

Interviews with 1,012 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on January 21-23, 2011. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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10. In general, do you favor or oppose a legislative agenda that would reduce the size of the government?

	Jan. 21-23 2011
Favor	71%
Oppose	25%
No opinion	4%

## **CNN/TIME TRENDS**

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	No opinion
1994 Nov. 9-10	72	17	11

13. In your view, do current Republican proposals to cut spending go too far, or not?

	Jan. 21-23 2011
Too far	40%
Not too far	56%
No opinion	4%

## CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

		Not	
	Too far	too far	No opinion
1995 Nov 6-8	57	36	7
1995 July 7-9	43	48	9
1995 Mar 27-29	42	52	6
1995 Feb 24-26	39	51	10
1994 Dec 28-30	19	68	13

16. As you know, Congress may try to cut federal programs in order to reduce the budget deficit. For each of the following programs, please tell me whether you think it is more important to reduce the federal budget deficit, or more important to prevent that program from being significantly cut:

	Reduce deficit	Prevent significant cuts	No opinion
Medicare – the federal health			<u> </u>
program for the elderly January 21-23, 2011	18%	81%	*
November 11-14, 2010	19%	79%	2%
Medicaid – the federal health program for the poor			
January 21-23, 2011	29%	70%	1%
November 11-14, 2010	28%	69%	3%
Social Security			
January 21-23, 2011	21%	78%	1%
November 11-14, 2010	19%	78%	3%
Defense spending			
January 21-23, 2011	50%	49%	1%
November 11-14, 2010	48%	49%	2%
Welfare programs in general			
January 21-23, 2011	56%	44%	1%
November 11-14, 2010	55%	43%	2%
Assistance to unemployed workers			
January 21-23, 2011	38%	61%	1%
November 11-14, 2010	38%	61%	1%

## CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TREND

	Reduce deficit	Prevent significant cuts	No opinion
February 24-26, 1995			
Medicare – the federal health program for the elderly	19%	78%	3%
Medicaid – the federal health program for the poor	29%	66%	5%
Social Security	20%	77%	3%
Defense spending	52%	43%	5%
Welfare programs in general	65%	30%	5%

16. As you know, Congress may try to cut federal programs in order to reduce the budget deficit. For each of the following programs, please tell me whether you think it is more important to reduce the federal budget deficit, or more important to prevent that program from being significantly cut:

	Reduce deficit	Prevent significant cuts	No opinion
Veterans benefits			
January 21-23, 2011	14%	85%	1%
Education programs			
January 21-23, 2011	25%	75%	1%
Pensions and benefits for retired government workers	<i>C</i> 10/	2007	10/
January 21-23, 2011	61%	39%	1%
Programs to build and maintain roads, bridges and mass transit			
January 21-23, 2011	39%	61%	1%
Aid to foreign countries			
January 21-23, 2011	81%	18%	1%

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In general, do you favor or oppose a legislative agenda that would reduce the size of the government?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White N	on-White			
Favor	71%	72%	70%	78%	52%			
Oppose	25%	25%	26%	18%	43%			
No opinion	4%	3%	5%	3%	5%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5 +	-/-4.5 +/	-3.5 +	/-7.5			
	Total	18- 34	35- 49	50- 64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	l
Favor	71%	N/A	75%	78%	72%	67%	76%	
Oppose	25%	N/A	21%	18%	25%	29%	21%	
No opinion	4%	N/A	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende	ed		
	Total	\$50K	or more	College	College			
Favor	71%	68%	73%	69%	739			
Oppose	25%	27%	24%	25%	269			
No opinion	4%	5%	3%	. 6%	25	-		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.	5		
		Demo-	Indep-	-				
	Total	crat 	endent					
Favor	71%	57%	73%	84%		75%	81	8
Oppose	25%	37%	24%	15%	48%	22%	17	용
No opinion	4%	7%	3%	1%				18
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.	5
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Favor	71%	65%	69%	74%	74%	64%	75%	71%
Oppose	25%	30%	25%	23%	24%	32%	22%	24%
No opinion	4%	5%	6%	3%	2%	4%	3%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0
	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose				
Favor	71%	88%	70%	55%				
Oppose	1 1 2	006	100					
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==	25% 4%	11%	26% 5%	40% 5%				
No opinion Sampling Error	25% 4% +/-3.0	11% * +/-5.5	26% 5% +/-5.0	40% 5% +/-6.0				

