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A new Public Policy Polling survey of registered voters in Kentucky finds an unnamed Democratic challenger within the margin of error against Senator Mitch McConnell. McConnell gets 45% of the vote compared to 42% of voters who say they’d vote for his Democratic opponent. Just 32% say they think he deserves to be reelected, while 61% think it’s time for someone new.

Key findings from the survey include:

- **There are signs Mitch McConnell is losing Trump voters.** Among people who voted for Trump in 2016, 36% disapprove of McConnell’s job performance and 40% say they think it’s time for someone new to hold his Senate seat.

- **Many who voted for McConnell in 2014 have soured on him.** Among people who voted for McConnell in 2014, 30% disapprove of his job performance and 32% say they think it’s time for someone new to hold his Senate seat.

- **McConnell’s standing in Kentucky among Republicans pales in comparison to Trump’s.** Only 47% of Republicans approve of the job McConnell is doing, compared to 87% of Republicans who approve of Trump’s job performance. 39% of Republicans disapprove of the job McConnell is doing while only 12% disapprove of Trump’s job performance. Only 47% of Republicans think McConnell deserves to be reelected, and 44% of Republicans think it's time to elect someone new.

Public Policy Polling surveyed a sample of 748 registered voters in Kentucky via telephone on behalf of The Ditch Mitch Fund. The survey’s margin of error is +/-3.6%.
Kentucky Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Donald Trump’s job performance?
   Approve .................................................... 59%
   Disapprove ................................................ 37%
   Not sure ....................................................  4%

Q2 Regardless of how you might feel about him personally, do you approve or disapprove of Senator Mitch McConnell’s job performance?
   Approve .................................................... 33%
   Disapprove ................................................ 56%
   Not sure .................................................... 11%

Q3 If the election for US Senate were held today, would you vote for Republican Mitch McConnell, or his Democratic opponent?
   Mitch McConnell ....................................... 45%
   Democratic opponent ................................. 42%
   Not sure .................................................... 12%

Q4 Generally speaking, do you think Senator Mitch McConnell deserves to be re-elected, or do you think it’s time for someone new?
   Think Mitch McConnell deserves to be re-elected .......................... 32%
   Think it is time for someone new .............................. 61%
   Not sure ....................................................  8%

Q5 In the election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Hillary Clinton, someone else, or did you not vote in the election?
   Donald Trump ........................................... 61%
   Hillary Clinton ......................................... 31%
   Someone else / Did not vote .............................  8%

Q6 In the 2014 election for US Senate, did you vote for Republican Mitch McConnell, Democrat Alison Lundergan Grimes, someone else, or did you not vote in the election?
   Mitch McConnell ......................................... 50%
   Alison Lundergan Grimes .............................. 37%
   Someone else / Did not vote ........................... 13%

Q7 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.
   Woman ..................................................... 53%
   Man .......................................................... 47%

Q8 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.
   Democrat .................................................. 46%
   Republican ............................................... 44%
   Independent .............................................. 11%

Q9 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.
   White ....................................................... 88%
   Other ........................................................ 12%

Q10 If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If you are older than 65, press 3.
   18 to 45 .................................................... 30%
   46 to 65 .................................................... 44%
   Older than 65 .............................................. 26%