



NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS POLL: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Nation Survey Conducted March 1, 2021

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Survey Summary: The results of our recently completed national survey show that voters overwhelmingly support implementing term limits on members of Congress. Support for term limits is broad and strong across all political, geographic and demographic groups.

An overwhelming 80% of voters approve of a Constitutional Amendment that will place term limits on members of Congress. Half of all voters, 50%, say they would be more likely to support a member of Congress who has been opposed to congressional term limits during their 20 year career in office but suddenly announced that their views had evolved and they now supported term limits. Approximately 4-in-10 voters, 38%, say they are more likely to support Joe Biden if he said his views have evolved and he now supported term limits for Congress.

1. SUPPOSE A MEMBER OF CONGRESS HAS SERVED IN OFFICE FOR 20 YEARS AND BEEN OPPOSED TO CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS DURING THAT TIME. IF THIS MEMBER SUDDENLY ANNOUNCED THAT THEIR VIEWS HAD EVOLVED AND THEY NOW SUPPORTED TERM LIMITS FOR CONGRESS, HOW WOULD IT AFFECT YOUR LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR THIS MEMBER OF CONGRESS?

	TOTAL	REP.	DEM.	INDEP.	MEN	WOMEN	HISPANIC	BLACK	ASIAN	WHITE
Total	1000	360	370	270	480	520	132	132	42	674
MORE LIKELY TO SUPPORT	50.2%	57.9%	50.1%	40.0%	59.5%	41.6%	51.6%	54.3%	39.9%	50.0%
Much	26.9%	30.7%	28.2%	20.0%	34.1%	20.2%	30.4%	31.5%	12.7%	26.2%
Somewhat	23.3%	27.2%	21.9%	20.0%	25.4%	21.3%	21.2%	22.8%	27.2%	23.8%
LESS LIKELY TO SUPPORT	18.6%	16.7%	18.7%	21.0%	17.0%	20.2%	24.0%	16.0%	26.3%	17.7%
Somewhat	11.2%	10.7%	11.9%	10.8%	11.2%	11.2%	18.1%	10.6%	22.8%	9.5%
Much	7.4%	6.0%	6.8%	10.2%	5.8%	8.9%	5.9%	5.4%	3.5%	8.2%
NO DIFFERENCE	23.4%	18.2%	21.9%	32.5%	20.6%	26.0%	15.1%	18.7%	16.7%	25.7%
DK/REFUSED	7.8%	7.2%	9.3%	6.6%	2.9%	12.3%	9.2%	10.9%	17.0%	6.5%
Net Diff.	31.6%	41.1%	31.4%	19.0%	42.5%	21.4%	27.6%	38.4%	13.6%	32.3%
Mean	3.35	3.51	3.34	3.16	3.65	3.08	3.34	3.43	2.89	3.37



2. DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT THAT WILL PLACE TERM LIMITS ON MEMBERS OF CONGRESS?

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APPROVE	80.1%	87.2%	73.6%	79.5%	86.2%	74.4%	72.2%	70.0%	65.1%	83.9%
Strongly	50.0%	57.8%	38.4%	55.3%	60.6%	40.1%	33.7%	34.5%	28.5%	57.3%
Somewhat	30.1%	29.4%	35.2%	24.2%	25.6%	34.3%	38.5%	35.5%	36.6%	26.7%
DISAPPROVE	10.5%	7.6%	14.7%	8.8%	10.4%	10.7%	20.3%	14.9%	15.4%	7.8%
Somewhat	8.1%	6.1%	11.2%	6.5%	7.8%	8.4%	14.6%	10.9%	11.9%	6.3%
Strongly	2.4%	1.5%	3.5%	2.3%	2.6%	2.3%	5.7%	4.0%	3.5%	1.5%
DON'T KNOW	9.4%	5.3%	11.7%	11.7%	3.4%	14.9%	7.5%	15.0%	19.5%	8.3%
Net Diff.	69.5%	79.6%	58.9%	70.7%	75.9%	63.7%	51.9%	55.1%	49.7%	76.2%

3. PRESIDENT-ELECT JOE BIDEN HAS BEEN OPPOSED TO CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER. IF JOE BIDEN SUDDENLY ANNOUNCED THAT HIS VIEWS HAD EVOLVED AND HE NOW SUPPORTED TERM LIMITS FOR CONGRESS, HOW WOULD IT AFFECT YOUR LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR JOE BIDEN?

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Net Diff.	24.0%	9.9%	43.3%	16.5%	30.5%	18.0%	40.1%	44.8%	21.0%	17.2%
Mean	3.25	3.01	3.58	3.13	3.41	3.11	3.52	3.51	3.06	3.16



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Conclusions:

American voters overwhelmingly support placing term limits on members of Congress. The support for term limits is strong, broad and intense and boosts support for elected officials who would vote to implement term limits on members of Congress.

Methodology:

This survey of 1,000 general election voters nationwide was conducted February 24th through the 28th. All interviews were conducted online; survey invitations were distributed randomly within predetermined geographic units. These units were structured to correlate with actual voter turnout in the general election. This poll of 1,000 general election voters has an accuracy of +/- 3.1% at a 95% confidence interval.



Key Survey Demographics:

Gender

Men - 48%

Women - 52%

Age

18-29 - 17%

30-40 - 16%

41-55 - 25%

56-65 - 20%

65+ - 22%

Race

White - 67%

Asian/Asian American - 4%

Black - 13%

Hispanic - 13%

Party

Republican - 36%

Democrat - 37%

Other - 27%

Ideology

Liberal - 30%

Moderate - 33%

Conservative - 37%