<sup>\*</sup> percentage less than 1%

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In your view, do current Republican proposals to cut spending go too far, or not? Base = Total Sample

Too far Not too far No opinion Sampling Error	Total  40% 56% 4% +/-3.0	Men  41% 55% 4% +/-4.5	 38% 58% 4%	 33% 62% 5%	on-White  56% 41% 2%			
	Total	18- 34	35- 49	50- 64	65+ 	Under 50	50 and Older	
Too far Not too far No opinion Sampling Error	40% 56% 4% +/-3.0	N/A N/A N/A	39% 57% 3% +/-6.5	41% 53% 6% +/-5.0	41% 57% 2% +/-5.5	38% 58% 3% +/-5.5	41% 54% 5% +/-3.5	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	_	9		
Too far Not too far No opinion Sampling Error	40% 56% 4% +/-3.0	45% 51% 4% +/-5.0	36% 61% 3% +/-4.5	41% 55% 4% +/-5.5	388 588 48 +/-3.5	5 5		
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	lican	eral	Mod- erate	e vati	ve
Too far Not too far No opinion Sampling Error	40% 56% 4% +/-3.0	63% 33% 4% +/-6.0	37% 57% 6% +/-4.5	17% 82% 1% +/-6.0	58% 40% 2%	44% 50% 6% +/-5.0	27 71	ଚଚ ଚଚ ଚଚ
	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Too far Not too far No opinion Sampling Error	40% 56% 4% +/-3.0	42% 54% 4% +/-6.5	37% 59% 5% +/-6.5	42% 55% 3% +/-5.5	36% 60% 5% +/-6.5	52% 45% 3% +/-6.0	32% 64% 4% +/-4.5	38% 56% 6% +/-6.0
	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose				
Too far Not too far No opinion Sampling Error	40% 56% 4% +/-3.0	15% 83% 2% +/-5.5	40% 54% 5% +/-5.0	66% 30% 4% +/-6.0				

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As you know, Congress may try to cut federal programs in order to reduce the budget deficit. For each of the following programs, please tell me whether you think it is more important to reduce the federal budget deficit, or more important to prevent that program from being significantly cut:

A. Medicare -- the federal health program for the elderly Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men			on-White			
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	18% 81% *	21% 78% *	15% 84% 1% -/-4.5 +/	18% 81% *	17% 82% 1% /-7.5			
	Total	18- 34	35- 49	50- 64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	18% 81% * +/-3.0	N/A N/A N/A	19% 81% * +/-6.5	13% 86% 1% +/-5.0	16% 84% 1% +/-5.5	22% 78% * +/-5.5	14% 85% 1% +/-3.5	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attende College			
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	18% 81% * +/-3.0	15% 84% *	22% 78% * +/-4.5	16% 83% 1% +/-5.5	20% 80% * +/-3.5	5		
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	lican	eral	Mod- erate	e vati	ve
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	18% 81% * +/-3.0	15% 84% 1% +/-6.0	18% 82% * +/-4.5	23% 76% * +/-6.0	10% 90% *	15% 85% * +/-5.0	25	olo olo
	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	18% 81% * +/-3.0	13% 87% * +/-6.5	17% 83% * +/-6.5	19% 80% * +/-5.5	22% 77% 1% +/-6.5	16% 83% 1% +/-6.0	21% 79% * +/-4.5	17% 83% * +/-6.0
	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose				
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	18% 81% * +/-3.0	22% 78% * +/-5.5	18% 82% * +/-5.0	15% 84% * +/-6.0				
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As you know, Congress may try to cut federal programs in order to reduce the budget deficit. For each of the following programs, please tell me whether you think it is more important to reduce the federal budget deficit, or more important to prevent that program from being significantly cut:

B. Medicaid — the federal health program for the poor  ${\tt Base} = {\tt Total} \ {\tt Sample}$ 

	Total	Men			on-White			
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	29% 70% 1%	29% 70% 1%	28% 70% 1%	31% 68% 1%	21% 77% 2% /-7.5			
	Total	18- 34	35- 49	50- 64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	29% 70% 1% +/-3.0	N/A N/A N/A	32% 68% * +/-6.5	26% 72% 2% +/-5.0	28% 69% 3% +/-5.5	30% 70% * +/-5.5	27% 71% 2% +/-3.5	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attende College			
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	29% 70% 1% +/-3.0	22% 76% 1%	34% 65% 1% +/-4.5	26% 73% 1% +/-5.5	31 <sup>9</sup> 68 <sup>9</sup> 1 <sup>9</sup> +/-3.5	90 90		
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	lican	eral	erate	e vati	ve
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	29% 70% 1% +/-3.0	18% 81% 1% +/-6.0	30% 69% 1% +/-4.5	38% 60% 1% +/-6.0	13% 87% 1%	24% 75% 1%	40	% % %
	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	29% 70% 1% +/-3.0	25% 74% 1% +/-6.5	30% 70% 1% +/-6.5	26% 73% 1% +/-5.5	35% 63% 2% +/-6.5	26% 73% 1% +/-6.0	30% 69% 1% +/-4.5	29% 70% 1% +/-6.0
	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose				
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	29% 70% 1% +/-3.0	45% 54% 1% +/-5.5	24% 76% 1% +/-5.0	19% 80% 1% +/-6.0				

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As you know, Congress may try to cut federal programs in order to reduce the budget deficit. For each of the following programs, please tell me whether you think it is more important to reduce the federal budget deficit, or more important to prevent that program from being significantly cut:

