

Key Findings from a Survey of 500 Registered Voters August 21-23, 2018

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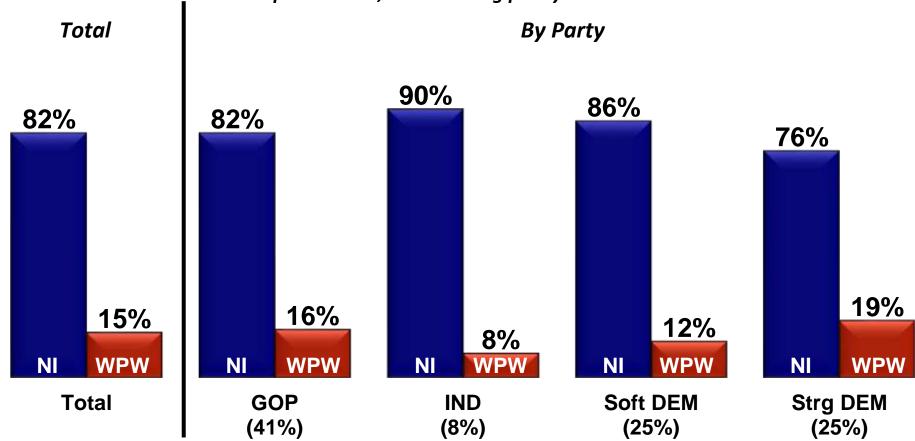




The Criminal Justice System

An overwhelming majority of Kentuckians believe the country's criminal justice system "needs significant improvements."

Generally speaking, do you think the country's criminal justice system needs significant improvements, or is working pretty well as it is?

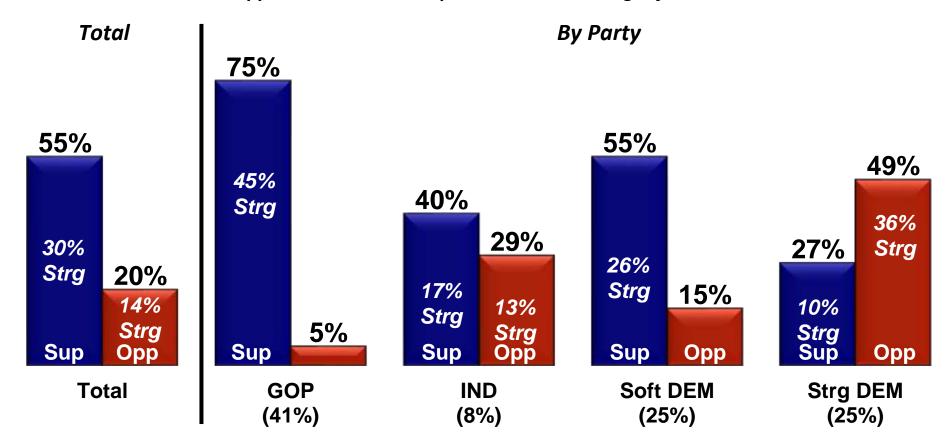


Components of Reform

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%Agree- Disagree	Total	GOP (41%)	IND (8%)	Soft DEM (25%)	Strg DEM (25%)	Lex. (29%)	Louis- ville (30%)	Cincy (11%)	Small East DMAs (9%)	Small West DMAs (21%)	Trump App (53%)
Gun owners who commit the same non-violent offense as non-gun owners should not be subjected to higher penalties simply because they own a gun.	76% -	87% -	71% -	77%-	59%-	76% -	77% -	93%-	78%-	66%-	83%-
	18%	11%	19%	20%	27%	20%	18%	5%	20%	21%	15%
A person convicted of non-violent drug offenses should not be sentenced to life in prison.	82% -	82% -	69%-	85%-	83% -	83% -	84% -	85%-	67% -	82%-	79%-
	17%	16%	27%	14%	17%	15%	15%	13%	31%	18%	19%
Congress needs to update the laws they passed in the 1990's that force judges to impose mandatory minimum sentences, even when the punishment doesn't fit the crime.	68%-	67%-	70%-	72%-	66%-	64%-	72%-	83%-	64%-	64%-	65% -
	26%	27%	28%	25%	28%	30%	23%	13%	34%	30%	29%
Congress should give judges the option to depart from harsh mandatory minimum sentences in certain circumstances.	74% -	73%-	79% -	76%-	72%-	74% -	74%-	76%-	61% -	77%-	70%-
	20%	20%	15%	23%	21%	19%	20%	19%	29%	18%	23%
Updated sentencing laws should apply to all people – even those who have been sentenced in the past – not just those who will be sentenced in the future.	71%-	65%-	82% -	72%-	74%-	75%-	71%-	79%-	67%-	63% -	69% -
	22%	28%	10%	19%	20%	21%	23%	15%	23%	25%	25%

