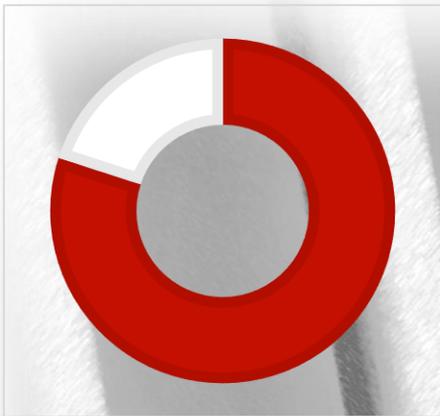


PA Victim Opinions on Juvenile Lifers

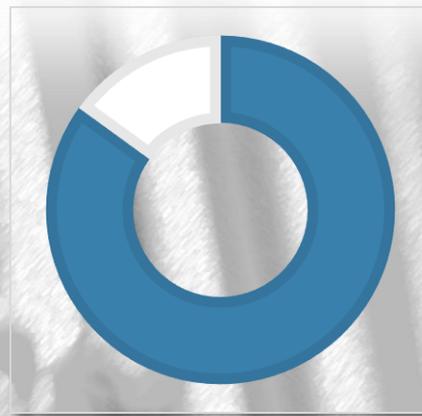


The Office of Victim Advocate currently represents over 300 victims whose offenders were juveniles sentenced to life without the chance of parole in Pennsylvania. PA currently houses more juvenile lifers than anyone else in the country. In 2012 a U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Miller v. Alabama*, ruled that life without the chance for parole as the only sentencing option was unconstitutional. In response, PA changed its sentencing laws to allow the courts discretion when sentencing juvenile offenders. Below are victim's responses to these changes.



88%

Agree life in prison without the possibility of parole should remain an option for offenders convicted of Murder 1.



85%

Feel the same for offenders convicted of Murder 2.

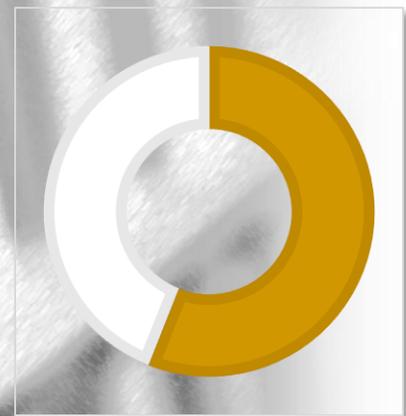
48%

Strongly agree an accomplice to murder should receive the same sentence as the person who committed the offense.




9 out of 10

Feel they should be provided information on what the offender has been doing in prison, if parole is an option.



56%

Strongly disagree the age of juvenile offenders should be a factor in terms of the sentence they receive.