



To: United States Term Limits

From: Pulse Opinion Research

Re: Kentucky Congressional District 6

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### **Survey Summary**

The results of the survey taken of 600 Likely Midterm Voters in Kentucky Congressional District 6 indicate that the race for Congress is virtually tied. Republican incumbent Andy Barr is in a tight battle with retired marine combat pilot Amy McGrath, who upset Lexington Mayor Jim Grey in the Democratic primary.

Voters in the district strongly favor (81%) a constitutional amendment that would place term limits on members of Congress. Those who do support term limits, tend to favor (71%) a 6-year limit vs. a 12-year limit. In addition, a majority would be more likely to vote for a candidate who supported term limits. A plurality (49%) do not believe that either candidate in the Congressional election is doing a good job communicating their position on the issue.

***How would you rate the job Congressmen Andy Barr has been doing... do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the job he's been doing?***

	LV's	Men	Women	18-39	40-64	65+	White	Other	Republican	Democrat	Other
Strongly approve	30%	34%	27%	25%	29%	36%	29%	34%	53%	17%	17%
Somewhat approve	20%	21%	19%	24%	18%	18%	20%	20%	23%	15%	29%
Somewhat disapprove	14%	13%	15%	15%	13%	15%	14%	17%	7%	22%	7%
Strongly disapprove	32%	29%	35%	27%	37%	30%	33%	27%	14%	44%	39%
Not sure	4%	3%	4%	8%	2%	1%	4%	3%	3%	2%	8%

***If the election for Kentucky's 6<sup>th</sup> congressional district were held today would you vote for Republican Andy Barr or Democrat Amy McGrath?***

	LV's	Men	Women	18-39	40-64	65+	White	Other	Republican	Democrat	Other
Barr	47%	52%	42%	43%	48%	51%	46%	54%	76%	27%	42%
McGrath	47%	44%	50%	46%	49%	45%	49%	38%	19%	69%	46%
Some other candidate	2%	1%	4%	6%	1%	0%	2%	6%	2%	1%	7%
Not sure	3%	3%	4%	6%	2%	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%	5%

***Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of the way Congress is doing its job?***

	LV's	Men	Women	18-39	40-64	65+	White	Other	Republican	Democrat	Other
Strongly approve	5%	6%	4%	4%	6%	4%	5%	5%	9%	3%	3%
Somewhat approve	23%	27%	19%	25%	20%	24%	23%	21%	36%	13%	21%
Somewhat disapprove	26%	24%	27%	30%	22%	27%	24%	33%	26%	25%	28%
Strongly disapprove	45%	42%	48%	38%	50%	45%	46%	41%	28%	58%	46%
Not sure	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%	2%

***Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose a constitutional amendment that would place terms limits on members of Congress?***

	LV's	Men	Women	18-39	40-64	65+	White	Other	Republican	Democrat	Other
Strongly support	57%	53%	60%	55%	61%	52%	55%	64%	57%	56%	58%
Somewhat support	24%	25%	23%	25%	20%	29%	25%	17%	26%	22%	24%
Somewhat oppose	8%	10%	7%	8%	8%	11%	8%	11%	7%	9%	10%
Strongly oppose	6%	6%	6%	5%	9%	3%	6%	9%	5%	8%	2%
Not sure	5%	5%	5%	7%	3%	6%	6%	0%	5%	5%	6%

**(Answered only by those who said they support term limits) If term limits are implemented, members of Congress would have to leave office after a set number of years. The two most common proposals are for a 6-year House limit and a 12-year House limit. Do you strongly prefer a 6-year limit, somewhat prefer a 6-year limit, strongly prefer a 12-year limit or somewhat prefer a 12-year limit?**

	LV's	Men	Women	18-39	40-64	65+	White	Other	Republican	Democrat	Other
You strongly prefer a 6-year limit	48%	45%	51%	46%	51%	48%	47%	55%	51%	46%	49%
You somewhat prefer a 6-year limit	23%	24%	21%	29%	17%	25%	24%	17%	21%	24%	22%
You strongly prefer a 12-year limit	18%	20%	16%	12%	23%	15%	18%	18%	19%	17%	18%
You somewhat prefer a 12-year limit	10%	10%	9%	12%	8%	11%	10%	8%	7%	11%	12%
Not sure	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%

**Would you be much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely or much less likely to vote for a candidate if you knew they had signed a pledge to support term limits on members of Congress?**