C. Social Security
Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men			on-White			
Reduce deficit	21%	23%	19%	21%	21%			
Prevent significant cuts	78% 1%	76% 1%	81% 1%	79% 1%	78% 1%			
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	Total	18- 34	35- 49	50- 64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
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Prevent significant cuts	78%	N/A N/A	24% 76%	15% 84%	16% 84%	26% 73%	15% 84%	
No opinion	1%	N/A N/A	/ 0 o	1%	1%	1%	1%	
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	Total	\$50K	or more	College	College			
Reduce deficit	21%	16%	26%	19%	239			
Prevent significant cuts	78%	83%	74%	81%	779			
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	19			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	5		
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	21% 78%	20% 79%	 21% 78%	22% 78%	 17% 82% 1%	20% 80%	24 <sup>1</sup>	 8 8
Prevent significant cuts No opinion	 21% 78% 1%	20% 79% 1% +/-6.0	21% 78% 1% +/-4.5	 22% 78% *	 17% 82% 1%	20% 80% *	24 76 * +/-4.	 8 8
Prevent significant cuts No opinion	21% 78% 1% +/-3.0	20% 79% 1% +/-6.0	21% 78% 1% +/-4.5	22% 78% * +/-6.0	17% 82% 1% +/-7.0	20% 80% * +/-5.0	24 76 * +/-4.	 } }
Prevent significant cuts No opinion	 21% 78% 1%	20% 79% 1% +/-6.0	21% 78% 1% +/-4.5	 22% 78% *	 17% 82% 1%	20% 80% *	24 76 * +/-4.	 8 8
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Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error Reduce deficit	21% 78% 1% +/-3.0	20% 79% 1% +/-6.0	21% 78% 1% +/-4.5 Mid- west	22% 78% * +/-6.0	17% 82% 1% +/-7.0	20% 80% * +/-5.0	24 76 * +/-4. Sub- urban	Rural  17%
Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error  Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts	21% 78% 1% +/-3.0 Total	20% 79% 1% +/-6.0 North east  16%	21% 78% 1% +/-4.5 Mid- west  19%	22% 78% * +/-6.0 South  22%	17% 82% 1% +/-7.0 West  27%	20% 80% * +/-5.0 Urban  20%	24' 76' * +/-4. Sub- urban 23%	5 Rural
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Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error  Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion	21% 78% 1% +/-3.0 Total  21% 78% 1%	20% 79% 1% +/-6.0 North east  16% 84%	21% 78% 1% +/-4.5 Mid- west 19% 81% * +/-6.5	22% 78% * +/-6.0 South  22% 78% *	17% 82% 1% +/-7.0 West  27% 71% 3%	20% 80% * +/-5.0 Urban  20% 79% 1%	24' 76' * +/-4. Sub- urban 23% 76% *	Rural 17% 82% 1%
Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error  Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion	21% 78% 1% +/-3.0 Total 	20% 79% 1% +/-6.0 North east  16% 84% *	21% 78% 1% +/-4.5 Mid- west 19% 81% * +/-6.5	22% 78% * +/-6.0  South 22% 78% * +/-5.5	17% 82% 1% +/-7.0 West  27% 71% 3%	20% 80% * +/-5.0 Urban  20% 79% 1%	24' 76' * +/-4. Sub- urban 23% 76% *	Rural 17% 82% 1%
Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error  Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	21% 78% 1% +/-3.0 Total  21% 78% 1% +/-3.0	20% 79% 1% +/-6.0  North east 16% 84% * +/-6.5  Tea Pty Support	21% 78% 1% +/-4.5 Mid- west  19% 81% * +/-6.5 Tea Pty Neutral	22% 78% * +/-6.0  South 22% 78% * +/-5.5  Tea Pty Oppose	17% 82% 1% +/-7.0 West  27% 71% 3%	20% 80% * +/-5.0 Urban  20% 79% 1%	24' 76' * +/-4. Sub- urban 23% 76% *	Rural 17% 82% 1%
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Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error  Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error  Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts	21% 78% 1% +/-3.0 Total  21% 78% 1% +/-3.0 Total  21% 78%	20% 79% 1% +/-6.0  North east 16% 84% * +/-6.5  Tea Pty Support 30% 70%	21% 78% 1% +/-4.5  Mid- west 19% 81% * +/-6.5  Tea Pty Neutral 18% 82%	22% 78% * +/-6.0  South 22% 78% * +/-5.5  Tea Pty Oppose 14% 84%	17% 82% 1% +/-7.0 West  27% 71% 3%	20% 80% * +/-5.0 Urban  20% 79% 1%	24' 76' * +/-4. Sub- urban 23% 76% *	Rural 17% 82% 1%
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<sup>\*</sup> percentage less than 1%

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As you know, Congress may try to cut federal programs in order to reduce the budget deficit. For each of the following programs, please tell me whether you think it is more important to reduce the federal budget deficit, or more important to prevent that program from being significantly cut:

