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Today we are doing a survey on a number of proposals for changing the way the federal government operates. If at any time you find that you do not want to answer a question feel free to skip it and move on to the next one. (Note: Text in [Brackets] was not presented during the survey)

Q1-Q9b. were released previously.

[Lobbying Congress]

Now let's consider some new proposed Congressional bill related to lobbying.

Because former Members of Congress and Executive Branch officials (such as those in the Department of Defense or the US Treasury) are very familiar with how government works and have strong personal connections throughout government, they can often work as lobbyists after they leave office. Currently, there are some limits on how soon a former government official can lobby the government after leaving office.

A set of proposed bills in Congress extends the period former Members of Congress and Executive Branch officials must wait after they leave office before they can work as lobbyists.

Under current law, before they can lobby Congress:

- former House members must wait one year
- former Senators must wait two years
- senior Congressional staffers in both houses must wait one year

In addition, senior Executive Branch officials are prohibited from lobbying the agency they were part of for 1-2 years, depending on how senior they were.

[QUESTIONS 10 AND 11 WERE PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN]

Here is an argument **in favor of** extending the time periods during which former government officials are prohibited from lobbying.

Q10. Members of Congress and senior staff who have recently left have unique personal relationships, access and insider knowledge, so the special interests that hire them get an unfair advantage in working the system. It is fine for special interests to communicate their views to Congress and the administration,

just like regular citizens, but they should not be able to buy greater influence by hiring what are essentially super-lobbyists.

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Total convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing	Total unconvincing	Ref./Don't know
National	57.7%	28.2%	85.9%	8.6%	5.0%	13.6%	0.5%
GOP	59.1%	27.7%	86.8%	8.0%	5.0%	13.0%	0.3%
Dem.	58.8%	27.6%	86.4%	8.2%	4.6%	12.8%	0.8%
Indep.	51.7%	31.1%	82.8%	11.3%	6.0%	17.3%	0.0%
Cook's PVI (D-R)							
Very red	56.9%	30.8%	87.7%	8.2%	4.1%	12.3%	0.0%
Red	58.9%	28.1%	87.0%	8.1%	4.2%	12.3%	0.8%
Lean red	63.6%	25.8%	89.4%	5.9%	4.8%	10.7%	0.0%
Lean blue	54.5%	30.0%	84.5%	10.2%	4.6%	14.8%	0.7%
Blue	58.5%	27.3%	85.8%	8.0%	5.3%	88.3%	0.2%
Very blue	51.4%	28.1%	79.5%	12.0%	7.1%	19.1%	1.3%

Note: In the analysis above and throughout, the survey was divided into sextiles, with “Very red” districts having a Cook PVI rating (D-R) of -33 to -14, “Red” districts a PVI rating of -13 to -8, “Lean red” districts a PVI rating of -7 to -1, “Lean Blue” districts a PVI rating of +1 to +8, “Blue” districts a PVI rating of +9 to +17, and “Very blue” districts a PVI rating of +18 to +44.

Here is an argument **against** the proposal.

Q11. Telling former government officials they cannot lobby in favor of a cause they believe in violates their First Amendment right to freedom of speech. They should have the right to speak with current government officials and share their views or expertise that sheds light on various policy options. This rule also limits the freedom of expression for people who want to hire a former official to help get their voice heard in government. We should enhance the people’s ability to petition their government, not put greater limits on it.

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Total convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing	Total unconvincing	Ref./Don't know
National	9.2%	23.9%	33.1%	28.1%	38.4%	66.5%	0.5%
GOP	8.0%	25.0%	33.0%	28.2%	38.2%	66.4%	0.6%
Dem.	10.7%	22.0%	32.7%	29.4%	37.4%	66.8%	0.4%
Indep.	8.2%	25.9%	34.1%	24.2%	41.3%	65.5%	0.4%
Cook's PVI (D-R)							
Very red	8.9%	28.4%	37.3%	26.3%	36.4%	62.7%	0.0%
Red	6.7%	27.5%	34.2%	27.9%	36.9%	64.8%	1.0%
Lean red	5.7%	21.4%	27.1%	27.2%	45.4%	72.6%	0.3%
Lean blue	11.9%	20.2%	32.1%	31.6%	35.3%	66.9%	1.0%
Blue	10.2%	22.5%	32.7%	27.8%	39.6%	67.4%	0.0%
Very blue	13.1%	22.9%	36.0%	28.5%	34.8%	63.3%	0.7%

[QUESTIONS 12 AND 13 WERE PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN]

Here is another pair of arguments **for and against** the proposal to extend the time periods during which former government officials are prohibited from lobbying.

