

To: United States Term Limits
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Re: New Hampshire Statewide – Executive Summary – Voters Overwhelmingly Support Term Limits for Congress
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Survey Summary:

The results of our statewide survey show that voters in New Hampshire 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 76% 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: *old/in too long* 16%, *fresh/new ideas/people* 13%, and *term limit* 13%. Seven-in-ten voters (73%) 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	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	White	Non-White
Approve	76%	79%	68%	80%	76%	81%
Strongly	59%	65%	43%	66%	58%	72%
Somewhat	17%	13%	25%	15%	17%	9%
Disapprove	17%	12%	22%	16%	17%	9%
Somewhat	9%	7%	12%	8%	9%	3%
Strongly	8%	5%	11%	8%	8%	6%
D.K./Refused	7%	9%	10%	4%	7%	9%

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	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	White	Non-White
Yes	73%	78%	67%	75%	72%	84%
No	16%	11%	21%	17%	16%	13%
Undecided	11%	12%	12%	9%	12%	3%

Two-in-three New Hampshire voters, 66%, are more likely to vote for a candidate for State Legislature who supports implementing term limits on Congress, nearly half, 48%, are much more likely. The majority, 58%, say that they would be less likely to vote for a candidate who opposes implementing term limits on members of Congress, 40% much less likely. Approximately two-thirds of voters, 64%, are more likely to vote for their state legislator if this legislator voted to place term limits on Congress through an amendment proposing convention, even though these legislators do not currently have term limits on themselves.

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	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	White	Non-White
More Likely	66%	69%	55%	73%	66%	72%
Much More	48%	52%	35%	54%	47%	66%
Somewhat More	19%	18%	20%	19%	20%	6%
Less Likely	15%	12%	17%	14%	15%	13%
Somewhat Less	7%	7%	11%	5%	7%	6%
Much Less	7%	5%	6%	9%	7%	6%
No Difference	12%	12%	18%	9%	12%	13%
D.K./Refused	7%	6%	11%	5%	7%	3%

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	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	White	Non-White
More Likely	20%	22%	18%	20%	20%	19%
Much More	11%	12%	11%	11%	11%	13%
Somewhat More	9%	11%	7%	9%	9%	6%
Less Likely	58%	60%	50%	62%	58%	66%
Somewhat Less	19%	19%	17%	19%	20%	6%
Much Less	40%	42%	33%	42%	38%	59%
No Difference	14%	12%	21%	11%	14%	13%
D.K./Refused	8%	6%	12%	8%	9%	3%

At present the New Hampshire State Legislature does NOT have term limits on itself. However, if your state legislator voted to place term limits on Congress through an amendment proposing convention, in the next statewide election, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for your state legislator?

	Total	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	White	Non-White
More Likely	64%	67%	53%	70%	63%	78%
Much More	41%	49%	30%	44%	40%	59%
Somewhat More	23%	19%	22%	26%	23%	19%
Less Likely	16%	12%	20%	15%	16%	9%
Somewhat Less	9%	6%	13%	6%	9%	3%
Much Less	7%	5%	6%	9%	7%	6%
No Difference	16%	16%	21%	13%	16%	13%
D.K./Refused	5%	5%	7%	3%	5%	0%

Conclusions:

New Hampshire voters overwhelmingly support calling an amendment proposing convention to place term limits on members of Congress. The support for term limits is strong, broad and intense, 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:

This poll of 400 likely general election voters in New Hampshire was conducted on January 9th, 2018 through January 10th, 2018.

All interviews were conducted via telephone by professional interviewers. Interview selection was random within predetermined election units. 155 interviews (39%) 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 New Hampshire has an accuracy of +/- 4.9% at a 95% confidence interval.

Key Demographics:**Party:**

	Total
Republican	33%
Democrat	28%
Independent/Other	38%
Refused	2%

Gender:

	Total
Men	49%
Women	51%

Ideology:

	Total
Liberal	26%
Moderate	39%
Conservative	32%
Refused	5%

Race:

	Total
White	91%
Asian/Asian American	1%
African American	2%
Hispanic	3%
Other	2%
Refused	1%

Age:

	Total
18-29	13%
30-40	15%
41-55	20%
56-65	24%
Over 65	25%
Refused	3%

Interview:

	Total
Cell	39%
Landline	61%