



Figure 1: The relationship between newspaper editors' characterizations of Justices' ideologies prior to their appointments and the Justices' votes, 1953–2005 terms. The superimposed line represents a regression-based prediction of the Justices' votes based on their ideologies. The closer a point to the line, the stronger the association between the Justice's ideologies and the Justice's votes. Justices above the line voted more conservatively than predicted; Justices below the line voted more liberally than predicted. The correlation between the Justices' ideologies and their votes is .797.<sup>40</sup>

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