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And Now Some Bipartisan Consensus!

Raleigh, N.C. – There aren't a lot of things Democrats and Republicans agree on these days but here are a couple: the continuation of Presidential term limits and the institution of Congressional term limits. One thing the parties can find a consensus about is the desire for politicians not to stick around too long.

78% of voters say they would oppose amending the Constitution to allow the President to serve more than two terms with just 16% in favor. Two thirds of the respondents who do support changing it say they voted for Barack Obama last fall. Beyond a small hard core of his supporters who it appear would like it changed specifically so he can serve more than eight years there is little support for this change.

Overall 88% of Republicans, 84% of independents, and 65% of Democrats support keeping things the way they are.

69% of voters support implementing term limits for members of Congress with just 16% opposed. 81% of Republicans, 73% of independents, and 57% of Democrats favor that change.

“Our polling right now is finding that on the whole Americans are unhappy with both the Democrats and the Republicans,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “They want a fresh batch of leaders and term limits are a means toward that end.”

PPP polling earlier this month found the approval ratings of both Congressional Democrats and Congressional Republicans in the 30s.

PPP conducted a national survey of 621 voters from September 18th to 21st. The survey's margin of error is +/-3.9%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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National Survey Results

Q1 Would you support amending the constitution to allow Presidents to serve more than two terms? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes 16%
 No 78%
 Not Sure..... 6%

Q2 Would you support term limits for members of Congress? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes 69%
 No 16%
 Not Sure..... 14%

Q3 Who did you vote for President last year? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If someone else or you don't remember, press 3.

McCain..... 40%
 Obama 45%
 Someone else/don't remember 15%

Q4 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 19%
 Moderate..... 44%
 Conservative..... 37%

Q5 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 55%
 Man..... 45%

Q6 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat 40%
 Republican..... 35%
 Independent/Other..... 25%

Q7 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic..... 10%
 White 74%
 African American 11%
 Other..... 5%

Q8 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

18 to 29..... 17%
 30 to 45..... 26%
 46 to 65..... 40%
 Older than 65..... 18%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
More than 2 Terms for President				
Yes	16%	8%	23%	12%
No	78%	90%	67%	80%
Not Sure	6%	2%	10%	8%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone else/don't remember
Term Limits for Congress				
Yes	69%	84%	58%	64%
No	16%	7%	25%	13%
Not Sure	14%	8%	17%	23%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
More than 2 Terms for President				
Yes	16%	27%	15%	10%
No	78%	63%	78%	86%
Not Sure	6%	10%	7%	4%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Term Limits for Congress				
Yes	69%	66%	65%	77%
No	16%	22%	19%	9%
Not Sure	14%	12%	16%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
More than 2 Terms for President			
Yes	16%	18%	12%
No	78%	75%	82%
Not Sure	6%	7%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Term Limits for Congress			
Yes	69%	68%	71%
No	16%	15%	18%
Not Sure	14%	17%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
More than 2 Terms for President				
Yes	16%	24%	9%	10%
No	78%	65%	88%	84%
Not Sure	6%	10%	3%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Term Limits for Congress				
Yes	69%	57%	81%	73%
No	16%	24%	9%	14%
Not Sure	14%	19%	10%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
More than 2 Terms for President					
Yes	16%	16%	13%	30%	14%
No	78%	77%	81%	57%	81%
Not Sure	6%	7%	6%	13%	4%

	Base	Race			
		Hispanic	White	African American	Other
Term Limits for Congress					
Yes	69%	64%	72%	58%	71%
No	16%	23%	15%	18%	11%
Not Sure	14%	13%	13%	24%	18%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
More than 2 Terms for President					
Yes	16%	18%	16%	17%	9%
No	78%	76%	79%	76%	84%
Not Sure	6%	6%	4%	7%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Term Limits for Congress					
Yes	69%	70%	72%	70%	66%
No	16%	21%	14%	16%	14%
Not Sure	14%	9%	14%	14%	20%

