Term Limits Questionnaire

T1. How familiar would you say you are with the concept of 'term limits': the length of time politicians – such as mayors, members of parliament and others - can remain in elected office.

Are quite familiar with it
Know a little bit about it
Have only heard the phrase
Have never heard the phrase before now

T2. In many countries, certain elected jobs have term limits. (Again, that's the length of time an elected politician can serve without having to retire or resign.) To the best of your knowledge, are the following elected positions in Canada subject to term limits, or not?

[Rows]

Provincial Premiers
Prime Ministers
Members of Parliament
Members of your provincial legislative assembly
Mayors or councilors in your community

Have term limits
Do not have term limits
Not sure/can't say

T3. In fact, Canada has no term limits for elected politicians. Prime ministers, members of parliament (MPs), provincial members of the legislature, mayors and local councilors can serve indefinitely, as long as they are re-elected.

Some people say term limits for elected politicians are not necessary. They argue that having no term limits allows elected politicians to spend more time learning about their job, which creates better long-term connections between with them and their constituents.

Other people say term limits are necessary. They argue term limits prevent politicians from building up too much power and financial support that new challengers do not have. They say that turnover is good for democracy because new voices can bring new ideas.

Now, when you yourself think about the politicians you vote for, do you think term limits are necessary or unnecessary?

[Randomize]

Term limits for elected politicians are necessary
Term limits for elected politicians are unnecessary
Not Sure

T4. Regardless of your own views on the matter, suppose term limits were going to be imposed on elected politicians. If this was the case, what do you think would be the maximum number of years for each of the following elected positions?

[ROWS]

Provincial Premiers
Prime Ministers
Members of the federal parliament
Members of the provincial legislative assembly
Mayors

[COLUMNS]

Four years – one term
Eight years – two terms
Twelve years – three terms
Sixteen years or more – more than four terms
No limit
Not sure

T5. And, still supposing that Canada adopted term limits for elected politicians. What if a they had reached their term limit, but then took a few years to do something else. Should that person should be allowed to run for that same elected position again in the future, or should the first term limit prevent them from doing so?

Should be allowed to run again in the future
Should not be allowed to run again in the future
Not sure

E1. And sticking with politics, if a federal election were held tomorrow, which party's candidate would you yourself be most likely to support?

[Single choice. Randomize first 3 choices/first 4 in QC. Then keep that order per respondent.]
Conservative Party
Liberal Party
New Democratic Party (NDP)
Bloc Quebecois (BQ) [QC Only]
Green Party
Other Party/Independent
Undecided /Don't know
Rather not say
Will not vote

[ASK THOSE CHOOSING "UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW" OR "RATHER NOT SAY" AT QE17]
E2. We've noticed you didn't select a party. Is there one you're currently leaning towards?

[Single choice. Randomize first 3 choices/first 4 in QC. Same order as previous.]

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Liberal Party
New Democratic Party (NDP)
Bloc Quebecois (BQ) [QC Only]
Green Party
Other Party/Independent
Undecided /Don't know
Rather not say
Will not vote

QE3. Finally, how likely is it that you yourself would consider voting for each of these parties in a future federal election? Would you:

[Rows -- same order as above]
The Conservative Party of Canada led by Andrew Scheer
The Liberal Party led by Justin Trudeau
The New Democratic Party (NDP) led by Jagmeet Singh
[QC Only] The Bloc Quebecois and Yves-François Blanchet

[Response options]
Definitely support them
Certainly consider them
Maybe consider them
Definitely NOT even consider them