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The American People!

When the concept of a Citizen Cabinet is explained to Americans, they don’t just like the idea, they love it. Overwhelming majorities among Democrats, Republicans and independents, from all across the political spectrum, strongly support creating a Citizen Cabinet and feel it will help. Even after hearing the best arguments against the idea, public support remains virtually unchanged.

Support for a Citizen Cabinet

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- Famed Pollster
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The Citizen Cabinet will help address what has been a breathtaking decline in public trust in government:

Q: Would you say the government is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves or that it is run for the benefit of all the people?

Declining Trust in Government
How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right?

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The People do not feel the current system is adequate and want the people to have a greater voice. They also believe this would help break the political gridlock in Congress:

Inadequacy of the Current System
Do you believe that currently there is or is not an adequate system in place for the voice of the American people to be heard in Congress?

- There is an adequate system: 23
- There is not an adequate system: 72

Breaking Through Gridlock
When Congress gets stuck in gridlock do you think:

A. If Congress would listen to the views of the people this would help break the logjam, because the people are less polarized than Congress.

B. Turning to the views of the people would not help, because the gridlock in Congress is just a reflection of the polarization among the people.

- A: 88
- B: 25