1%	3%	1%
<b>DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY</b>	3%	3%	2%	2%	4%	6%	2%	3%	4%	-	4%	9%	1%
<b>MEAN †</b>	4.5	4.3	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.5

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=408)	EDUCATION				COLORADO RESIDENCY		POLITICAL AFFILIATION			REGION				
		HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	20 YEARS OR LESS	MORE THAN 20 YEARS	REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT	OTHER	EASTERN PLAINS	METRO	NORTH FRONT RANGE	SOUTH FRONT RANGE	WESTERN SLOPE
<b>5 VERY IMPORTANT</b>	65%	63%	64%	68%	68%	65%	66%	73%	64%	58%	80%	65%	55%	73%	68%
<b>4</b>	20%	20%	24%	17%	19%	20%	20%	14%	25%	20%	5%	22%	28%	13%	11%
<b>3</b>	8%	7%	8%	8%	8%	12%	7%	9%	5%	11%	7%	7%	9%	10%	10%
<b>2</b>	2%	3%	-	3%	-	-	2%	1%	1%	3%	8%	1%	-	1%	3%
<b>1 NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL</b>	2%	3%	3%	1%	-	1%	3%	1%	2%	4%	-	4%	-	3%	2%
<b>DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY</b>	3%	4%	1%	3%	5%	2%	3%	2%	3%	4%	-	1%	8%	-	6%
<b>MEAN †</b>	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5

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**OVERALL RATING OF COMMISSIONS GETTING VOTERS INFORMATION REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE OF JUDGES/JUSTICES ON THE BALLOT**  
AMONG THOSE WHO RECALL READING OR HEARING ABOUT ANY OF THE JUDICIAL EVALUATIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE WRITTEN BY THE COMMISSIONS

QUESTION 15: OVERALL, HOW ARE THE COMMISSIONS DOING IN GETTING VOTERS INFORMATION REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE OF COLORADO'S JUDGES AND JUSTICES ON THE BALLOT FOR RETENTION? PLEASE USE A 5-POINT SCALE WHERE 5 MEANS THEY ARE DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB AND 1 MEANS THEY ARE DOING A VERY POOR JOB.

	TOTAL RESPONSES (N=150)	GENDER		ETHNICITY			AGE CATEGORY			HOUSEHOLD INCOME			
		MALE	FEMALE	ANGLO CAUCASIAN	HISPANIC	OTHER	18 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS OR OLDER	LESS THAN \$40,000	\$40,000 TO \$59,999	\$60,000 TO \$79,999	\$80,000 AND OVER
<b>5 EXCELLENT</b>	30%	30%	29%	33%	10%	20%	34%	27%	27%	26%	58%	23%	32%
<b>4</b>	24%	26%	22%	24%	26%	29%	28%	24%	20%	20%	33%	23%	27%
<b>3</b>	20%	24%	16%	17%	54%	7%	20%	22%	19%	19%	5%	15%	27%
<b>2</b>	9%	7%	10%	11%	-	-	8%	7%	12%	9%	-	12%	6%
<b>1 VERY POOR</b>	10%	9%	12%	8%	10%	37%	4%	14%	14%	12%	-	27%	4%
<b>DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY</b>	6%	3%	10%	7%	-	7%	6%	5%	8%	15%	4%	-	4%
<b>MEAN †</b>	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.0	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.5	4.6	3.0	3.8

	TOTAL RESPONSES (N=150)	EDUCATION				COLORADO RESIDENCY		POLITICAL AFFILIATION			REGION				
		HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	20 YEARS OR LESS	MORE THAN 20 YEARS	REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT	OTHER	EASTERN PLAINS	METRO	NORTH FRONT RANGE	SOUTH FRONT RANGE	WESTERN SLOPE
<b>5 EXCELLENT</b>	30%	35%	23%	25%	40%	28%	30%	40%	26%	26%	-	28%	54%	19%	25%
<b>4</b>	24%	15%	21%	28%	32%	37%	20%	29%	31%	10%	38%	29%	14%	27%	14%
<b>3</b>	20%	27%	23%	21%	15%	13%	23%	15%	20%	26%	40%	21%	15%	19%	24%
<b>2</b>	9%	-	11%	13%	3%	6%	10%	3%	11%	10%	23%	7%	-	14%	16%
<b>1 VERY POOR</b>	10%	15%	16%	7%	4%	4%	13%	8%	7%	20%	-	12%	7%	14%	7%
<b>DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY</b>	6%	8%	6%	6%	6%	11%	4%	6%	5%	9%	-	3%	10%	7%	14%
<b>MEAN †</b>	3.6	3.6	3.2	3.5	4.1	3.9	3.5	4.0	3.6	3.1	3.2	3.6	4.2	3.2	3.4