D. Defense spending Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men			on-White			
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	50% 49% 1%	53% 46% 1% +/-4.5 +	47% 52% 1%	47% 52% 1%	57% 42% 1% /-7.5			
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	Total	18- 34	35 <b>-</b> 49	50- 64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	50% 49% 1% +/-3.0	N/A N/A N/A	49% 50% *	49% 50% 1% +/-5.0	48% 51% 1% +/-5.5	51% 48% 1% +/-5.5	49% 50% 1% +/-3.5	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attende College			
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	50% 49% 1% +/-3.0	50% 49% 1%	51% 49% * +/-4.5	45% 55% 1% +/-5.5	549 459 19 +/-3.5	5		
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	lican	eral		e vati	ve
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	50% 49% 1% +/-3.0	52% 47% 1% +/-6.0	54% 45% 1% +/-4.5	38% 61% 1% +/-6.0	66% 32% 2%		38 61 *	oo oo
	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	50% 49% 1% +/-3.0	49% 50% *	51% 49% * +/-6.5	45% 55% 1% +/-5.5	57% 40% 2% +/-6.5	55% 43% 2% +/-6.0	51% 49% * +/-4.5	44% 55% 1% +/-6.0
	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose				
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	50% 49% 1% +/-3.0	34% 66% 1% +/-5.5	50% 49% * +/-5.0	69% 30% 1% +/-6.0				

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As you know, Congress may try to cut federal programs in order to reduce the budget deficit. For each of the following programs, please tell me whether you think it is more important to reduce the federal budget deficit, or more important to prevent that program from being significantly cut:

E. Welfare programs in general

Base	=	Total	Sample

	Total	Men			on-White			
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts	56% 44%	58% 41%	53% 46%	60% 40%	45% 53%			
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%			
Sampling Error			-/-4.5 +/-		/-7.5			
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		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49	64	65+	50	Older	
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Reduce deficit	56%	N/A	60%	53%	56%	57%	54%	
Prevent significant cuts	448	N/A	40%	46%	42%	42%	45%	
No opinion	1%	N/A	*	1%	2%	1%	1%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende	-d		
	Total	\$50K	or more	College	College			
Reduce deficit	56%	50%	60%	52%	58%	5		
Prevent significant cuts	44%	48%	40%	47%	41%	5		
No opinion	1%	2%	*	1%	*			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	5		
		Demo-	Indep-	Repub-		Mod-		
	Total	crat	endent	lican		erate		
Reduce deficit	56%	40%	55%	75%		 54%	70	
Prevent significant cuts	44%	59%	45%	23%		45%	29	
No opinion	1%	*	*	2%		2%	1	
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	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
		North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Reduce deficit	 56%	North east  53%	Mid- west  52%	South  55%	West  61%	Urban  49%	Sub- urban  62%	Rural  51%
Prevent significant cuts	 56% 44%	North east  53% 45%	Mid- west  52% 48%	South  55% 43%	West  61% 39%	Urban  49% 51%	Sub- urban  62% 37%	Rural  51% 47%
Prevent significant cuts No opinion	 56% 44% 1%	North east  53% 45% 2%	Mid- west  52% 48%	South  55% 43% 1%	West  61% 39% *	Urban  49% 51% *	Sub- urban  62% 37% 1%	Rural  51% 47% 2%
Prevent significant cuts	 56% 44%	North east  53% 45%	Mid- west  52% 48%	South  55% 43%	West  61% 39%	Urban  49% 51%	Sub- urban  62% 37%	Rural  51% 47%
Prevent significant cuts No opinion	 56% 44% 1%	North east  53% 45% 2% +/-6.5	Mid- west  52% 48% *	South  55% 43% 1% +/-5.5	West  61% 39% *	Urban  49% 51% *	Sub- urban  62% 37% 1%	Rural  51% 47% 2%
Prevent significant cuts No opinion	56% 44% 1% +/-3.0	North east  53% 45% 2% +/-6.5	Mid- west  52% 48% * +/-6.5	South  55% 43% 1% +/-5.5	West  61% 39% *	Urban  49% 51% *	Sub- urban  62% 37% 1%	Rural  51% 47% 2%
Prevent significant cuts No opinion	 56% 44% 1%	North east  53% 45% 2% +/-6.5	Mid- west  52% 48% *	South  55% 43% 1% +/-5.5	West  61% 39% *	Urban  49% 51% *	Sub- urban  62% 37% 1%	Rural  51% 47% 2%
Prevent significant cuts No opinion	56% 44% 1% +/-3.0	North east  53% 45% 2% +/-6.5	Mid- west  52% 48% * +/-6.5	South  55% 43% 1% +/-5.5	West  61% 39% *	Urban  49% 51% *	Sub- urban  62% 37% 1%	Rural  51% 47% 2%
Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error  Reduce deficit	 56% 44% 1% +/-3.0 Total  56%	North east  53% 45% 2% +/-6.5 Tea Pty Support  79%	Mid- west  52% 48% * +/-6.5 Tea Pty Neutral	South  55% 43% 1% +/-5.5 Tea Pty Oppose  35%	West  61% 39% *	Urban  49% 51% *	Sub- urban  62% 37% 1%	Rural  51% 47% 2%
Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error  Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts	 56% 44% 1% +/-3.0 Total  56% 44%	North east  53% 45% 2% +/-6.5 Tea Pty Support	Mid- west  52% 48% * +/-6.5 Tea Pty Neutral  53% 45%	South  55% 43% 1% +/-5.5 Tea Pty Oppose  35% 65%	West  61% 39% *	Urban  49% 51% *	Sub- urban  62% 37% 1%	Rural  51% 47% 2%
Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error  Reduce deficit	 56% 44% 1% +/-3.0 Total  56%	North east  53% 45% 2% +/-6.5 Tea Pty Support  79% 20%	Mid- west  52% 48% * +/-6.5 Tea Pty Neutral  53%	South  55% 43% 1% +/-5.5 Tea Pty Oppose  35%	West  61% 39% *	Urban  49% 51% *	Sub- urban  62% 37% 1%	Rural  51% 47% 2%