Q12. Working for the government should be something that people do as public service, not as a stepping stone for getting a high-paying lobbying job. It is also not right that people who have just come out of government get an unfair advantage over others. Furthermore, when people in government are enticed by high-paying lobbying jobs it creates constant turnover and an ongoing brain drain.

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Total convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing	Total unconvincing	Ref./Don't know
National	52.1%	31.7%	83.8%	11.0%	4.7%	15.7%	0.5%
GOP	52.1%	33.4%	85.5%	9.6%	4.4%	14.0%	0.6%
Dem.	53.2%	30.9%	84.1%	10.9%	4.4%	15.3%	0.6%
Indep.	49.4%	30.0%	79.4%	14.6%	6.0%	20.6%	0.0%
Cook's PVI (D-R)							
Very red	47.5%	37.4%	84.9%	11.3%	3.5%	14.8%	0.3%
Red	54.8%	30.0%	84.8%	10.6%	4.1%	14.7%	0.6%
Lean red	54.1%	25.6%	79.7%	15.2%	4.7%	19.9%	0.4%
Lean blue	51.0%	35.4%	86.4%	8.5%	5.0%	13.5%	0.1%
Blue	54.7%	31.4%	86.1%	9.0%	4.1%	13.1%	0.8%
Very blue	50.5%	32.0%	82.5%	9.9%	6.7%	16.6%	0.9%

Q13. What if a former government official wants to lobby in support of legislation to help poor children or to seek a cure for cancer? They may be uniquely knowledgeable or passionate about a particular issue. Should they be prohibited from helping further good causes? Knowing they would be prohibited from this kind of advocacy, perhaps indefinitely, could also have a chilling effect on talented people serving in government in the first place.

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Total convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing	Total unconvincing	Ref./Don't know
National	11.4%	29.9%	41.3%	29.7%	28.3%	58.0%	0.7%
GOP	10.8%	27.3%	38.1%	29.9%	30.9%	60.8%	1.1%
Dem.	11.9%	33.2%	45.1%	29.4%	25.0%	54.4%	0.5%
Indep.	11.7%	27.9%	39.6%	29.8%	30.6%	60.4%	0.0%
Cook's PVI (D-R)							
Very red	11.6%	27.4%	39.0%	31.9%	28.0%	59.9%	1.0%
Red	8.7%	30.6%	39.3%	29.5%	30.5%	60.0%	0.7%
Lean red	8.0%	29.4%	37.4%	31.9%	30.1%	62.0%	0.6%
Lean blue	10.9%	35.6%	46.5%	27.6%	25.0%	52.6%	0.9%
Blue	13.0%	31.4%	44.4%	23.9%	31.1%	55.0%	0.6%
Very blue	16.8%	27.0%	43.8%	31.8%	24.2%	56.0%	0.2%

[QUESTIONS 14 AND 15 WERE PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN]

Here is another pair of arguments **for and against** the proposal.

Q14. When people who work in government are thinking about leaving government or are concerned they might be voted out of office, they sometimes start thinking about the possibility of becoming a lobbyist because it can pay very well. This can lead them to use their remaining time in office to do things beneficial to the interests that might hire them in the future. By removing the allure of high-paying lobbying jobs shortly after, government officials will not be tempted to do favors for future employers.

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Total convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing	Total unconvincing	Ref./Don't know
National	53.5%	32.6%	86.1%	9.2%	3.6%	12.8%	1.1%
GOP	56.7%	32.9%	89.6%	6.6%	3.2%	9.8%	0.6%
Dem.	50.7%	33.8%	84.5%	10.6%	3.8%	14.4%	1.1%
Indep.	53.4%	28.7%	82.1%	12.0%	3.9%	15.9%	2.1%
Cook's PVI (D-R)							
Very red	55.0%	32.1%	87.1%	9.2%	2.3%	11.5%	1.4%
Red	55.7%	31.2%	86.9%	9.2%	2.9%	12.1%	1.0%
Lean red	54.6%	34.1%	88.7%	6.2%	4.1%	10.3%	0.9%
Lean blue	50.0%	36.0%	86.0%	11.3%	2.1%	13.4%	0.6%
Blue	54.3%	29.6%	83.9%	10.3%	4.1%	14.4%	1.7%
Very blue	49.7%	33.5%	83.2%	9.9%	6.0%	15.9%	0.8%

Q15. Working for the government is risky. An elected official may be voted out of office, or, in the case of a staffer, the elected official they work for may be voted out. There is nothing wrong with former government officials having lobbying as a fallback career option. If we cut off this option, it will discourage people from going into government for fear they may end up with highly limited career options.