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**LEVEL OF RELIANCE ON INFORMATION WHEN MAKING DECISION ON RETAINING JUDGES**

AMONG THOSE WHO RECALL READING OR HEARING ABOUT ANY OF THE JUDICIAL EVALUATIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE WRITTEN BY THE COMMISSIONS

QUESTION 16: HOW MUCH DID YOU RELY ON THIS INFORMATION FOR MAKING YOUR DECISIONS WHETHER OR NOT TO RETAIN JUDGES? USING A 5-POINT SCALE WHERE 5 MEANS YOU RELIED ON THIS INFORMATION VERY MUCH AND 1 MEANS YOU DID NOT RELY ON IT AT ALL, HOW MUCH DID YOU RELY ON THE INFORMATION FROM THE COMMISSIONS?

	TOTAL RESPONSES (N=150)	GENDER		ETHNICITY			AGE CATEGORY			HOUSEHOLD INCOME			
		MALE	FEMALE	ANGLO CAUCASIAN	HISPANIC	OTHER	18 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS OR OLDER	LESS THAN \$40,000	\$40,000 TO \$59,999	\$60,000 TO \$79,999	\$80,000 AND OVER
<b>5 RELIED ON VERY MUCH</b>	45%	39%	52%	47%	39%	41%	51%	45%	38%	38%	52%	41%	53%
<b>4</b>	16%	20%	11%	14%	28%	17%	15%	15%	17%	17%	32%	14%	10%
<b>3</b>	14%	13%	16%	13%	23%	13%	20%	14%	7%	16%	3%	17%	17%
<b>2</b>	5%	7%	3%	6%	-	-	3%	5%	6%	3%	-	7%	6%
<b>1 DID NOT RELY ON AT ALL</b>	18%	20%	17%	19%	10%	29%	11%	17%	30%	25%	7%	18%	13%
<b>DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY</b>	1%	1%	1%	2%	-	-	-	3%	1%	-	5%	3%	-
<b>MEAN †</b>	3.7	3.5	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.4	3.9	3.7	3.3	3.4	4.3	3.5	3.8

	TOTAL RESPONSES (N=150)	EDUCATION				COLORADO RESIDENCY		POLITICAL AFFILIATION			REGION				
		HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	20 YEARS OR LESS	MORE THAN 20 YEARS	REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT	OTHER	EASTERN PLAINS	METRO	NORTH FRONT RANGE	SOUTH FRONT RANGE	WESTERN SLOPE
<b>5 RELIED ON VERY MUCH</b>	45%	45%	32%	47%	59%	53%	43%	58%	42%	37%	40%	60%	37%	25%	24%
<b>4</b>	16%	16%	19%	17%	12%	13%	17%	18%	19%	9%	-	11%	23%	29%	10%
<b>3</b>	14%	14%	19%	12%	14%	14%	14%	11%	13%	20%	38%	7%	19%	13%	33%
<b>2</b>	5%	4%	10%	3%	3%	8%	3%	5%	8%	-	-	4%	10%	3%	4%
<b>1 DID NOT RELY ON AT ALL</b>	18%	20%	21%	20%	9%	11%	21%	7%	17%	32%	23%	16%	5%	30%	29%
<b>DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY</b>	1%	-	-	3%	1%	-	2%	3%	-	2%	-	1%	4%	-	-
<b>MEAN †</b>	3.7	3.6	3.3	3.7	4.1	3.9	3.6	4.2	3.6	3.2	3.3	4.0	3.8	3.2	3.0

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**TRUSTWORTHINESS OR CREDIBILITY OF THE COMMISSIONS' EVALUATIONS**

AMONG THOSE WHO RECALL READING OR HEARING ABOUT ANY OF THE JUDICIAL EVALUATIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE WRITTEN BY THE COMMISSIONS

QUESTION 17: HOW TRUSTWORTHY OR CREDIBLE DO YOU FIND THE COMMISSIONS' EVALUATIONS? PLEASE USE A 5-POINT SCALE IN WHICH 5 MEANS VERY TRUSTWORTHY AND 1 MEANS NOT TRUSTWORTHY AT ALL.

