

To: United States Term Limits
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Re: Arizona Statewide – Executive Summary
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Survey Summary:

The results of our recently completed survey show that support for term limits has held firm over the past three years among voters in Arizona, who still overwhelmingly believe in implementing term limits on members of Congress. Support for term limits is broad and strong across all political, geographic and demographic groups. An overwhelming 85% of voters approve of a Constitutional Amendment that will place term limits on members of Congress. The leading reasons among those who approve of term limits for Congress are: *politicians in too long* 19%, *support term limits* 15%, *get corrupt/bad* 12%, and *not supposed to be a career* 12%. Four-in-five voters (85%) would want their state representative and state senator to vote in favor of an amendment proposing convention to implement term limits on members of Congress.

Do you approve or disapprove of a Constitutional Amendment that will place term limits on members of Congress?

	Total	2/17	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	Hispanic	White
Approve	85%	82%	87%	83%	85%	86%	83%
Strongly	68%	69%	73%	64%	64%	72%	66%
Somewhat	18%	14%	14%	19%	21%	14%	17%
Disapprove	7%	9%	6%	8%	8%	3%	9%
Somewhat	4%	3%	5%	5%	3%	1%	5%
Strongly	3%	6%	1%	3%	5%	1%	4%
D.K./Refused	8%	9%	7%	9%	7%	11%	8%

If the state legislatures of two-thirds of the states vote to call an amendment proposing convention to recommend an amendment to place term limits on members of Congress, would you want your state senator and state representative to vote yes or no on this bill?

	Total	2/17	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	Hispanic	White
Yes	85%	84%	85%	85%	85%	92%	82%
No	8%	10%	8%	9%	8%	4%	10%
Undecided	7%	7%	7%	6%	7%	4%	8%

Four-in-five Arizona voters, 81%, are significantly more likely to vote for a candidate for State Legislature who supports implementing term limits on Congress, the majority, 53%, are much more likely. Approximately seven-in-ten voters, 67%, say that they would be less likely to vote for a candidate who opposes implementing term limits on members of Congress, 46% much less likely. Four-in-five voters, 79%, believe it is unfair that Arizona’s State office-holders are term-limited, while Congress gets to play by their own set of rules and can hold public office for life.

Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate for State Legislature who supports implementing term limits for members of Congress?

	Total	2/17	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	Hispanic	White
More Likely	81%	75%	82%	79%	81%	92%	77%
Much More	53%	50%	54%	48%	56%	61%	50%
Somewhat More	28%	25%	28%	31%	25%	31%	27%
Less Likely	6%	9%	5%	6%	6%	1%	7%
Somewhat Less	4%	4%	4%	5%	3%	1%	5%
Much Less	2%	5%	1%	2%	2%	0%	2%
No Difference	9%	7%	5%	14%	9%	8%	10%
D.K./Refused	5%	9%	8%	2%	5%	2%	6%

Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate for State Legislature who opposes implementing term limits for members of Congress?

	Total	2/17	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	Hispanic	White
More Likely	18%	16%	18%	21%	15%	19%	18%
Much More	9%	9%	9%	11%	7%	11%	9%
Somewhat More	9%	7%	9%	10%	8%	8%	9%
Less Likely	67%	69%	69%	65%	68%	69%	66%
Somewhat Less	22%	24%	20%	25%	20%	21%	21%
Much Less	46%	45%	49%	40%	48%	49%	45%
No Difference	10%	6%	7%	10%	11%	7%	9%
D.K./Refused	6%	10%	6%	4%	6%	4%	7%

In 1992, Residents of Arizona voted to place term limits on state office-holders, however, elected officials on the federal level in Arizona were exempt from this law. Do you think it's fair or unfair that members of Congress are allowed to play by separate rules and can hold public office for life?

	Total	2/17	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	Hispanic	White
Fair	16%	11%	14%	20%	14%	14%	16%
Very	7%	6%	5%	10%	6%	7%	7%
Somewhat	9%	5%	9%	10%	7%	7%	9%
Unfair	79%	83%	80%	75%	81%	83%	78%
Somewhat	13%	12%	12%	15%	13%	13%	14%
Very	66%	71%	68%	60%	68%	71%	64%
D.K./Refused	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	3%	7%

Conclusions:

Term limits remain a critical issue among voters in Arizona, who overwhelmingly support calling an amendment proposing convention to place term limits on members of Congress. The intensity of this support is measured in their drive to vote for state legislators who will vote “yes” on term limits, and against those who will vote “no” against term limits for members of Congress.

Methodology:

2020 Survey Methodology:

This poll of 400 likely general election voters in Arizona, was conducted from January 9th, 2020 through January 12th, 2020. All interviews were conducted via telephone by professional interviewers. Interview selection was random within predetermined election units. 208 interviews (52%) were completed on cell-phones. These samples were then combined and structured to correlate with actual voter turnout in a general election. This poll of 400 likely general election voters in Arizona, has an accuracy of +/- 4.9% at a 95% confidence interval.

2017 Survey Methodology:

This poll of 400 likely general election voters in Arizona, was conducted on February 27th, 2017 and February 28th, 2017. All interviews were conducted via telephone by professional interviewers. Interview selection was random within predetermined election units. 221 interviews (55%) were completed on cell-phones. These samples were then combined and structured to correlate with actual voter turnout in a general election. This poll of 400 likely general election voters in Arizona, has an accuracy of +/- 4.9% at a 95% confidence interval.

Key Demographics:

Party:

	2/17	1/20
Republican	35%	37%
Democrat	30%	32%
Independent/Other/Refused	35%	31%

Gender:

	2/17	1/20
Men	47%	47%
Women	53%	53%

Ideology:

	2/17	1/20
Liberal	24%	23%
Moderate	35%	38%
Conservative	37%	36%

Race:

	2/17	1/20
White	73%	73%
Hispanic	20%	18%
African American	4%	4%
Asian	1%	2%
Native American	1%	2%
Refused	2%	2%

Age:

	2/17	1/20
18-29	15%	15%
30-40	17%	17%
41-55	22%	24%
56-65	17%	18%
Over 65	28%	26%

Interview:

	2/17	1/20
Cell	55%	52%
Landline	45%	48%