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Total convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing	Total unconvincing	Ref./Don't know
National	7.5%	18.8%	26.3%	28.1%	44.1%	72.2%	1.5%
GOP	6.9%	18.3%	25.2%	28.3%	45.1%	73.4%	1.3%
Dem.	8.6%	19.0%	27.6%	29.0%	41.9%	70.9%	1.5%
Indep.	6.0%	19.6%	25.6%	25.3%	47.5%	72.8%	1.6%
Cook's PVI (D-R)							
Very red	5.5%	20.8%	26.3%	29.5%	42.3%	71.8%	1.9%
Red	5.6%	19.7%	25.3%	27.5%	45.6%	73.1%	1.5%
Lean red	6.6%	15.2%	21.8%	29.6%	48.0%	77.6%	0.7%
Lean blue	8.1%	24.3%	32.4%	28.0%	38.2%	66.2%	1.4%
Blue	10.0%	17.7%	27.7%	25.3%	45.7%	71.0%	1.3%
Very blue	10.1%	16.0%	26.1%	28.4%	43.3%	71.7%	2.3%

Q16. So, on the scale below, please select how acceptable it would be to you to extend the period former Members of Congress must wait before working as a lobbyist from 1-2 years to five years.

[RESPONSES WERE PRESENTED EQUIDISTANT FROM EACH OTHER ON THE SCREEN]										
Not at all acceptable 0	1	2	3	4	Just tolerable 5	6	7	8	9	Very acceptable 10

	Mean	Unacceptable (0-4)	Just Tolerable (5)	Acceptable (6-10)	Ref./Don't know
National	7.6	14.4%	12.6%	72.5%	0.4%
GOP	7.8	12.1%	11.2%	76.5%	0.2%
Dem.	7.3	15.6%	14.9%	69.0%	0.5%
Indep.	7.5	17.1%	10.3%	72.2%	0.4%

Cook's PVI (D-R)

Very red	7.4	18.1%	11.3%	70.6%	0.0%
Red	7.8	10.5%	15.5%	73.7%	0.2%
Lean red	7.8	12.2%	10.5%	76.9%	0.4%
Lean blue	7.5	15.6%	11.9%	71.3%	1.2%
Blue	7.6	13.5%	14.7%	71.4%	0.3%
Very blue	7.2	17.6%	13.0%	69.2%	0.2%

Q17. Please select how acceptable it would be for you to go further and prohibit former Members of Congress from working as a lobbyist for the rest of their life.

[RESPONSES WERE PRESENTED EQUIDISTANT FROM EACH OTHER ON THE SCREEN]										
Not at all acceptable 0	1	2	3	4	Just tolerable 5	6	7	8	9	Very acceptable 10

	Mean	Unacceptable (0-4)	Just Tolerable (5)	Acceptable (6-10)	Ref./Don't know
National	5.7	35.0%	16.2%	48.5%	0.3%
GOP	5.9	33.6%	14.7%	51.5%	0.2%
Dem.	5.5	37.0%	17.5%	45.1%	0.4%
Indep.	5.8	32.8%	16.6%	50.2%	0.3%

Cook's PVI (D-R)

Very red	5.7	34.9%	18.0%	47.0%	0.1%
Red	5.5	36.0%	14.4%	49.4%	0.3%
Lean red	5.9	32.9%	15.3%	51.5%	0.3%
Lean blue	6.0	31.5%	18.1%	50.1%	0.3%
Blue	5.9	34.1%	13.2%	52.7%	0.0%
Very blue	5.1	41.5%	17.6%	40.0%	0.8%

Q18. So, which would you recommend the most when it comes to former Members of Congress working as a lobbyist:

1. Not having any required waiting period
2. Keeping the current requirement that former House Members wait one year and former Senators wait two years before lobbying
3. Adopting the proposal to extend the waiting period to five years before lobbying for all former Members of Congress
4. Adopting the proposal to prohibit former Members of Congress from lobbying for the rest of their life