	TOTAL RESPONSES (N=150)	GENDER		ETHNICITY			AGE CATEGORY			HOUSEHOLD INCOME			
		MALE	FEMALE	ANGLO CAUCASIAN	HISPANIC	OTHER	18 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS OR OLDER	LESS THAN \$40,000	\$40,000 TO \$59,999	\$60,000 TO \$79,999	\$80,000 AND OVER
<b>5 VERY TRUSTWORTHY</b>	36%	26%	47%	37%	41%	21%	48%	25%	34%	38%	52%	31%	38%
<b>4</b>	28%	30%	25%	27%	20%	43%	20%	37%	25%	21%	34%	18%	31%
<b>3</b>	16%	22%	9%	17%	8%	15%	18%	17%	11%	17%	3%	23%	15%
<b>2</b>	5%	5%	5%	5%	12%	-	4%	6%	7%	10%	4%	12%	2%
<b>1 NOT TRUSTWORTHY AT ALL</b>	9%	7%	11%	7%	10%	21%	5%	11%	11%	9%	-	13%	6%
<b>DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY</b>	7%	10%	3%	7%	9%	-	5%	6%	11%	5%	7%	3%	9%
<b>MEAN †</b>	3.8	3.7	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.4	4.1	3.6	3.7	3.7	4.5	3.5	4.0

	TOTAL RESPONSES (N=150)	EDUCATION				COLORADO RESIDENCY		POLITICAL AFFILIATION			REGION				
		HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	20 YEARS OR LESS	MORE THAN 20 YEARS	REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT	OTHER	EASTERN PLAINS	METRO	NORTH FRONT RANGE	SOUTH FRONT RANGE	WESTERN SLOPE
<b>5 VERY TRUSTWORTHY</b>	36%	37%	21%	40%	46%	49%	31%	45%	33%	32%	-	39%	31%	35%	36%
<b>4</b>	28%	26%	19%	30%	36%	26%	28%	26%	30%	24%	38%	28%	27%	24%	29%
<b>3</b>	16%	13%	36%	13%	2%	15%	16%	10%	25%	5%	40%	15%	19%	21%	7%
<b>2</b>	5%	4%	8%	3%	6%	2%	6%	5%	2%	11%	23%	2%	5%	-	20%
<b>1 NOT TRUSTWORTHY AT ALL</b>	9%	15%	5%	9%	4%	6%	10%	4%	3%	24%	-	9%	3%	21%	3%
<b>DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY</b>	7%	5%	11%	5%	7%	3%	8%	10%	7%	3%	-	7%	17%	-	4%
<b>MEAN †</b>	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.9	4.2	4.1	3.7	4.2	4.0	3.3	3.2	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.8

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**OVERALL FEELING THAT MOST VOTERS HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION ABOUT JUDGES RETENTIONS**

QUESTION 18: GENERALLY, DO YOU FEEL MOST VOTERS HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT WHICH JUDGES SHOULD BE RETAINED AND WHICH JUDGES SHOULD NOT?

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=408)	GENDER		ETHNICITY			AGE CATEGORY			HOUSEHOLD INCOME			
		MALE	FEMALE	ANGLO CAUCASIAN	HISPANIC	OTHER	18 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS OR OLDER	LESS THAN \$40,000	\$40,000 TO \$59,999	\$60,000 TO \$79,999	\$80,000 AND OVER
<b>YES, HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION</b>	25%	27%	23%	25%	25%	26%	25%	24%	25%	25%	28%	21%	27%
<b>NO, DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION</b>	66%	64%	67%	67%	57%	68%	61%	71%	66%	60%	65%	68%	69%
<b>DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY</b>	9%	8%	10%	8%	18%	5%	13%	5%	9%	15%	7%	11%	4%

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=408)	EDUCATION				COLORADO RESIDENCY		POLITICAL AFFILIATION			REGION				
		HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	20 YEARS OR LESS	MORE THAN 20 YEARS	REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT	OTHER	EASTERN PLAINS	METRO	NORTH FRONT RANGE	SOUTH FRONT RANGE	WESTERN SLOPE
<b>YES, HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION</b>	25%	24%	19%	25%	34%	23%	26%	30%	24%	21%	21%	29%	20%	22%	20%
<b>NO, DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION</b>	66%	60%	73%	69%	56%	65%	66%	61%	71%	64%	66%	67%	68%	68%	58%
<b>DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY</b>	9%	16%	8%	6%	10%	13%	8%	10%	5%	15%	13%	4%	12%	10%	22%

### TYPES OF JUDICIAL INFORMATION WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE OF

AMONG THOSE WHO DO NOT FEEL MOST VOTERS HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT WHICH JUDGES SHOULD BE RETAINED AND WHICH JUDGES SHOULD NOT  
TOTAL RESPONSES (N=269)

QUESTION 19: WHAT TYPES OF JUDICIAL RETENTION INFORMATION WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE MORE OF?

