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DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE TERM LIMITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY?

			AGE GROUP					PHILOSOPHY				
	N	%	18-25	26-40	41-55	56-65	66+	VERY LIBERAL	SOMEWHAT LIBERAL	SOMEWHAT CONS	VERY CONS	MODERATE
	600	100	26	129	180	119	141	87	66	128	159	147
			4%	22%	30%	20%	24%	14%	11%	21%	26%	24%
STRONGLY SUPPORT	287	48	46%	44%	46%	58% *	45%	55%	21% *	45%	58% *	46%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	151	25	35% *	25%	32%	15% *	25%	11% *	58% *	30%	16% *	26%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	52	9	4%	12%	8%	7%	10%	1%	15%	13%	6%	9%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	63	10	8%	10%	9%	13%	11%	25% *	3%	4%	13%	10%
NOT SURE	47	8	8%	9%	5%	7%	10%	7%	3%	7%	8%	10%
SUPPORT	438	73	81%	69%	78%	73%	70%	67%	79%	76%	74%	72%
OPPOSE	115	19	12%	22%	17%	20%	21%	26%	18%	17%	19%	18%
NET OPPOSE	323	54	69% *	47%	61%	53%	49%	40% *	61%	59%	55%	54%
SUPPORT : OPPOSE	3.8:1		7.0:1 *	3.2:1 *	4.5:1 *	3.6:1	3.4:1 *	2.5:1 *	4.3:1 *	4.4:1 *	3.9:1	3.9:1

			EMPLOYMENT						HERITAGE		AFFIL.			GENDER	
	N	%	SELF EMPLOYED	WORKING PRIVATE	WORK FOR GOVT	SPOUSE HOUSEWIFE	RETIRED	UNEMPLOY	CAUCASIAN	AFRICAN AMERICAN	DEM	REP	UNAFFIL.	MALE	FEMALE
	600	100	72	203	58	22	187	52	456	126	293	211	96	273	327
			12%	34%	10%	4%	31%	9%	76%	21%	49%	35%	16%	46%	54%
STRONGLY SUPPORT	287	48	47%	49%	57% *	41%	45%	48%	51%	36% *	42%	54%	51%	49%	47%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	151	25	24%	27%	21%	32%	25%	27%	23%	32%	27%	24%	22%	25%	26%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	52	9	7%	8%	9%	14%	10%	6%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	63	10	12%	10%	10%	14%	11%	10%	10%	13%	13%	7%	10%	12%	9%
NOT SURE	47	8	10%	6%	3%	0%	9%	10%	7%	10%	9%	7%	7%	6%	9%
SUPPORT	438	73	71%	75%	78%	73%	71%	75%	75%	67%	70%	78%	73%	73%	73%
OPPOSE	115	19	19%	18%	19%	27%	21%	15%	18%	22%	22%	16%	20%	21%	18%
NET OPPOSE	323	54	51%	57%	59%	45%	50%	60%	56%	45%	48%	62%	53%	53%	55%
SUPPORT : OPPOSE	3.8:1		3.6:1	4.1:1	4.1:1	2.7:1 *	3.4:1 *	4.9:1 *	4.0:1	3.0:1 *	3.2:1 *	5.0:1 *	3.7:1	3.6:1	4.0:1

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STRONGLY SUPPORT	287	48	41%	62% *	50%	44%	57%	40%
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STRONGLY OPPOSE	63	10	13%	4%	11%	11%	12%	10%
NOT SURE	47	8	10%	6%	3%	10%	9%	8%
SUPPORT	438	73	69%	85% *	75%	67%	75%	72%
OPPOSE	115	19	21%	9% *	22%	23%	16%	20%
NET OPPOSE	323	54	48%	76% *	53%	45% *	58%	53%
SUPPORT : OPPOSE	3.8:1		3.3:1 *	9.7:1 *	3.4:1 *	3.0:1 *	4.5:1 *	3.7:1