	Statement 1	Statement 2	Statement 3	Statement 4	Ref./ Don't Know
National	3.6%	19.2%	47.6%	29.0%	0.7%
GOP	3.5%	16.2%	46.6%	33.1%	0.6%
Dem.	3.3%	23.2%	48.9%	23.6%	1.0%
Indep.	4.3%	16.0%	46.4%	33.0%	0.2%
Cook's PVI (D-R)					
Very red	3.5%	18.9%	48.7%	27.9%	1.1%
Red	2.3%	18.5%	50.0%	29.0%	0.2%
Lean red	2.7%	17.6%	48.7%	30.4%	0.6%
Lean blue	4.3%	17.2%	47.1%	30.7%	0.7%
Blue	5.8%	19.7%	43.5%	30.0%	1.0%
Very blue	3.3%	24.2%	46.2%	25.8%	0.5%

Now, let's consider extending the limits on lobbying by senior Congressional staffers.

Q19. Please select how acceptable it would be to you to extend the period a senior Congressional staffer would have to wait before working as a lobbyist from the current one year to two years.

[RESPONSES WERE PRESENTED EQUIDISTANT FROM EACH OTHER ON THE SCREEN]										
Not at all acceptable	1	2	3	4	Just tolerable	6	7	8	9	Very acceptable
0					5					10

	Mean	Unacceptable (0-4)	Just Tolerable (5)	Acceptable (6-10)	Ref./ Don't Know
National	7.3	15.7%	14.3%	69.8%	0.1%
GOP	7.6	14.0%	12.6%	73.0%	0.3%
Dem.	7.2	15.5%	16.3%	68.2%	0.0%
Indep.	7.1	20.4%	13.4%	66.2%	0.0%

Cook's PVI (D-R)

Very red	7.3	18.2%	12.0%	69.6%	0.1%
Red	7.6	12.2%	15.0%	72.5%	0.3%
Lean red	7.6	14.0%	14.4%	71.5%	0.0%
Lean blue	7.5	15.1%	13.0%	71.6%	0.3%

Blue	7.2	16.6%	15.6%	67.8%	0.0%
Very blue	6.9	18.6%	17.1%	64.2%	0.1%

Q20. So, which would you recommend the most when it comes to former senior Congressional staffers on working as a lobbyist:

1. Not having any limits
2. Keeping the current requirement that they must wait one year before lobbying
3. Adopting the proposal to extend the waiting period before lobbying to two years

	Statement 1	Statement 2	Statement 3	Ref./ Don't Know
National	4.4%	17.8%	76.7%	1.2%
GOP	3.9%	15.3%	79.3%	1.5%
Dem.	4.4%	21.2%	73.7%	0.8%
Indep.	5.8%	14.7%	78.3%	1.2%

Cook's PVI (D-R)

Very red	5.6%	18.2%	75.0%	1.2%
Red	2.6%	18.5%	78.7%	0.2%
Lean red	2.8%	14.4%	82.2%	0.7%
Lean blue	4.1%	18.2%	75.2%	2.5%
Blue	6.0%	17.7%	74.1%	2.2%
Very blue	5.8%	21.4%	72.4%	0.5%

Now, let's consider limits on lobbying by senior Executive Branch officials.

Q21. Please select how acceptable it would be to you to extend the period a senior Executive Branch official would have to wait before lobbying the agency they worked for from 1-2 years to five years.

[RESPONSES WERE PRESENTED EQUIDISTANT FROM EACH OTHER ON THE SCREEN]										
Not at all acceptable	1	2	3	4	Just tolerable	6	7	8	9	Very acceptable
0					5					10

	Mean	Unacceptable (0-4)	Just Tolerable (5)	Acceptable (6-10)	Ref./Don't know
National	7.7	13.7%	11.2%	74.9%	0.2%
GOP	7.9	12.5%	8.7%	78.3%	0.4%
Dem.	7.5	12.8%	15.0%	72.3%	0.0%
Indep.	7.5	19.0%	7.4%	73.6%	0.0%

Cook's PVI (D-R)

Very red	7.6	16.5%	11.4%	72.1%	0.0%
Red	7.7	13.3%	8.0%	78.1%	0.5%
Lean red	8.0	10.9%	10.2%	78.8%	0.2%
Lean blue	7.8	12.9%	10.6%	76.4%	0.1%
Blue	7.5	12.9%	15.7%	71.3%	0.1%

Very blue	7.3	16.6%	11.9%	71.5%	0.1%
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Q23. So, which would you recommend the most when it comes to senior Executive Branch officials lobbying the agency they worked for:

1. Not having any limits
2. Keeping the current requirement that they must wait 1-2 years before lobbying depending on how senior their position was
3. Adopting the proposal to extend the waiting period before lobbying to five years for all senior Executive Branch officials

	Statement 1	Statement 2	Statement 3	Ref./ Don't Know
National	3.5%	20.9%	74.5%	1.1%
GOP	3.7%	17.8%	77.0%	1.5%
Dem.	3.4%	24.6%	71.0%	1.0%
Indep.	3.3%	18.9%	77.1%	0.7%
Cook's PVI (D-R)				
Very red	5.4%	20.3%	73.8%	0.4%
Red	1.1%	21.8%	75.6%	1.4%
Lean red	2.2%	19.5%	76.7%	1.6%
Lean blue	5.3%	18.0%	76.2%	0.5%
Blue	5.0%	23.1%	70.6%	1.3%
Very blue	2.3%	23.7%	72.5%	1.5%

[IF RESPONDENTS ANSWERED Q18=3, Q18=4, Q20=3 OR Q23=3, THEY WERE PRESENTED Q24]

Q24. Overall, how important do you think it is to extend the periods that government officials must wait before lobbying the government? (Note: results are percent of total)

	Very	Somewhat	Slightly	Not at all	Ref./Don't know
National	53.9%	21.4%	5.9%	0.9%	0.5%
GOP	56.1%	22.7%	4.7%	0.7%	0.5%
Dem.	51.5%	20.0%	7.4%	0.4%	0.5%
Indep.	54.8%	21.9%	5.1%	2.8%	0.1%
Cook's PVI (D-R)					
Very red	50.9%	22.9%	5.1%	1.4%	0.5%
Red	53.9%	25.1%	5.3%	1.3%	0.4%
Lean red	55.4%	23.9%	6.5%	0.3%	0.3%
Lean blue	56.6%	16.8%	5.9%	0.0%	0.9%
Blue	56.0%	17.9%	5.3%	0.6%	0.9%
Very blue	50.7%	19.7%	7.6%	2.0%	0.0%

[Lobbying for Foreign Governments]

Another debate is about former senior Executive Branch officials lobbying on behalf of a foreign government.

Here is the current situation:

- Americans can act as lobbyists for foreign governments, provided they register and report their activities to the US government.
- Former senior Executive Branch officials are prohibited from lobbying their former agency for 1-2 years after they leave office, whether for a foreign or domestic client, but face no restrictions after that time period.
- The Trump administration has required that to be part of the current administration Executive Branch officials must pledge never to lobby for a foreign government after they leave office, but no law prohibits them from doing so and this would not necessarily apply to future administrations.

There is a proposed bill in Congress that would prohibit former senior Executive Branch officials from any lobbying on behalf of a foreign government for the rest of their life.

[QUESTIONS 25 AND 26 WERE PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN]

Here is an argument **in favor of** this proposed ban.

Q25. Foreign governments should not be allowed to hire former senior Executive Branch officials who have unique knowledge, connections, and influence to advance the interests of the foreign power. Those foreign entities may have interests that are at odds with the interests of the US government and they should not have inside access.

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Total convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing	Total unconvincing	Ref./Don't know
National	63.3%	24.7%	88.0%	7.4%	4.4%	11.8%	0.2%
GOP	68.4%	22.1%	90.5%	5.4%	3.9%	9.3%	0.2%
Dem.	59.3%	27.9%	87.2%	8.3%	4.3%	12.6%	0.2%
Indep.	61.7%	22.5%	84.2%	9.6%	6.2%	15.8%	0.0%
Cook's PVI (D-R)							
Very red	60.8%	27.3%	88.1%	9.0%	2.7%	11.7%	0.1%
Red	67.3%	22.8%	90.1%	5.8%	4.1%	9.9%	0.0%
Lean red	69.5%	22.9%	92.4%	3.4%	3.8%	7.2%	0.4%
Lean blue	63.9%	25.3%	89.2%	6.4%	4.0%	10.4%	0.3%
Blue	62.3%	23.5%	85.8%	8.8%	5.3%	14.1%	0.1%
Very blue	54.5%	27.7%	82.2%	10.8%	7.0%	17.8%	0.0%

Here is an argument **against** this proposed ban.

Q26. Singling out and permanently prohibiting former senior Executive Branch officials from lobbying for foreign governments is discriminatory and violates the principles of free speech. It won't protect against a foreign government's bad intentions because it can always hire another lobbyist. And it is also not necessary:

our government is not going to do something that is contrary to our interests because a former Executive Branch official makes a case.