JUDGE'S STANCES ON PARTICULAR ISSUES	25%
WHAT CASES THEY HAVE HAD AND THEIR RULINGS/THE OUTCOMES OF THEIR CASES	18%
BETTER DESCRIPTIONS OF GOOD/BAD BEHAVIOR	15%
LIBERAL/CONSERVATIVE	9%
MORE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION	8%
MORE SURVEY DATA	8%
POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION	6%
PRO DEFENSE/PROSECUTION	4%
PERFORMANCE GRADE FOR EACH JUDGE	4%
STATISTICS ABOUT THE CONSISTENCY OF THEIR DECISIONS	2%
MORE INFORMATION IN GENERAL	2%
INFORMATION ON SERIOUS REASONS JUDGES SHOULD NOT BE RETAINED	2%
SENTENCING RATES	2%
MAKE IT ALL MORE EASILY AVAILABLE	2%
MORE SPECIFICS IN ALL AREAS OF EACH JUDGE	2%
IMPARTIAL INFORMATION	1%
ACTUAL EVALUATIONS OF JUDGES	1%
CLEAR INFORMATION ON USE OF THE 5 STAR RATING METHOD	1%
INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE COMMISSIONS' INFORMATION/PUBLICIZE	1%
MORE INFORMATION ON WHO MAKES THE RECOMMENDATIONS	1%
PROVIDE INFORMATION SOONER/EARLIER IN THE YEAR	1%
JUDGES' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST	1%
MAKE CASES IN THE NEWS MORE TRANSPARENT	1%
MENTION JUDGES' NAMES IN ARTICLES	1%
YOUTUBE VIDEOS OF A DAY IN COURT	1%
INFORMATION FROM VARIOUS SOURCES/EXTERNAL SOURCES	1%

MORE UNDERSTANDABLE INFORMATION/COMMON LANGUAGE	1%
MORE CONCISE INFORMATION	1%
NUMBER OF CASES TRIED PER YEAR	1%
THE BLUE BOOK IS HARD TO UNDERSTAND	1%
MORE INFORMATION ON HOW THE PROCESS WORKS	*
THEY ONLY PRINT WHAT THEY WANT YOU TO SEE	*
MORE ABOUT THE INTERACTION OF THE JUDGES WITH THE PEOPLE IN THE COURT HEARINGS	*
PROVIDE INFORMATION TO HIGH SCHOOLS TO EDUCATE ON HOW TO VOTE	*
JUDGES SHOULD ABIDE BY CONSTITUTIONAL LAW	*
CHANGE THE WHOLE SYSTEM OF SELECTING JUDGES	*
COMMISSION WEBSITE	*
REGULAR REPORTS ON JUDGE PERFORMANCE ON THE WEBSITE	*
THERE SHOULD BE A TIME LIMIT FOR TIME ON THE BENCH	*
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW THOROUGH EACH JUDGE IS	*
INFORMED RECOMMENDATIONS	*
CREDIBILITY OF COMMISSION MEMBERS	*
CAN THERE BE RETRIBUTION FROM JUDGES DUE TO NEGATIVE REVIEWS	*
INFORMATION ON WHAT THE JUDGES HAVE DONE THE YEARS THEY ARE NOT ON THE BENCH	*
DICHOTOMY ANALYSIS ON THOSE WITH 80% RETENTION RATE VS. 20-30%	*
MORE QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS	*
MORE PEER REVIEWS	*
NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS	*
ALLOW VOTERS TO DECIDE BASED ON ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION	*
SUMMARY OF JUDGES	*
DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY	26%

\* LESS THAN 1% REPORTED.

**OVERALL LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT WHICH JUDGES SHOULD BE RETAINED**

QUESTION 20: HOW INFORMED DO YOU FEEL YOU ARE ABOUT MAKING KNOWLEDGEABLE DECISIONS ABOUT WHICH JUDGES SHOULD BE RETAINED? USING A 5-POINT SCALE IN WHICH 5 MEANS VERY INFORMED AND 1 MEANS YOU FEEL NOT INFORMED AT ALL, HOW INFORMED DO YOU FEEL?