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	N	%	18-25	26-40	41-55	56-65	66+	VERY LIBERAL	SOMEWHAT LIBERAL	SOMEWHAT CONS	VERY CONS	MODERATE
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STRONGLY SUPPORT	183	30	31%	31%	31%	35%	26%	39%	12% *	30%	36%	27%
SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	79	13	4% *	12%	14%	11%	16%	2% *	29% *	19%	12%	10%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	80	13	8%	14%	11%	12%	18%	5%	14%	24% *	10%	11%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	215	36	50% *	35%	37%	37%	33%	45%	42%	20% *	35%	44%
NOT SURE	43	7	8%	8%	7%	5%	8%	9%	3%	7%	7%	8%
SUPPORT	262	44	35% *	43%	46%	46%	42%	41%	41%	49%	48%	37%
OPPOSE	295	49	58%	49%	48%	49%	50%	49%	56%	44%	45%	55%
NET SUPPORT	-33	-6	-23% *	-5%	-2%	-3%	-9%	-8%	-15% *	5% *	4% *	-18% *
SUPPORT : OPPOSE	1:1.1		1:1.7 *	1:1.1	1:1.0	1:1.1	1:1.2	1:1.2	1:1.4 *	1.1:1	1.1:1	1:1.5 *

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STRONGLY SUPPORT	183	30	32%	30%	31%	27%	27%	42% *	32%	24%	27%	36%	29%	33%	29%
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SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	80	13	15%	13%	16%	18%	14%	6%	14%	10%	12%	17%	9%	14%	13%
STRONGLY OPPOSE	215	36	28%	39%	38%	36%	35%	38%	32%	48% *	41%	28%	38%	38%	34%
NOT SURE	43	7	12%	7%	2%	0%	8%	6%	7%	6%	6%	8%	9%	7%	7%
SUPPORT	262	44	44%	41%	45%	45%	43%	50%	46%	37%	41%	47%	44%	41%	46%
OPPOSE	295	49	43%	52%	53%	55%	49%	44%	47%	58%	53%	45%	47%	52%	47%
NET SUPPORT	-33	-6	1%	-11%	-9%	-9%	-5%	6% *	-1%	-21% *	-12%	2%	-3%	-10%	-2%
SUPPORT : OPPOSE	1:1.1		1.0:1 *	1:1.3 *	1:1.2	1:1.2	1:1.1	1.1:1	1:1.0 *	1:1.6 *	1:1.3 *	1.1:1	1:1.1	1:1.2 *	1:1.0

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SOMEWHAT SUPPORT	79	13	14%	12%	9%	13%	10%	20%
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SUPPORT	262	44	31% *	51%	47%	43%	51%	46%
OPPOSE	295	49	60% *	42%	45%	50%	46%	47%
NET SUPPORT	-33	-6	-29% *	9% *	2%	-7%	4% *	-1%
SUPPORT : OPPOSE	1:1.1		1:1.9 *	1.2:1	1.0:1	1:1.2	1.1:1	1:1.0 *

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	599	100	26 4%	129 22%	180 30%	118 20%	141 24%	87 15%	66 11%	128 21%	158 26%	147 25%
TERM LIMITS	64	11	8%	10%	9%	12%	13%	9%	5%	16%	15%	7%
CLEAN HOUSE/START OVER	32	5	0%	4%	5%	9%	5%	5%	5%	7%	6%	5%
MORE HONESTY IN GOVT	23	4	4%	2%	3%	4%	7%	2%	5%	3%	4%	5%
HOLD ACCOUNTABLE/ACTION	15	3	0%	3%	4%	3%	0%	1%	0%	4%	1%	5%
LIMIT CAMP. CONTRIBUTIO	12	2	0%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	3%	3%	1%
GET RID OF LOBBYISTS	9	2	0%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	0%	0%	3%	1%
REMOVE DEMOCRATS	3	1	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%
CHECKS/BALANCES/GOVT. S	8	1	0%	4%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	3%	1%
RID OF SPECIAL INTEREST	1	0	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
MORE PUNISHMENT/JAIL TI	10	2	0%	1%	3%	2%	1%	0%	0%	3%	1%	3%
REMOVE REPUBLICANS	2	0	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%
CREATE MORE JOBS	9	2	8%	0%	3%	0%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%
NEED NEW JUDGES	4	1	0%	0%	0%	3%	1%	0%	3%	0%	1%	0%
BACKGROUND CHECKS	5	1	0%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%
CHRISTIAN VALUES/ETHICS	16	3	0%	2%	3%	3%	2%	0%	0%	5%	3%	2%
STOP WASTEFUL SPENDING	14	2	4%	3%	2%	2%	2%	0%	2%	3%	1%	4%
REDUCE TAXES	8	1	4%	2%	2%	1%	1%	0%	3%	2%	1%	2%
NEED A NEW GOVERNOR	9	2	0%	2%	3%	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%	3%	1%
MORE INFORMED VOTERS	10	2	0%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	0%	2%	3%	2%
NEED NEW PRESIDENT	3	1	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%
OTHER	94	16	23%	12%	17%	16%	16%	20%	15%	14%	19%	12%
NOT SURE	248	41	50%	47%	37%	36%	45%	53% *	61% *	31% *	29% *	45%