	LV's	Men	Women	18-39	40-64	65+	White	Other	Republican	Democrat	Other
Much more likely	41%	42%	40%	36%	41%	45%	40%	49%	45%	37%	43%
Somewhat more likely	28%	26%	30%	32%	29%	23%	29%	22%	27%	29%	27%
Somewhat less likely	7%	9%	5%	5%	6%	9%	6%	10%	7%	6%	7%
Much less likely	5%	5%	5%	4%	7%	3%	5%	9%	4%	7%	4%
It would make no difference	15%	15%	15%	19%	13%	14%	17%	5%	14%	17%	11%
Not sure	4%	3%	5%	4%	3%	6%	4%	4%	2%	4%	8%

**Are Andy Barr and Amy McGrath doing a good job communicating their position on term limits for members of Congress?**

	LV's	Men	Women	18-39	40-64	65+	White	Other	Republican	Democrat	Other
Yes	17%	16%	18%	22%	14%	18%	17%	16%	20%	17%	12%
No	49%	55%	43%	45%	56%	41%	50%	46%	51%	48%	49%
Not sure	34%	29%	39%	34%	30%	41%	33%	38%	29%	35%	40%

**If you knew that Andy Barr had refused to sign a pledge in support of term limits on Congress, would that make you much more likely to vote for him, somewhat more likely to vote for him, somewhat less likely to vote for him or much less likely to vote for him?**

	LV's	Men	Women	18-39	40-64	65+	White	Other	Republican	Democrat	Other
Much more likely	15%	19%	11%	14%	16%	15%	14%	22%	21%	12%	10%
Somewhat more likely	15%	17%	14%	11%	15%	21%	15%	15%	23%	11%	12%
Somewhat less likely	18%	19%	18%	24%	17%	16%	18%	23%	20%	17%	21%
Much less likely	31%	24%	37%	27%	32%	33%	32%	23%	14%	43%	32%
It would make no difference	19%	19%	18%	22%	19%	14%	19%	16%	21%	17%	20%
Not sure	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	5%

**Compared to other political issues, how important is the issue of term limits for members of Congress?**

	LV's	Men	Women	18-39	40-64	65+	White	Other	Republican	Democrat	Other
Very important	27%	26%	28%	22%	29%	30%	27%	25%	26%	28%	25%
Somewhat important	36%	36%	35%	38%	32%	39%	37%	29%	38%	35%	33%
Not very important	26%	27%	25%	28%	28%	19%	25%	33%	23%	25%	35%
Not at all important	8%	9%	8%	8%	9%	7%	8%	11%	10%	9%	2%
Not sure	3%	1%	4%	3%	1%	5%	3%	2%	2%	2%	4%

**Many Republican candidates, including President Trump, ran on a platform of “draining the swamp” in Washington. Can the swamp ever be drained without passing term limits on members of Congress?**

	LV's	Men	Women	18-39	40-64	65+	White	Other	Republican	Democrat	Other
Yes	22%	28%	15%	25%	21%	19%	22%	21%	28%	20%	12%
No	55%	50%	59%	52%	56%	54%	54%	56%	48%	59%	58%
Not sure	24%	21%	26%	22%	23%	28%	24%	23%	24%	21%	29%

**Methodology:**

This poll of 600 likely general election voters in Kentucky was conducted September 12-17, 2018.

Data for Pulse Opinion Research survey research is collected using an automated polling methodology. All Pulse Opinion Research survey questions are digitally recorded and fed to a calling program that determines question order, branching options, and other factors. Calls are placed to randomly-selected phone numbers through a process that insures appropriate geographic representation. Typically, calls are placed from 5 pm to 9 pm local time during the week. Saturday calls are made from 11 am to 6 pm local time and Sunday calls from 1 pm to 9 pm local time. This accounts for 75% of the panel.

To reach those who have abandoned traditional landline telephones, Pulse Opinion Research uses an online survey tool to interview randomly selected participants from a demographically diverse panel. This accounts for 25% of the panel.

For political surveys, census bureau data provides a starting point and a series of screening questions are used to determine likely voters. The questions involve voting history, interest in the current campaign, and likely voting intentions.

Pulse Opinion Research determines its partisan weighting targets through a dynamic weighting system that takes into account the state's voting history, national trends, and recent polling in a particular state or geographic area.

This poll of 600 likely general election voters in Kentucky has an accuracy of +/- 4.0% at a 95% confidence interval.

**Key Demographics:**

Gender	Men	48%
	Women	52%

		Total
		LV's
Age	18-39	29%
	40-64	45%
	65+	26%

		Total
		LV's
Race	White	85%
	Other	15%

		Total
		LV's
Party	Republican	36%
	Democrat	48%
	Other	16%