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=408)	GENDER		ETHNICITY			AGE CATEGORY			HOUSEHOLD INCOME			
		MALE	FEMALE	ANGLO CAUCASIAN	HISPANIC	OTHER	18 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 64 YEARS	65 YEARS OR OLDER	LESS THAN \$40,000	\$40,000 TO \$59,999	\$60,000 TO \$79,999	\$80,000 AND OVER
<b>5 VERY INFORMED</b>	15%	16%	14%	14%	21%	10%	13%	14%	18%	12%	10%	18%	17%
<b>4</b>	18%	16%	20%	19%	14%	16%	22%	13%	19%	13%	26%	17%	18%
<b>3</b>	17%	16%	19%	17%	16%	21%	13%	26%	13%	20%	15%	18%	17%
<b>2</b>	18%	19%	17%	17%	16%	27%	16%	19%	20%	24%	22%	11%	17%
<b>1 NOT INFORMED AT ALL</b>	31%	33%	29%	31%	33%	26%	35%	27%	30%	30%	27%	36%	29%
<b>DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY</b>	1%	*	1%	1%	-	-	1%	2%	-	1%	-	-	1%
<b>MEAN †</b>	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.8

	TOTAL SAMPLE (N=408)	EDUCATION				COLORADO RESIDENCY		POLITICAL AFFILIATION			REGION				
		HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	SOME COLLEGE	COLLEGE GRADUATE	GRADUATE DEGREE	20 YEARS OR LESS	MORE THAN 20 YEARS	REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRAT	OTHER	EASTERN PLAINS	METRO	NORTH FRONT RANGE	SOUTH FRONT RANGE	WESTERN SLOPE
<b>5 VERY INFORMED</b>	15%	14%	13%	15%	19%	14%	15%	16%	13%	15%	10%	17%	6%	15%	17%
<b>4</b>	18%	13%	17%	19%	23%	20%	17%	14%	22%	18%	-	19%	13%	29%	13%
<b>3</b>	17%	17%	18%	16%	19%	19%	17%	17%	18%	18%	16%	16%	20%	20%	17%
<b>2</b>	18%	18%	20%	19%	14%	16%	19%	12%	23%	21%	33%	17%	25%	9%	21%
<b>1 NOT INFORMED AT ALL</b>	31%	38%	30%	31%	23%	29%	32%	41%	23%	28%	41%	31%	34%	27%	29%
<b>DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY</b>	1%	-	2%	-	1%	2%	*	1%	1%	1%	-	-	1%	-	4%
<b>MEAN †</b>	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.7	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.8	2.7	2.1	2.7	2.3	3.0	2.7

\* LESS THAN 1% REPORTED.

† THE MEAN SCORE IS DERIVED BY TAKING THE AVERAGE SCORE BASED ON THE 5-POINT SCALE. THE VERY INFORMED RESPONSE IS ASSIGNED A VALUE OF 5; THE NOT INFORMED AT ALL RESPONSE IS ASSIGNED A VALUE OF 1. THE DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY RESPONSES ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE CALCULATION OF THE MEAN.

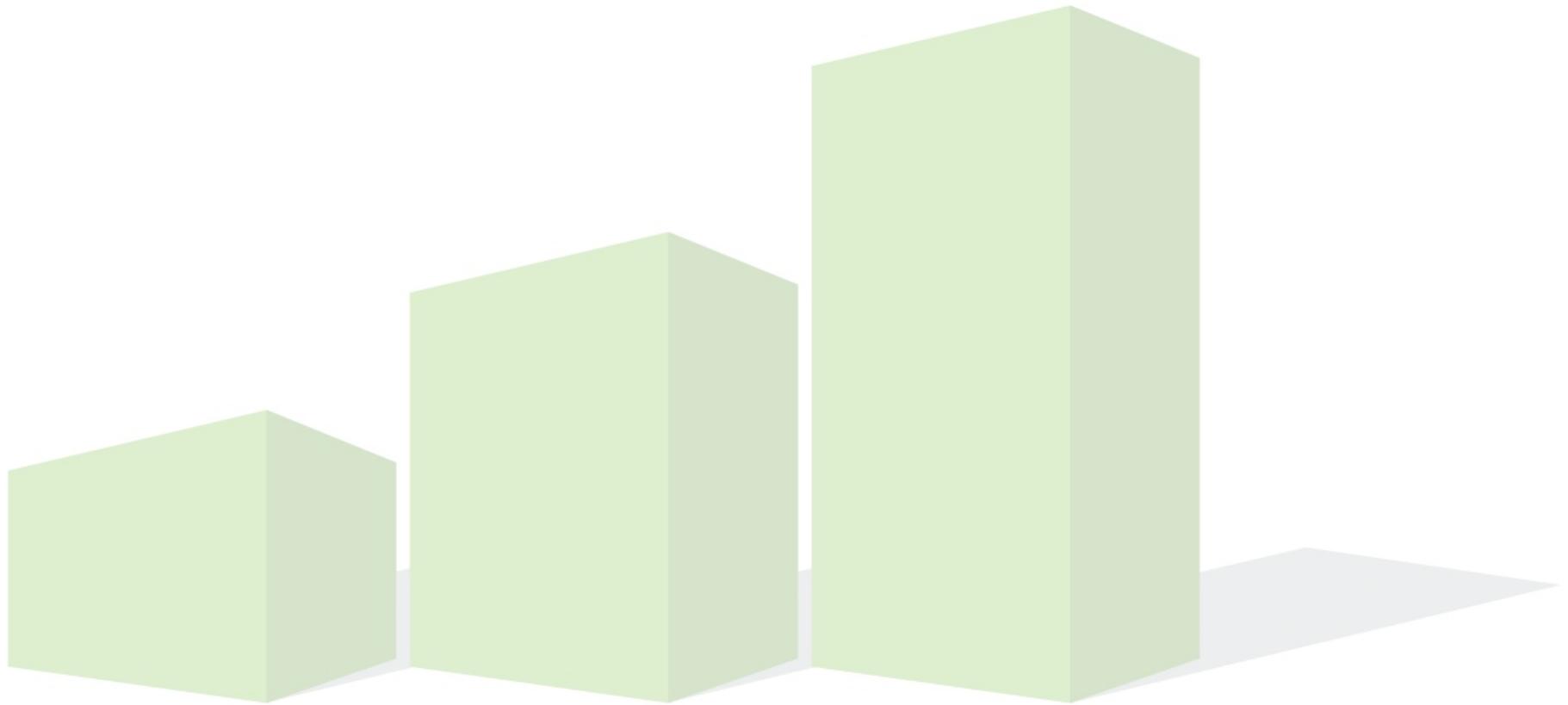
**PREFERRED WAY OF RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM THE COMMISSIONS ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE**

