



MAINE STATEWIDE CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS POLL: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Maine Survey of 500 Likely Voters Conducted July 27- August 2, 2020

by RMG Research Inc.

Survey Summary: The results of this recently completed statewide survey show that Maine voters overwhelmingly support term limits for members of Congress. Support for term limits is broad across all political and demographic groups. **An overwhelming 75% of voters approve of an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that will place term limits on U.S. Senators and U.S. House Representatives.** Large majorities also say that Congress members stay in power for too long, and that they're more likely to support state lawmakers who help advance congressional term limits.

Do you favor or oppose term limits for members of Congress?

	Total	Men	Women	Age 18-34	Age 35-54	Age 55+	White	Other Race	GOP	Dem	Other	Collins	Gideon	Unsure
Approve	75%	50%	71%	64%	78%	81%	77%	55%	88%	71%	58%	85%	72%	57%
Strongly	42%	48%	37%	37%	38%	50%	44%	25%	57%	36%	25%	49%	39%	32%
Somewhat	33%	32%	34%	27%	40%	31%	33%	30%	31%	35%	33%	36%	33%	25%
Disapprove	12%	9%	14%	11%	11%	13%	18%	24%	7%	16%	14%	10%	14%	16%
Somewhat	10%	7%	12%	11%	9%	9%	9%	23%	6%	12%	12%	8%	10%	16%
Strongly	2%	2%	2%	0%	2%	4%	2%	1%	1%	4%	2%	2%	4%	0%
Not Sure	12%	10%	14%	25%	10%	6%	12%	20%	4%	13%	28%	6%	15%	27%

Do you approve of the way President Trump is doing his job??

	Total	Men	Women	Age 18-34	Age 35-54	Age 55+	White	Other Race	GOP	Dem	Other	Collins	Gideon	Unsure
Approve	36%	47%	49%	34%	35%	57%	70%	58%	86%	5%	33%	80%	12%	36%
Strongly	25%	31%	20%	14%	21%	36%	45%	35%	57%	1%	11%	52%	6%	9%
Somewhat	11%	16%	19%	17%	14%	21%	25%	23%	29%	4%	22%	28%	6%	27%
Disapprove	56%	52%	59%	75%	62%	43%	18%	18%	13%	95%	58%	18%	87%	55%
Somewhat	10%	44%	11%	15%	13%	3%	14%	10%	7%	10%	45%	7%	12%	10%
Strongly	46%	8%	48%	50%	49%	40%	4%	8%	6%	85%	13%	11%	75%	45%
Not Sure	2%	1%	2%	4%	4%	0%	11%	24%	0%	1%	8%	2%	0%	9%

Suppose that in the Presidential Election this year, you have a choice between Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Joe Biden. For whom would you vote?

	Total	Men	Women	Age 18-34	Age 35-54	Age 55+	White	Other Race	GOP	Dem	Other	Collins	Gideon	Unsure
Trump	39%	43%	35%	26%	32%	54%	39%	39%	84%	1%	23%	76%	11%	24%
Biden	50%	46%	54%	53%	58%	31%	52%	34%	10%	95%	42%	18%	82%	33%
Other	7%	8%	5%	14%	6%	2%	6%	16%	5%	4%	14%	4%	6%	19%
Not Sure	4%	3%	6%	7%	4%	3%	4%	12%	1%	0%	20%	3%	1%	24%



Suppose that in the U.S. Senate election this year, you have a choice between Republican Susan Collins and Democrat Sara Gideon. For whom would you vote?

	Total	Men	Women	Age 18-34	Age 35-54	Age 55+	White	Other Race	GOP	Dem	Other	Collins	Gideon	Unsure
Collins	41%	43%	39%	28%	28%	62%	42%	37%	79%	12%	25%	100%	0%	0%
Gideon	48%	50%	46%	52%	58%	37%	48%	43%	15%	82%	47%	0%	100%	0%
Not Sure	11%	7%	14%	20%	15%	1%	10%	20%	6%	6%	28%	0%	0%	100%

(Those who favor Term Limits) Would you prefer limits of three terms (six years) or six terms (twelve years)?

	Total	Men	Women	Age 18-34	Age 35-54	Age 55+	White	Other Race	GOP	Dem	Other	Collins	Gideon	Unsure
3 Terms	71%	71%	70%	75%	57%	80%	70%	81%	72%	69%	72%	72%	67%	84%
6 Terms	25%	27%	23%	22%	33%	18%	26%	8%	21%	29%	24%	22%	30%	9%
Not Sure	5%	2%	7%	3%	10%	2%	4%	12%	7%	2%	4%	6%	4%	7%

Is the following statement true or false: "In her first U.S. Senate campaign, Susan Collins signed a pledge to serve no more than 12 years in the Senate. She broke that pledge and now opposes term limits."

