**In any profession those in power should step down after 5 years.**

There is a widely held debate on whether to impose a term limit for leaders and authorities in any field of endeavor. I think that there are both benefits and drawbacks to this idea, and to decide which outweighs the other, differs from field to field. In other words, while there are firms such as education and science, in which experience talks and the more years one spends in power, the better they can perform, in other fields like politics long-term mandate may engender dire consequences.

The proponents of term limit for politicians and governments argue that, the longer one specific party holds the power, the more quasi-dictatorial would be the system. Owing to the perpetual concentration of power in such system, people would not be able to voice their needs and opinions through a new politician, leading to diminished importance of democracy in such society. This would also discourage people from participating in elections, for they know they cannot make any differences and things are out of their control. Added to this, after a while, due to their repetitive and stale ideas, these politicians would not be able to address the issues, thereby hindering the progress of the society. Additionally, to set a limit of five years on politicians and the government would minimize corruptive behaviors, and abuse of power can be significantly curtailed; since authorities change on a regular basis, lobbyists and those who tend to take advantage of power will not have the opportunity to do so.

Regarding business, implementing term limits can be counterproductive. For one thing, it may be a dubious regulation to replace the leaders, who are already doing well and making the business flourish, with a novice leader who may take the business down and stake its success. Simply put, finding leaders who meet the requisite standards of the position would be a serious problem, for not every leader would meet the demands of the company, and it may be time-consuming for a burgeoning business to stop the work, just only to change a manger due to term limit policy. Furthermore, owing to the fact that the best setting for managers and leaders to foster their skills is workplace, it takes long time for novice leaders to adapt to the new company, and learn how to control the business. Neither the new leaders, nor the staff would be able to adapt to each other in short-time, and this would lead to regression rather than progress.

Same goes in the respect of education, in which experience is the contributing factor in a group’s success, meaning that teachers and professors who have worked for many years, would have faced different obstacles in their field of study and have better insights into the problems, so that they can perform much better. Moreover, similarly to successful business leaders , having the erudite professors retired or replaced after five years, would be a loss of insights and talents, especially for those who are in the acme of their career and have the potential to be better and make contributions to science.

In sum, I totally agree with enforcing a five year term limit for the government and politicians to eschew corruption and dictatorship. In the case of business and education, however, having successful ones stay in power for long would be constructive, and help the system grow.