TOTAL SAMPLE (N=408)

QUESTION 21: HOW WOULD YOU PREFER TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM THE COMMISSIONS ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE REGARDING JUDICIAL RETENTION RECOMMENDATIONS?

<b>MAIL</b>	42%
<b>VOTER GUIDE BOOKLET/BLUE BOOK</b>	35%
<b>INTERNET</b>	18%
<b>EMAIL</b>	17%
<b>COMMISSIONS WEBSITE</b>	9%
<b>LOCAL NEWSPAPER</b>	8%
<b>TELEVISION</b>	7%
<b>BROCHURE/FLYER</b>	6%
<b>RADIO</b>	2%
<b>DON'T WANT TO RECEIVE IT AT ALL</b>	1%
<b>AS MANY METHODS AS POSSIBLE</b>	1%
<b>WORD OF MOUTH</b>	1%
<b>MIDTERM EVALUATIONS TO GENERAL PUBLIC</b>	*
<b>NEED A WAY TO PUBLICIZE THE FINDINGS</b>	*
<b>DEDICATED LINK ON THE STATE OF COLORADO WEBSITE</b>	*
<b>IMPORTANT TO HAVE INFORMATION WRITTEN AT A READING LEVEL OF THE MAJORITY OF VOTERS</b>	*
<b>COUNTY WEBSITE</b>	*
<b>DON'T KNOW/WON'T SAY</b>	6%

\* LESS THAN 1% REPORTED.



**DEMOGRAPHICS**  
 TOTAL SAMPLE (N=408)

**GENDER**

MALE	48%
FEMALE	52%

**AGE**

18 TO 34 YEARS	16%
35 TO 49 YEARS	24%
50 TO 64 YEARS	34%
65 YEARS OR OLDER	26%

**HOUSEHOLD INCOME**

LESS THAN \$40,000	23%
\$40,000 TO \$59,999	18%
\$60,000 TO \$79,999	14%
\$80,000 AND OVER	32%
WON'T SAY	12%

**ETHNICITY**

ANGLO/CAUCASIAN	78%
HISPANIC	12%
OTHER DESCENT	4%
BLACK/AFRICAN-AMERICAN	2%
NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN	1%
WON'T SAY	3%

**EDUCATION**

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR LESS	20%
SOME COLLEGE/ASSOCIATE DEGREE/VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE	29%
COLLEGE GRADUATE (4 YEARS)	31%
GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL DEGREE	19%
WON'T SAY	1%

