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IOWA STATEWIDE CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS POLL: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Iowa Survey of 500 Likely Voters Conducted January 20-21, 2020
by Pulse Opinion Research

Survey Summary: The results of this recently completed statewide survey show that Iowa voters overwhelmingly support term limits for members of Congress. Support for term limits is broad across all political and demographic groups. **An overwhelming 75% of voters approve of an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that will place term limits on U.S. Senators and U.S. House Representatives.** Large majorities also say that Congress members stay in power for too long, and that they're more likely to support state lawmakers who help advance congressional term limits.

Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of placing term limits on members of Congress?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Other Party
Approve	**75%**	**80%**	**69%**	**77%**
Strongly	48%	50%	44%	51%
Somewhat	27%	30%	25%	26%
Disapprove	**18%**	**14%**	**24%**	**16%**
Somewhat	10%	7%	15%	8%
Strongly	8%	7%	9%	8%
Not Sure	**7%**	**6%**	**7%**	**7%**

If the state legislatures of two-thirds of the state's 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	Other Party
Yes	**72%**	**74%**	**68%**	**74%**
No	15%	15%	20%	9%
Not sure	13%	11%	12%	17%

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

	Total	Rep	Dem	Other Party
More likely	**76%**	**76%**	**75%**	**76%**
Much more likely	48%	50%	47%	46%
Somewhat more likely	28%	26%	28%	30%
Less likely	**13%**	**15%**	**14%**	**10%**
Somewhat less likely	8%	11%	6%	7%
Much less likely	5%	4%	9%	3%
Not sure	**10%**	**8%**	**10%**	**13%**

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

	Total	Rep	Dem	Other Party
More Likely	**39%**	**40%**	**38%**	**39%**
Much more likely	18%	23%	16%	16%
Somewhat more likely	21%	17%	22%	23%
Less likely	**48%**	**48%**	**52%**	**45%**
Somewhat less likely	21%	24%	19%	20%
Much less likely	27%	24%	33%	25%
Not sure	**13%**	**12%**	**11%**	**16%**

At present the Iowa 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 much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely or much less likely to vote for your state legislator?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Other Party
More likely	**74%**	**75%**	**68%**	**79%**
Much more likely	40%	43%	36%	41%
Somewhat more likely	34%	32%	32%	38%
Less likely	**14%**	**12%**	**21%**	**9%**
Somewhat less likely	10%	10%	13%	7%
Much less likely	4%	2%	8%	2%
Not sure	**12%**	**13%**	**11%**	**12%**

Conclusions: Iowa voters overwhelmingly support an amendment to the U.S. Constitution limiting the terms of all U.S. Senators and U.S. House of Representatives. The intensity of this support is measured in their willingness to vote for state legislators who will vote "yes" on term limits and against those who will vote “no” against term limits on members of Congress.

Methodology: This poll of 500 likely voters in Iowa was conducted January 20-21, 2020, using an automated polling methodology. 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. 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 500 likely voters in Iowa has an accuracy of +/- 4.5% with a 95% level of confidence.

Key Survey Demographics:

Gender
Men - 47%
Women - 53%

Age
18-39 – 34%
40-64 – 44%
65+ - 23%

Race
White – 90%
Other – 10%

Party
Republican – 34%
Democrat – 31%
Other – 35%