

Methodology:

Results are based on an online study conducted from January 13 to January 15, 2026, among 1,002 adults in the United States. The data has been statistically weighted according to U.S. census figures for age, gender and region. The margin of error—which measures sample variability—is +/- 3.1 percentage points, nineteen times out of twenty.

As you may know, the twenty-second Amendment (Amendment XXII) to the United States Constitution limits the number of times a person can be elected to the office of President of the United States to twice. Thinking about this, do you support each of the following ideas?

Allowing a person to be elected to the office of President of the United States three times (instead of two) – 34%

Allowing a person to be elected to the office of President of the United States indefinitely – 19%

Allowing a person to be elected to the office of President of the United States only once (instead of twice) – 34%

Americans Not Keen on Changing Presidential Term Limits

In a head-to-head match-up featuring two-term presidents, Barack Obama is significantly ahead of Donald Trump.

Vancouver, BC [January 26, 2026] – The idea of enacting a constitutional amendment that would change the current term limits of American presidents is not popular across the United States, a new Research Co. poll has found.

In the online survey of a representative national sample, 34% of Americans support allowing a person to be elected to the office of President of the United States three times (instead of two), while 59% are opposed.

"Just over seven-in-ten Americans aged 55 and over (71%) disagree with a constitutional amendment to allow a president to serve for three terms," says Mario Canseco, President of Research Co. "Animosity is lower, but still in majority territory, among those aged 35-to-54 (51%) and those aged 18-to-34 (52%)."

A constitutional amendment that would enable a person to be elected to the office of President of the United States indefinitely is backed by 19% of Americans and rejected by 72%.

Just over a third of Americans (34%) support allowing a person to be elected to the office of President of the United States only once (instead of twice), while a majority (56%) are against this course of action.

This month, just over two-in-five Americans (42%) approve of Donald Trump's performance as president, while 53% disapprove and 5% are undecided.

Trump gets his best numbers among men (59%), Americans aged 35-to-54 (45%), residents of the South (47%) and Fox News watchers (64%). The president's approval rating stands at 86% among Republicans, 30% among Independents and 12% among Democrats.

In the generic congressional ballot, candidates representing the Democratic Party are in first place nationwide with 42%, followed by Republicans with 36%.

The survey also asked Americans who they would vote for in the event of a constitutional amendment that would allow a person to be elected to the office of President of the United States more than twice, with Trump representing the

Republican Party and former president Barack Obama as the Democratic nominee.

Obama holds an 11-point lead over Trump across the country (44% to 33%). The level of support for the former president is particularly high among women (47%) and Americans aged 18-to-34 (52%).

Trump fares best among White Americans (41%) and Fox News watchers (55%).

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