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Republicans Ready to Get Rid of Boehner and Crew

Raleigh, N.C. – John Boehner and Mitch McConnell should not rest easy if their party trounces Democrats at the polls this fall, for their base is restless and ready to give some new blood a chance to lead potential new Congressional majorities next January.

57% of national voters who usually vote in Republican primaries want to replace the party's current leadership in Congress, with only 21% preferring to keep Boehner, McConnell, and company.

Republicans are split over whether Boehner should be elevated to the Speakership, with a third favoring him, a third preferring someone else, and a third unsure. A third also would like someone other than McConnell to become Majority Leader in the less likely event the GOP takes charge of the Senate, but only 27% want McConnell himself.

Contrary to what one might expect, the 69% of self-labeled conservatives are actually considerably more likely to want to retain the status quo than the small minorities who call themselves liberal or moderate.

“When parties lose elections, it usually leads to a lot of fingerpointing and handwringing and often a leadership upheaval, and the Democrats may be in for that sort of thing after November,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “But considering these numbers and the ongoing purging of establishment Republicans by GOP primary voters, Republicans are also in a mood for some housecleaning even if they come out on top in a month and a half.”

PPP surveyed 419 national Republican primary voters from September 10th to 13th. The survey's margin of error is +/-4.8%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached, and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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National Survey Results

Q1 If Republicans get control of Congress do you think they should keep their current leadership or replace it?

Keep their current leadership..... 21%
Replace it..... 57%
Not sure 21%

Q2 Do you want John Boehner to become Speaker of the House if the Republicans get control of Congress or would you prefer someone else?

Boehner 33%
Someone else..... 34%
Not sure 33%

Q3 Do you want Mitch McConnell to become Senate Majority Leader if the Republicans get control of Congress or would you prefer someone else?

McConnell..... 27%
Someone else..... 33%
Not sure 40%

Q4 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal..... 5%
Moderate..... 26%
Conservative..... 69%

Q5 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 48%
Man..... 52%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
GOP Keep Leadership				
Keep their current leadership	21%	16%	13%	25%
Replace it	57%	68%	61%	55%
Not sure	21%	16%	27%	20%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Boehner as Speaker				
Boehner	33%	26%	25%	37%
Someone else	34%	53%	39%	31%
Not sure	33%	21%	37%	32%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
McConnell as Leader				
McConnell	27%	16%	18%	31%
Someone else	33%	58%	35%	31%
Not sure	40%	26%	47%	38%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
GOP Keep Leadership			
Keep their current leadership	21%	17%	25%
Replace it	57%	53%	61%
Not sure	21%	30%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Boehner as Speaker			
Boehner	33%	27%	40%
Someone else	34%	31%	36%
Not sure	33%	42%	24%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
McConnell as Leader			
McConnell	27%	21%	32%
Someone else	33%	27%	39%
Not sure	40%	52%	29%

