#### **Bail Reform**

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**Capstone Seminar** 

# Discuss the literature review, design review, and how you collected data...Problems?

- Our review showed a clear issue between those in poverty and those more affluent when it comes to Bail
- Those who have written on the topic agree there is a need for a reformation of the bail system to be fair across the board
- Many of those who are incarcerated are those awaiting trial, usually due to not affording bail often more than 60%
- Our design was to get the opinions of those who have personally or close to someone who has gone through the system versus those who have not via qualtrics survey
- Weakness: We can't control who finishes our survey and its hard to send out so many emails and not get a big improvement of responses.

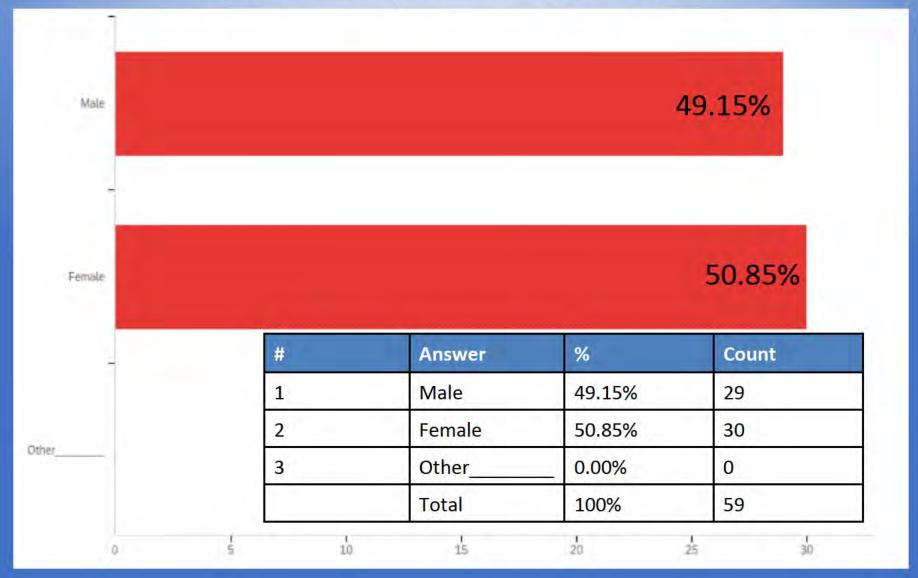
### Research Questions

- Wanted to get the opinions of those who have experience with bail and those who have not
- Hypothesis of those who are and are not involved
- To find out how many people could afford to post bail/amount they are willing to post
- We wanted to show the price of using a bondsman and to see how many had to use a bondsman
- Wanted to see the demographic both ethnic but more importantly finically that have been involved or closely involved with bail

