

Gallup Poll Shows—

MAJORITY STILL OPPOSES THIRD TERM PRINCIPLE

Many Approving Roosevelt As President Remain Cool To Re-election.

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PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 12.—Although Franklin D. Roosevelt's popularity as President continues about as great today as in the election year of 1936, evidence that the idea of a Roosevelt third term has not been accepted by a majority of voters is indicated in a national American Institute of Public Opinion survey.

For many months the Institute, by means of repeated cross-section studies, has kept two separate and distinct indices of public sentiment regarding the President. One is the month-by-month popularity of Mr. Roosevelt in his role as Chief Executive.

The other is an index of the number of voters who are for or against the principle of a Roosevelt third term.

Between the two indices there is generally a difference in result of from 15 to 20 percentage points, for the reason that not all of the voters who approve of the President at this stage of his third term say they would be willing to vote for him for a third term.

In the most recent third term survey, completed this week, 46 per cent said they would vote for Mr. Roosevelt if he ran again. This is substantially smaller than the number who approve of him as President today, as the following comparison shows:

"In general, do you approve or disapprove today of Roosevelt as President?" (December)

Approve 63.5%
Disapprove 36.5

"If President Roosevelt runs for a third term will you vote for him?"

Today

Yes 46%
No 54

The trend of sentiment in the last few months, however, has been in a direction decidedly favorable to a third term. Since the beginning of the European war crisis last summer there has been a sharp increase in the number of voters in Institute surveys who say they would vote for Roosevelt for another term.

Would Vote
For 3d Term
May 33%
Aug. 40
Oct. 43
Today 46

Would Vote
Against
Aug. 67%
Oct. 60
Today 54

An overwhelming proportion of Democratic voters interviewed in the poll said they would vote for a Roosevelt third term.

Republicans, however, are even more intense in opposing a Roosevelt third term than Democrats are in favoring it. Thus, while the Democrats are about 8 to 2 for a third term, Republicans are more than 9 to 1 against it. The combination of Republicans plus the minority of anti-third term Democrats is enough to tip the balance of national sentiment against the third term at this time.

Would Vote
For 3d Term
Democrats 79%
Republicans 7%
Today 93

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TOPEKA, Kas., Jan. 12 (U. P.)—Oscar Stauffer, publisher of newspapers in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Nebraska and New Mexico, announced today the purchase of the Topeka State Journal.

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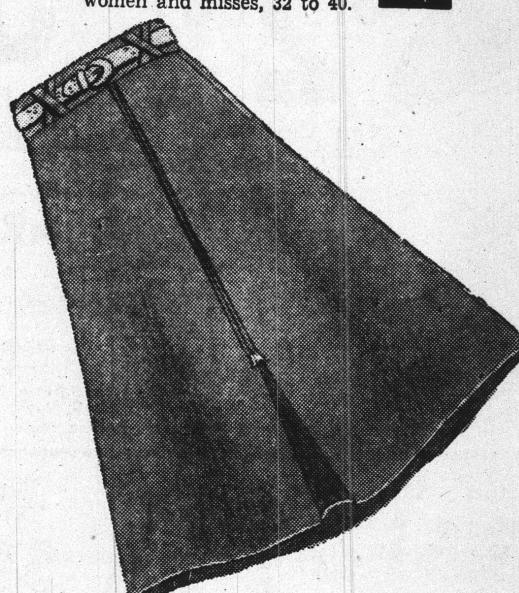
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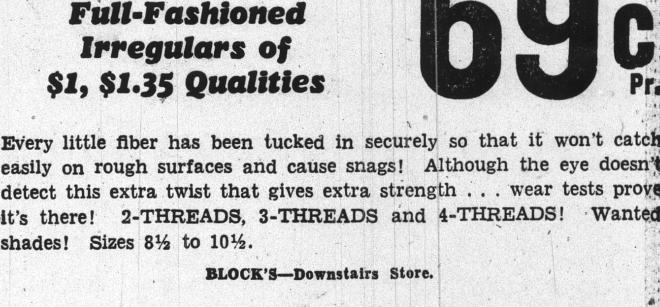


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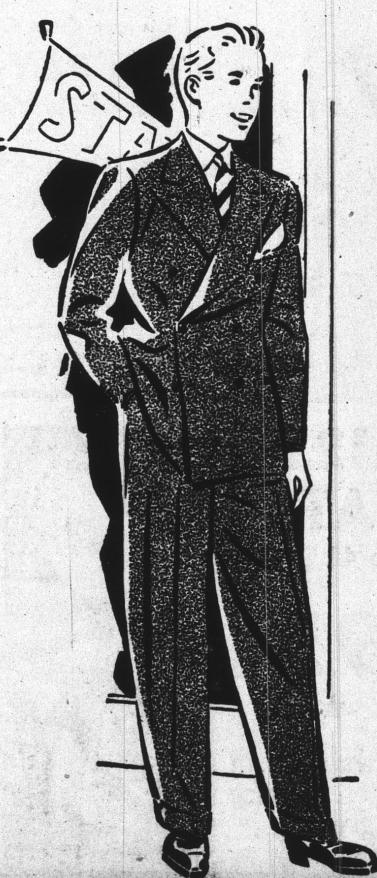
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