	Total	Men	Women	Age 18-34	Age 35-54	Age 55+	White	Other Race	GOP	Dem	Other	Collins	Gideon	Unsure
True	35%	40%	30%	34%	35%	35%	35%	29%	34%	34%	39%	32%	42%	12%
False	12%	11%	13%	14%	10%	12%	11%	25%	22%	4%	8%	19%	5%	16%
Not Sure	53%	49%	57%	52%	55%	53%	54%	46%	44%	62%	53%	50%	52%	72%

Please let me know if you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of each of the following political figures: Donald Trump

	Total	Men	Women	Age 18-34	Age 35-54	Age 55+	White	Other Race	GOP	Dem	Other	Collins	Gideon	Unsure
Favorable	43%	48%	47%	31%	45%	57%	43%	46%	86%	4%	32%	78%	14%	34%
Very Favorable	25%	29%	20%	12%	20%	37%	26%	11%	56%	0%	11%	50%	7%	6%
Somewhat Favorable	18%	19%	17%	19%	15%	20%	17%	35%	30%	4%	21%	28%	7%	28%
Unfavorable	57%	50%	61%	66%	65%	43%	56%	77%	14%	96%	62%	21%	86%	60%
Somewhat Unfavorable	11%	9%	12%	14%	17%	3%	9%	26%	6%	13%	15%	8%	13%	13%
Very Unfavorable	46%	41%	49%	52%	48%	40%	47%	25%	8%	83%	47%	13%	73%	47%
Not Sure	1%	1%	2%	3%	1%	0%	11%	3%	1%	0%	6%	1%	1%	6%

Please let me know if you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of each of the following political figures: Joe Biden

	Total	Men	Women	Age 18-34	Age 35-54	Age 55+	White	Other Race	GOP	Dem	Other	Collins	Gideon	Unsure
Favorable	42%	48%	55%	48%	64%	44%	53%	24%	22%	88%	38%	29%	74%	41%
Very Favorable	16%	18%	13%	15%	18%	14%	16%	6%	4%	28%	13%	6%	25%	14%
Somewhat Favorable	36%	30%	42%	33%	46%	30%	37%	18%	18%	60%	25%	23%	49%	27%
Unfavorable	44%	48%	42%	44%	35%	53%	42%	71%	76%	11%	47%	69%	22%	46%



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Somewhat Unfavorable	13%	12%	15%	20%	14%	8%	10%	48%	13%	7%	27%	11%	12%	25%
Very Unfavorable	31%	36%	27%	24%	21%	45%	32%	23%	63%	4%	20%	58%	10%	21%
Not Sure	4%	4%	4%	9%	2%	3%	4%	4%	1%	1%	15%	2%	3%	13%

Please let me know if you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of each of the following political figures: Susan Collins

	Total	Men	Women	Age 18-34	Age 35-54	Age 55+	White	Other Race	GOP	Dem	Other	Collins	Gideon	Unsure
Favorable	42%	47%	38%	26%	33%	62%	44%	24%	68%	22%	31%	83%	12%	21%
Very Favorable	14%	24%	5%	5%	7%	27%	15%	5%	29%	2%	7%	31%	1%	6%
Somewhat Favorable	28%	23%	33%	21%	26%	35%	29%	19%	39%	20%	24%	52%	11%	15%
Unfavorable	53%	50%	56%	67%	58%	38%	52%	68%	30%	73%	57%	14%	85%	56%
Somewhat Unfavorable	27%	24%	30%	41%	30%	15%	26%	45%	21%	30%	33%	14%	34%	46%
Very Unfavorable	26%	26%	26%	26%	28%	23%	26%	23%	9%	43%	24%	0%	51%	10%
Not Sure	5%	4%	5%	7%	9%	0%	4%	8%	1%	4%	12%	2%	4%	22%

Please let me know if you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of each of the following political figures: Sarah Gideon

	Total	Men	Women	Age 18-34	Age 35-54	Age 55+	White	Other Race	GOP	Dem	Other	Collins	Gideon	Unsure
Favorable	51%	50%	51%	58%	62%	41%	51%	33%	26%	79%	42%	17%	86%	19%
Very Favorable	15%	18%	12%	18%	15%	12%	15%	3%	6%	27%	8%	2%	28%	6%
Somewhat Favorable	36%	32%	39%	30%	47%	29%	36%	30%	20%	52%	34%	15%	58%	13%
Unfavorable	37%	39%	34%	36%	19%	52%	36%	49%	71%	10%	21%	74%	6%	28%
Somewhat Unfavorable	12%	12%	12%	22%	8%	8%	11%	24%	16%	8%	11%	17%	6%	19%
Very Unfavorable	25%	27%	22%	14%	11%	44%	25%	25%	55%	2%	10%	57%	0%	9%
Not Sure	13%	11%	16%	16%	18%	7%	13%	19%	4%	11%	37%	9%	8%	53%

Suppose you knew that Sara Gideon supports term limits, but Susan Collins opposes term limits. If you knew that to be true and the U.S. Senate election were held today, for whom would you vote?

	Total	Men	Women	Age 18-34	Age 35-54	Age 55+	White	Other Race	GOP	Dem	Other	Collins	Gideon	Unsure
Gideon	50%	52%	49%	63%	55%	37%	51%	38%	20%	81%	50%	6%	95%	19%
Collins	34%	36%	31%	12%	28%	53%	34%	29%	68%	6%	20%	77%	2%	9%
Not Sure	16%	12%	20%	24%	17%	10%	15%	34%	13%	13%	30%	17%	4%	72%



Conclusions: Maine voters overwhelmingly support an amendment to the U.S. Constitution limiting the terms of all U.S. Senators and U.S. House Representatives. The intensity of this support is measured in their willingness to vote for state legislators who will vote "yes" on term limits and against those who will vote "no" against term limits on members of Congress.

Methodology: The survey of 500 Registered Voters in Maine was conducted online by RMG Research, Inc. from July 27-August 2, 2020. Respondents were selected at random from voter lists and through a Random Digital Engagement process. Certain quotas were applied, and the overall sample was lightly weighted by gender, age, race, education, and political party to reasonably reflect the state's population of Registered Voters. Other variables were reviewed to ensure that the final sample is representative of that population.