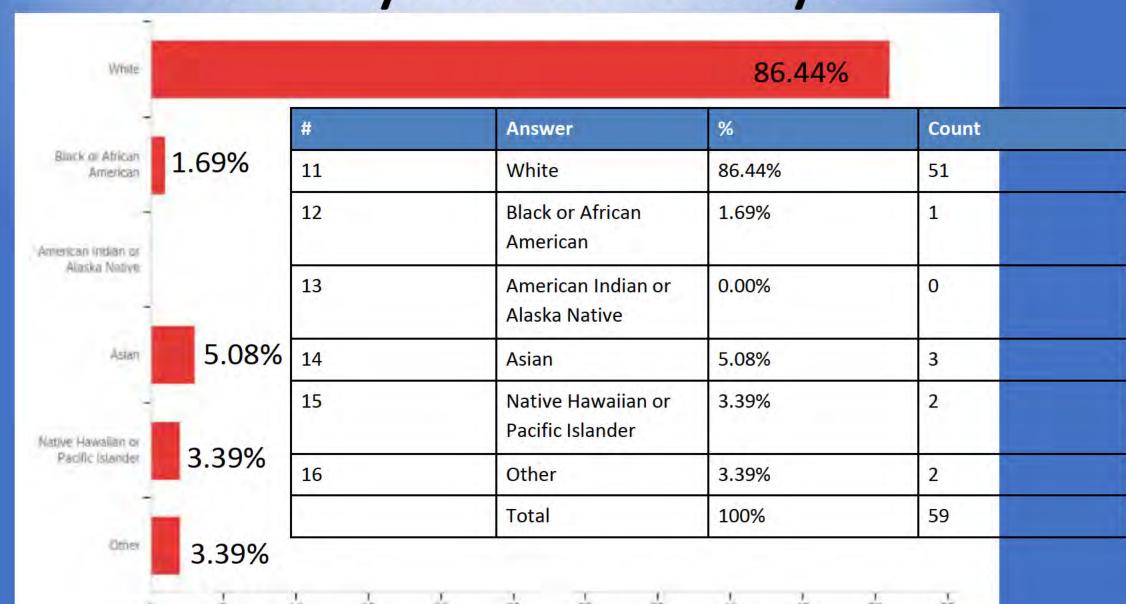
### Survey Talk

- After we obtained our 500 random sample survey emails
- When we closed the survey to gather our results, we had 98 responses to our survey.
- The standard deviation was 3.8 that and the mean being 1.17 for our participants that responded to our survey, we calculated (using mathisfun.com's confidence interval calculator) that the confidence level of those that responded to the survey was 95% Confidence Interval: 1.7 ± 0.0333 (1.67 to 1.73)
- Overall, after we closed it, we had a 19.6% response rate.
- All according to Mathisfun.com's Confidence interval calculator

# What is your gender?



# What is your ethnicity?



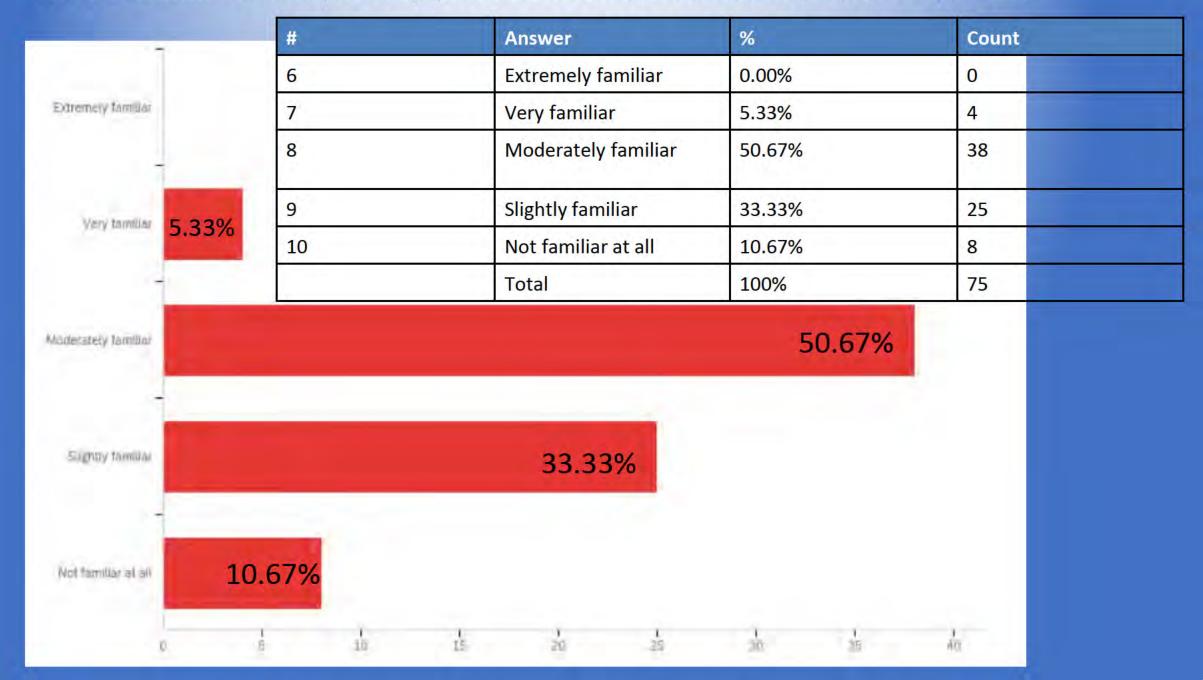
# What is your age?