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TERM LIMITS	64	11	12%	11%	14%	5%	10%	8%	12%	6%	7%	15%	12%	13%	9%
CLEAN HOUSE/START OVER	32	5	3%	6%	3%	0%	6%	8%	6%	3%	3%	7%	7%	6%	5%
MORE HONESTY IN GOVT	23	4	6%	1%	3%	5%	6%	4%	4%	5%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%
HOLD ACCOUNTABLE/ACTION	15	3	3%	4%	3%	0%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	3%	5%	3%	2%
LIMIT CAMP. CONTRIBUTIO	12	2	3%	2%	5%	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	3%	2%
GET RID OF LOBBYISTS	9	2	3%	1%	2%	0%	2%	0%	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%
REMOVE DEMOCRATS	3	1	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
CHECKS/BALANCES/GOVT. S	8	1	1%	1%	0%	5%	2%	0%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%
RID OF SPECIAL INTEREST	1	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
MORE PUNISHMENT/JAIL TI	10	2	4%	1%	2%	0%	2%	0%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%
REMOVE REPUBLICANS	2	0	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
CREATE MORE JOBS	9	2	0%	2%	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%
NEED NEW JUDGES	4	1	1%	0%	0%	5%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%
BACKGROUND CHECKS	5	1	1%	0%	3%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%
CHRISTIAN VALUES/ETHICS	16	3	3%	2%	0%	5%	3%	2%	4%	0%	2%	4%	2%	3%	2%
STOP WASTEFUL SPENDING	14	2	4%	2%	3%	5%	2%	0%	2%	3%	3%	2%	1%	1%	3%
REDUCE TAXES	8	1	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	6%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
NEED A NEW GOVERNOR	9	2	3%	2%	2%	5%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	2%	4%	1%	2%
MORE INFORMED VOTERS	10	2	0%	1%	2%	0%	3%	0%	2%	1%	0%	3%	2%	2%	2%
NEED NEW PRESIDENT	3	1	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
OTHER	94	16	8%	16%	19%	36% *	15%	17%	14%	20%	17%	13%	16%	14%	17%
NOT SURE	248	41	42%	40%	34%	32% *	43%	52% *	39%	54% *	50%	31% *	38%	40%	43%

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TERM LIMITS	64	11	11%	19%	8%	10%	10%	7%
CLEAN HOUSE/START OVER	32	5	3%	8%	5%	5%	3%	8%
MORE HONESTY IN GOVT	23	4	4%	3%	2%	6%	3%	5%
HOLD ACCOUNTABLE/ACTION	15	3	2%	1%	4%	2%	0%	3%
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GET RID OF LOBBYISTS	9	2	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%
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RID OF SPECIAL INTEREST	1	0	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
MORE PUNISHMENT/JAIL TI	10	2	3%	3%	2%	1%	0%	1%
REMOVE REPUBLICANS	2	0	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%
CREATE MORE JOBS	9	2	0%	1%	3%	2%	0%	2%
NEED NEW JUDGES	4	1	1%	3%	0%	0%	1%	0%
BACKGROUND CHECKS	5	1	1%	0%	2%	2%	0%	0%
CHRISTIAN VALUES/ETHICS	16	3	2%	8%	3%	2%	1%	0%
STOP WASTEFUL SPENDING	14	2	2%	0%	3%	2%	3%	3%
REDUCE TAXES	8	1	0%	1%	1%	4%	0%	1%
NEED A NEW GOVERNOR	9	2	2%	0%	1%	1%	4%	1%
MORE INFORMED VOTERS	10	2	3%	1%	1%	1%	0%	3%
NEED NEW PRESIDENT	3	1	0%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%
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