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN COLORADO**

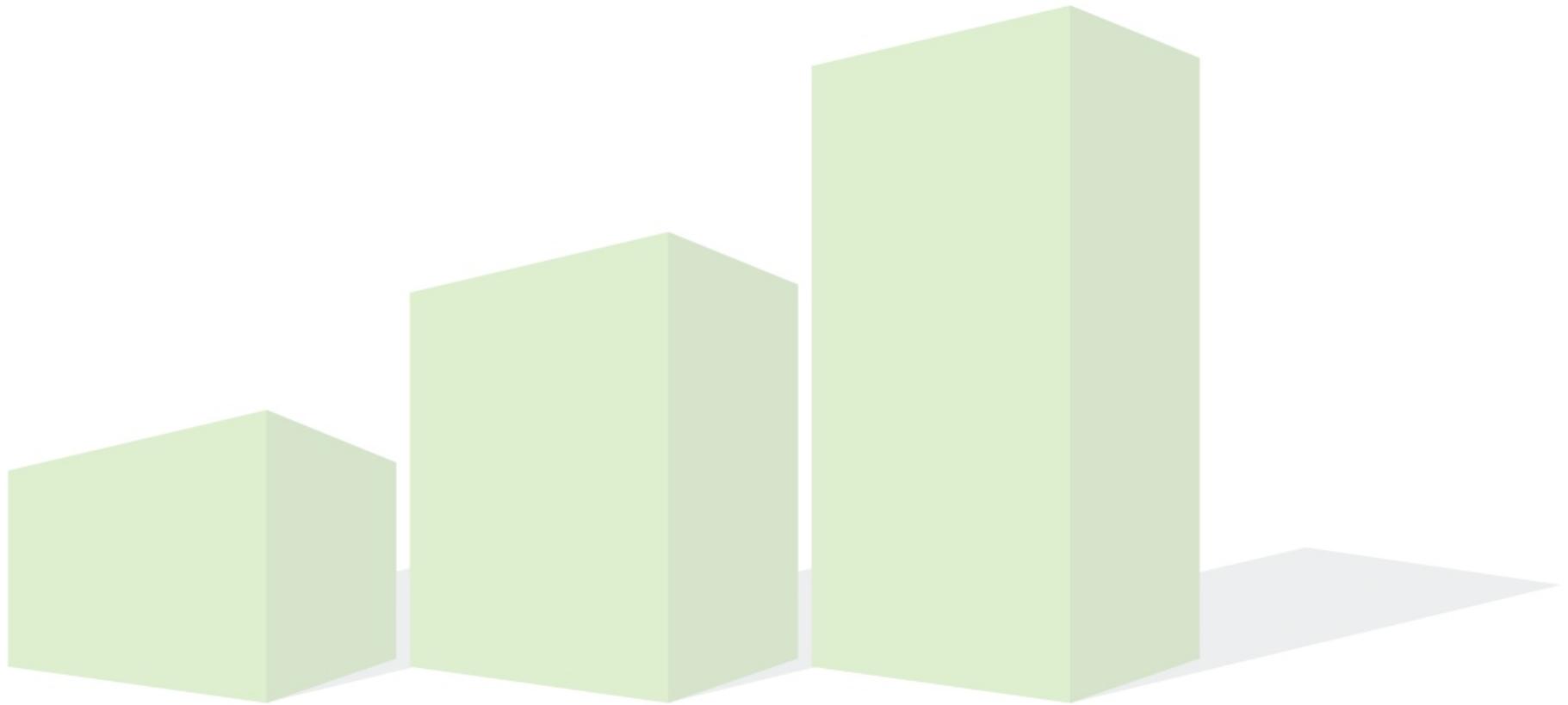
LESS THAN 8 YEARS	8%
8 TO 20 YEARS	21%
MORE THAN 20 YEARS	71%

**POLITICAL AFFILIATION**

REPUBLICAN	38%
DEMOCRAT	34%
UNAFFILIATED/OTHER	28%
WON'T SAY	1%

**REGION**

EASTERN PLAINS	3%
METRO	50%
NORTH FRONT RANGE	19%
SOUTH FRONT RANGE	14%
WESTERN SLOPE	14%



**Colorado Commissions on Judicial Performance  
November 2014  
FINAL  
N=400**

Hello, my name is *(YOUR NAME)* from Research & Polling, Inc. We are conducting an important survey about the evaluation of judges in Colorado. I assure you I am not selling anything. Your phone number was selected at random, and we would greatly appreciate a few minutes of your time.

1. Are you a registered voter in \_\_\_\_\_ County in Colorado?

1. Yes
2. No (*ASK IF THERE IS A REGISTERED VOTER IN THE HOUSEHOLD THAT YOU MAY SPEAK WITH, IF NOT THANK AND TERMINATE*)
3. Don't know/won't say (*THANK AND TERMINATE*)