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Total convincing	Somewhat unconvincing	Very unconvincing	Total unconvincing	Ref./Don't know
National	7.5%	23.6%	31.1%	28.1%	40.5%	68.6%	0.3%
GOP	5.1%	20.2%	25.3%	26.9%	47.7%	74.6%	0.2%
Dem.	9.6%	27.1%	36.7%	30.0%	32.9%	62.9%	0.4%
Indep.	7.8%	22.8%	30.6%	26.2%	43.2%	69.4%	0.0%
Cook's PVI (D-R)							
Very red	7.6%	25.1%	32.7%	29.7%	37.6%	67.3%	0.0%
Red	5.1%	23.7%	28.8%	24.0%	47.1%	71.1%	0.1%
Lean red	5.9%	21.5%	27.4%	26.7%	45.0%	71.7%	1.0%
Lean blue	6.3%	23.1%	29.4%	31.9%	38.6%	70.5%	0.2%
Blue	11.3%	25.0%	36.3%	26.7%	36.9%	63.6%	0.1%
Very blue	9.9%	24.4%	34.3%	30.4%	35.2%	65.6%	0.0%

Q27. How acceptable would it be to you if former senior Executive Branch officials were prohibited from any lobbying on behalf of a foreign government, for the rest of their life.

[RESPONSES WERE PRESENTED EQUIDISTANT FROM EACH OTHER ON THE SCREEN]										
Not at all acceptable	1	2	3	4	Just tolerable	6	7	8	9	Very acceptable
0					5					10

	Mean	Unacceptable (0-4)	Just Tolerable (5)	Acceptable (6-10)	Ref./Don't know
National	7.4	17.1%	12.0%	70.8%	0.1%
GOP	7.9	12.7%	8.8%	78.5%	0.0%
Dem.	7.0	21.0%	14.6%	64.3%	0.0%
Indep.	7.3	17.5%	13.2%	68.8%	0.4%

Cook's PVI (D-R)					
	Mean	Unacceptable (0-4)	Just Tolerable (5)	Acceptable (6-10)	Ref./Don't know
Very red	7.4	18.1%	12.4%	69.4%	0.1%
Red	7.8	16.2%	7.4%	76.4%	0.0%
Lean red	7.9	12.0%	10.5%	77.3%	0.2%
Lean blue	7.5	18.1%	7.8%	73.9%	0.2%
Blue	7.2	14.9%	17.5%	67.6%	0.0%
Very blue	6.5	25.0%	17.1%	57.8%	0.0%

Q28. So, would you recommend your Member of Congress vote in favor of or against a proposal to prohibit former senior Executive Branch officials from lobbying on behalf of a foreign government, for the rest of their life?

	Favor	Oppose	Ref./Don't know
National	74.9%	24.1%	1.0%
GOP	81.2%	17.9%	0.9%
Dem.	69.7%	29.3%	1.0%
Indep.	73.4%	25.4%	1.2%
Cook's PVI (D-R)			
Very red	72.5%	26.2%	1.4%
Red	79.8%	19.2%	1.0%
Lean red	79.1%	20.2%	0.7%
Lean blue	76.8%	22.7%	0.5%
Blue	72.6%	26.9%	0.5%
Very blue	67.4%	30.6%	1.9%

[IF RESPONDENTS ANSWERED "In favor of" ON Q28, THEY WERE PRESENTED Q29]

Q29. How important do you think it is for former Executive Branch officials to be prohibited from lobbying on behalf of foreign government for the rest of their life? **(Note: results are percent of total)**

	Very	Somewhat	Slightly	Not at all	Ref./Don't know
National	46.0%	21.3%	5.2%	0.4%	2.1%
GOP	52.9%	20.6%	5.1%	0.1%	2.4%
Dem.	39.3%	22.7%	5.2%	0.8%	1.8%
Indep.	46.7%	19.6%	5.2%	0.0%	2.0%
Cook's PVI (D-R)					
Very red	44.5%	18.4%	5.9%	0.4%	3.3%
Red	51.2%	21.0%	5.9%	0.0%	1.8%
Lean red	49.4%	24.0%	2.8%	0.0%	2.9%
Lean blue	45.9%	24.2%	4.9%	0.2%	1.6%
Blue	42.6%	20.6%	6.5%	1.1%	1.7%
Very blue	39.9%	20.2%	5.5%	0.8%	0.9%

Q30-Q50. Are being held for future release.