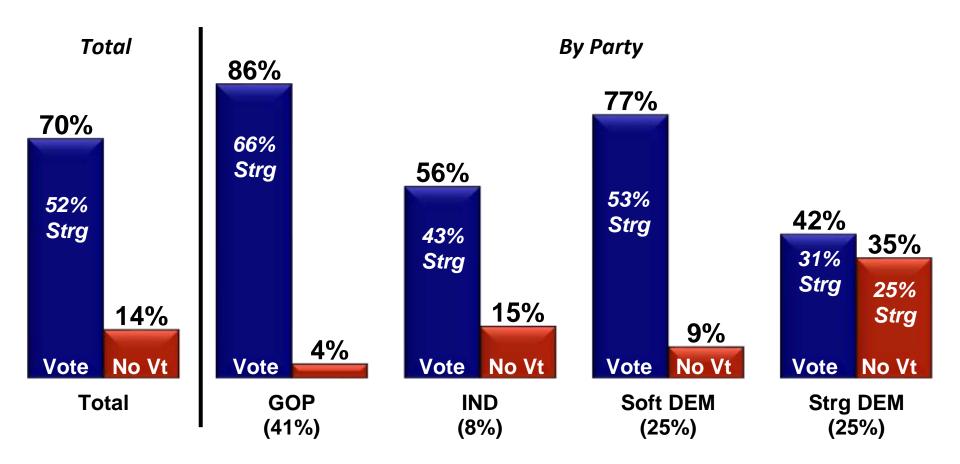
And, when voters are told these components are part of a bill the President supports, voters in turn support the legislation by 35 points.

Now, as you may know, these are all components of a prison and sentencing reform bill making it's way through Congress that President Trump recently came out in favor of. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose the President's prison and sentencing reform bill?



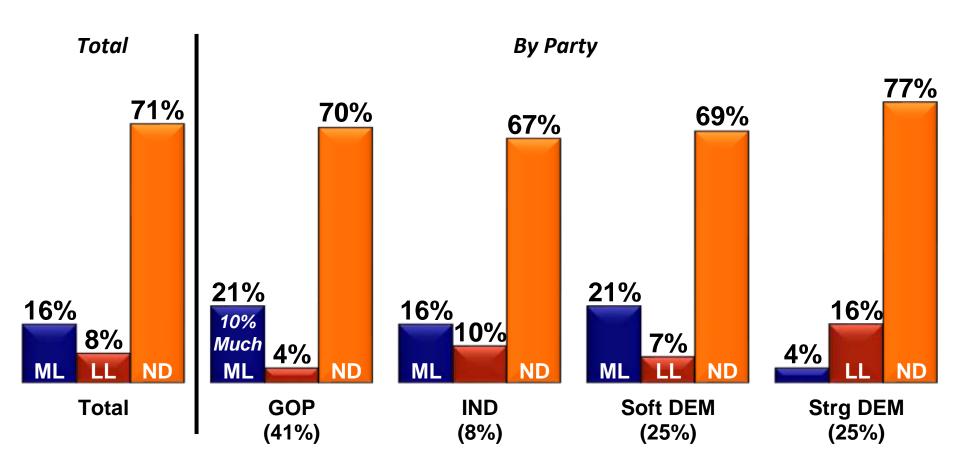
Fully 70% of Kentuckians want Leader McConnell to bring the bill to the floor.

And, do you believe that U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell should bring President Trump's prison and sentencing reform bill to a vote on the U.S. Senate floor?



And, McConnell will face no push-back with voters for doing so.

And, if you learned that Mitch McConnell brought President Trump's prison and sentencing reform bill to a vote on the U.S. Senate floor, would you be more likely or less likely to vote for Mitch McConnell, or would it make no difference in your vote?



Attitudinal Statements

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%Agree- Disagree	Total	GOP (41%)	IND (8%)	Soft DEM (25%)	Strg DEM (25%)	Lex. (29%)	Louis- ville (30%)	Cincy (11%)	Small East DMAs (9%)	Small West DMAs (21%)	Trump App (53%)
The main goal of our criminal justice system should be rehabilitating inmates to become productive, law-abiding citizens who can find jobs and support their families.	89%-	87%-	81%-	91%-	91%-	88%-	88%-	90%-	87%-	90%-	86% -
	10%	12%	12%	6%	8%	11%	10%	8%	13%	7%	13%
Employers should voluntarily provide opportunities to people who have made mistakes, but have turned their lives around and want to work and support their families.	93%-	91%-	85%-	94%-	97%-	95%-	94%-	87%-	94%-	91%-	93% -
	3%	5%	8%	2%	1%	2%	2%	5%	6%	5%	5%
Pregnant women serving time in jails or prisons should not be shackled, or handcuffed, while they are in labor and actually in the process of delivering their babies.	82%-	82%-	81%-	82%-	81%-	79%-	85%-	93%-	78%-	74%-	80% -
	14%	13%	12%	16%	14%	16%	10%	3%	22%	18%	17%
The federal government should not stand in the way of opportunities for people who have made mistakes to find jobs and support their families.	89%-	86%-	86%-	92%-	93%-	90%-	90%-	86%-	89%-	91%-	85%-
	7%	10%	7%	3%	4%	7%	6%	6%	7%	6%	10%
People with records who have remained crime-free for years should be allowed to have their records sealed to help them find jobs.	73%-	69%-	78%-	75%-	77%-	74%-	77%-	69%-	79%-	67%-	71%-
	21%	27%	17%	21%	14%	20%	18%	20%	21%	29%	27%
In order to make prisons safer for prison guards and staff, we should increase incentives for good behavior for individuals serving time.	81%-	81%-	82%-	81%-	80%-	83%-	78%-	88%-	66%-	86%-	77%-
	14%	15%	13%	15%	11%	12%	17%	7%	21%	11%	18%
Low-risk inmates who are elderly or terminally ill should be allowed to serve out their time in their families' care instead of being forced die in prison.	65%- 26%	63%- 31%	58%- 33%	64%- 26%	73%- 16%	64%- 25%	65%- 26%	66%- 26%	64%- 27%	67%- 27%	67%- 27%

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