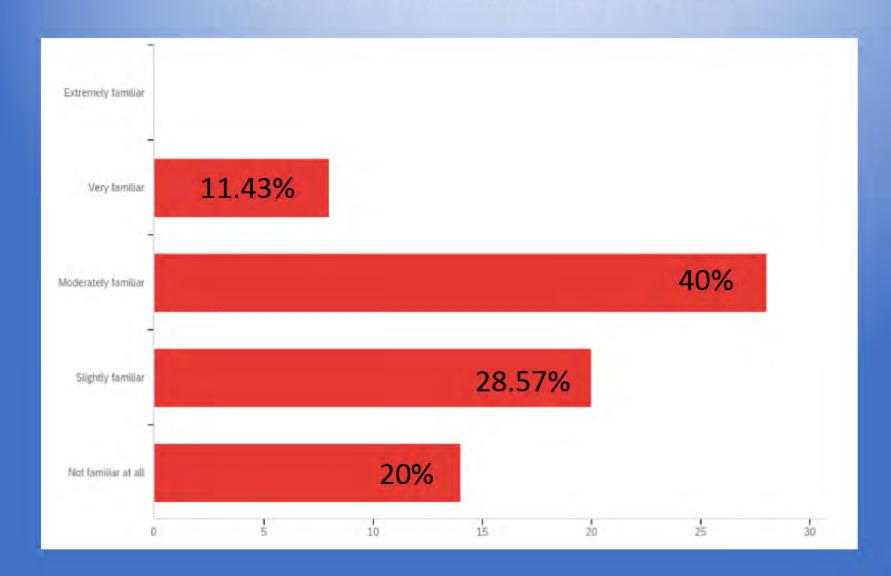
ANSWER	%	TOTAL	
18	5.17%	3	
19	13.79	8	
20	22.41%	13	
21	10.34%	6	
22	6.90%	4	
23	15.52%	9	
24	5.17%	3	
26	1.72%	1	