**POLLER: WRITE IN COUNTY ABOVE AND CIRCLE BELOW**

01. Adams	17. Denver	33. Kit Carson	49. Phillips
02. Alamosa	18. Dolores	34. La Plata	50. Pitkin
03. Arapahoe	19. Douglas	35. Lake	51. Prowers
04. Archuleta	20. Eagle	36. Larimer	52. Pueblo
05. Baca	21. El Paso	37. Las Animas	53. Rio Blanco
06. Bent	22. Elbert	38. Lincoln	54. Rio Grande
07. Boulder	23. Fremont	39. Logan	55. Routt
08. Broomfield	24. Garfield	40. Mesa	56. Saguache
09. Chaffee	25. Gilpin	41. Mineral	57. San Juan
10. Cheyenne	26. Grand	42. Moffat	58. San Miguel
11. Clear Lake	27. Gunnison	43. Montezuma	59. Sedgwick
12. Conejos	28. Hinsdale	44. Montrose	60. Summit
13. Costilla	29. Huerfano	45. Morgan	61. Teller
14. Crowley	30. Jackson	46. Otero	62. Washington
15. Custer	31. Jefferson	47. Ouray	63. Weld
16. Delta	32. Kiowa	48. Park	64. Yuma

2. Did you vote in the recent General Election?

1. Yes  
No (*Ask if there is someone in the household who voted in the recent General Election, if not **Thank and Terminate***)  
Don't know/won't say (**THANK AND TERMINATE**)

3. Have you ever heard of the Colorado Commissions on Judicial Performance?

1. Yes
2. No (*SKIP TO Q.5*)
3. Don't know/won't say (*SKIP TO Q.5*)

4. **Do you happen to know what are any of the goals or the missions of the Commissions on Judicial Performance? (Probe) Anything else? (DO NOT READ CATEGORIES) (TAKE UP TO 3 RESPONSES)**
01. To improve the performance/skills of judges
  02. Provide voters with information about the performance of each judge who is running for retention
  03. To recommend whether to retain judges
  04. To report on bad judges
  05. To rate/grade judges' performance
  99. Don't know/won't say
- Other (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_

**POLLER: ALL RESPONSES TO Q.4 SKIP TO Q.6**

5. **The Colorado Commissions on Judicial Performance evaluate the job performance of Colorado's judges standing for retention and reports their findings to Colorado's voters prior to each election. Are you aware of these Commissions?**
1. Yes
  2. No (SKIP TO Q.13)
  3. Don't know/won't say (SKIP TO Q.13)
6. **Prior to the November election, the Commissions on Judicial Performance evaluated all of the County, District Court, and appellate judges and justices in Colorado that were on the ballot for their retention election. The Commissions reported their findings by writing a summary narrative for each judge. The Commissions also recommended whether each judge should be retained by the voters. Do you recall reading or hearing about any of the judicial evaluations or recommendations that were written by the Commissions?**
1. Yes
  2. No (SKIP TO Q.13)
  3. Don't know/won't say (SKIP TO Q.13)
7. **The State of Colorado produces and mails a ballot information booklet, also known as the Blue Book, which includes non-partisan information on Constitutional amendments and the judicial retention recommendations from the Commissions on Judicial Performance. Do you recall receiving this publication in the mail or not?**
1. Yes
  2. No (SKIP TO Q.10)
  3. Don't know/won't say (SKIP TO Q.10)
8. **Did you use the voter guide, also known as the Colorado Blue Book, to review judicial retention recommendations?**
1. Yes
  2. Somewhat (Volunteered)
  3. No (SKIP TO Q.10)
  4. Don't know/won't say (SKIP TO Q.10)







**23. Which of the following categories best describes your total household income? (READ CATEGORIES)**

1. Less than \$20,000
2. \$20,000 to \$39,999
3. \$40,000 to \$59,999
4. \$60,000 to \$79,999
5. \$80,000 and over
6. Won't say (*DO NOT READ*)

**24. Do you consider yourself to be: (READ CATEGORIES)**

2. Anglo/Caucasian
3. Black/African-American
4. Native American Indian
5. Or of other descent?
6. Won't say (*DO NOT READ*)

**25. What is the highest level of education you have attained? (READ CATEGORIES)**

1. Some high school
2. High school graduate
3. Some college/associate degree/vocational certificate
4. College graduate (4 years)
5. Graduate work or degree
6. Won't say (*DO NOT READ*)

**26. How long have you been a resident of Colorado?**

1. Less than 8 years
2. 8 to 20 years
3. More than 20 years
4. Won't say (*DO NOT READ*)

**27. Are you a registered Democrat, Republican, Unaffiliated or other?**

1. Democrat
2. Republican
3. Unaffiliated/other
4. Won't say (*SEE LIST*)

**THIS CONCLUDES OUR SURVEY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. HAVE A GOOD DAY.**

*NOTE TO INTERVIEWER, WAS RESPONDENT:*

1. Male
2. Female

Respondent's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer Name \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer Code \_\_\_\_\_

**POLLER: WAS THIS A LANDLINE OR CELL PHONE CALL?**

1. Landline
2. Cell phone