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A new national Public Policy Polling survey finds that an overwhelming majority of Americans think that the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) should make public its oversight report on the CIA's post-9/11 detention and interrogation program, and that it's important to establish whether the CIA's use of torture was necessary and effective.

Key findings from the survey include:

-69% of voters think the Senate Intelligence Committee should release its report on the interrogation and detention of terrorism suspects after 9/11, compared to only 22% who don't think the report should be made public. This is a rare issue in these polarized times where voters are pretty much in agreement across party lines: 71% of independents, 69% of Democrats, and 67% of Republicans think the report should be made public.

-There's a strong sense among voters that it's important to know whether the CIA's use of torture was more harsh and less effective than has previously been reported. 52% of respondents said they think it's important for the Intelligence Committee's report to be released in order to help find answers to these questions, compared to only 39% who consider it to be unimportant.

-Voters strongly feel that the CIA's hacking into Senate computers during its investigation represents a violation of the system of checks and balances between the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch. 60% think this incident merits further investigation to only 32% who say they think it's time to move on. The need for more information about the hacking is another thing that produces majority agreement across party lines- 62% of both Republicans and independents and 56% of Democrats feel it's necessary.

-54% of voters think John Brennan, the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, should resign after misleading the public that, in fact, the CIA did hack into Senate computers, compared to only 25% who think he should stay on in light of that revelation.

PPP interviewed 898 registered voters from September 26th to 28th. The margin of error for the poll is +/-3.3%. This survey was conducted on behalf of The Constitution Project, a bipartisan legal watchdog group based in Washington, D.C.