ANSWER	%	TOTAL
27	6.90%	4
28	1.72%	1
29	1.72%	1
31	3.45%	2
35	1.72%	1
39	1.72%	1
48	1.72%	1

#### How familiar would you say you are with the American Justice System?

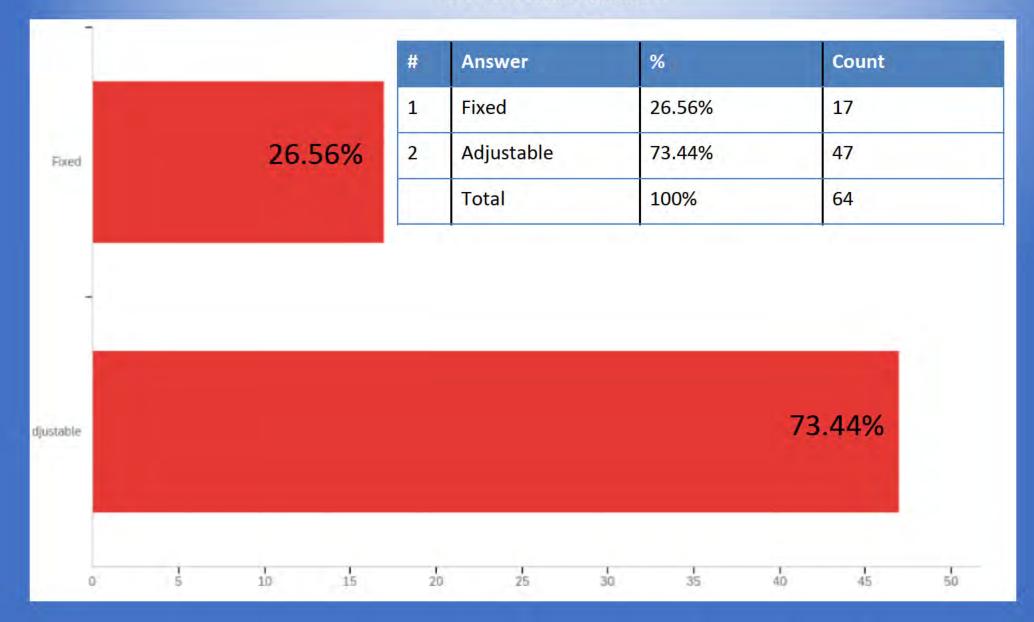


How familiar are you with the bail system? Bail Defined: The temporary release of an accused person awaiting trial, sometimes on condition that a sum of money be lodged to guarantee their appearance in court.

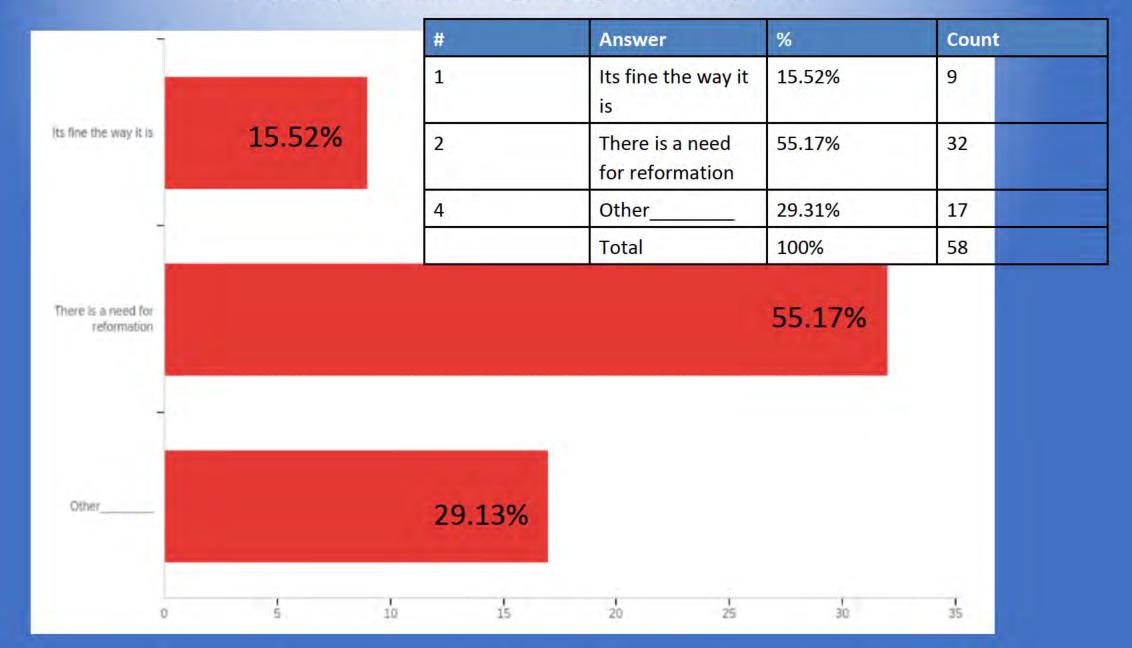


#	Answer	%	Count
70	Extremely familiar	0.00%	0
71	Very familiar	11.43%	8
72	Moderately familiar	40.00%	28
73	Slightly familiar	28.57%	20
74	Not familiar at all	20.00%	14
	Total	100%	70

### Would you rather have bail be a fixed amount to the crime or adjusted to the crime of the individual?



#### What is your belief regarding the bail system?



#### **Draw Conclusion**

- A lot of people think that the system needs reform.
  - 9 people- It's fine the way it is
  - 32- There is a need for reformation
  - 17- Other
- We had one person out of the 98 that took our survey say that they needed to post bail.
  - Our one person that had to post bail was a 39-year-old female who was white.
    - She used a bail bondsman
    - Her bail was 10,000
    - She had to pay 10% which was 1,000.

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