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City is split over keeping Rudy on job

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Like the three mayoral candidates, *Daily News* readers are torn whether to extend Mayor Giuliani's time in office.

Our online poll showed that a majority of respondents thought the mayoral candidates should agree to prolong Giuliani's time in office — but the results were hardly unanimous.

With 6,211 votes cast at the News' Web site (www.nydailynews.com), 3,256, or 52.4%, had voted yes and 2,955, or 47.6%, had voted no.

"This recent tragedy just went to prove his ability to conduct himself and his office with dignity and honor," wrote Aaron Paige. "It would be a shame to replace him now, regardless of the term limits."

But others accused the mayor of capitalizing on the World Trade Center attack to stay in office. Gerry Regan said past mayors could have risen to the occasion just as Rudy has.

"[David] Dinkins, [Mark] Green, [Fernando] Ferrer or any number of others can perform the same feats," Regan wrote. "The mayor is an egotist and bully, who is utterly convinced he knows best and can't brook opposition."

Another harsh critic of Giuliani even said the deaths caused when hijackers crashed planes into the twin towers should be included in the city's crime statistics.

"Seven-thousand deaths in an hour has made this mayor's "fight on crime" the worst in history," wrote a voter identified only as "All-time low."

Some voters said Rudy should step down, but not away.

"Rudy should let whoever is elected take over the mayoral duties," wrote Suzanne Noble. "But Rudy should be named the Recovery Czar or some such title and put in charge of the cleanup and rebuilding of the WTC site."

E-POLL RESULTS
Should the mayoral candidates agree to let Mayor Giuliani stay in office beyond his term?

YES:	**52.4%**
NO:	47.6%

Total votes: 6,211

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