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As you know, Congress may try to cut federal programs in order to reduce the budget deficit. For each of the following programs, please tell me whether you think it is more important to reduce the federal budget deficit, or more important to prevent that program from being significantly cut:

F. Assistance to unemployed workers Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White No	on-White			
Reduce deficit	38%	42%	34%	40%	33%			
Prevent significant cuts	61%	57%	64%	59%	66%			
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%			
Sampling Error			-/-4.5 +/-		/-7.5			
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		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49	64	65+ 	50 	Older	
Reduce deficit	38%	N/A	39%	37%	38%	39%	37%	
Prevent significant cuts	61%	N/A	60%	61%	61%	61%	61%	
No opinion	1%	N/A	*	2%	1%	*	2%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende	ed		
	Total	\$50K	or more	College		е		
Reduce deficit	38%	33%	45%	33%	429			
Prevent significant cuts	61%	67%	55%	65%	579	26		
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	19	26		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	5		
		Demo-	Indep-	Repub-	- Lib-	Mod-	Cons	er-
	Total	crat	endent			erate		
Deduce de Clair	200	240	210					
Reduce deficit	38%	34%	31%	57%		33%	51	
Prevent significant cuts	61%	65%	68% *	41%		67%	48	
No opinion	1% +/-3.0	1% +/-6.0	+/-4.5	2% +/-6.0		1% +/-5.0	+/-4.	%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-0.0	T/-4.5	+/-0.0	+/-/.0	+/-3.0	T/ -4.	3
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Reduce deficit	38%	28%	36%	42%	47%	38%	42%	33%
Prevent significant cuts	61%	72%	63%	57%	52%	61%	57%	66%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0
		Tea Pty	Tea Pty	Tea Pty				
	Total	Support	Neutral	Oppose				
Reduce deficit	38%	61%	34%	21%				
Prevent significant cuts	61%	38%	65%	77%				
No opinion								
	1%	1%	*	1%				
Sampling Error	1% +/-3.0	1% +/-5.5	* +/-5.0	1% +/-6.0				

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Question 16G

As you know, Congress may try to cut federal programs in order to reduce the budget deficit. For each of the following programs, please tell me whether you think it is more important to reduce the federal budget deficit, or more important to prevent that program from being significantly cut:

G. Veterans benefits Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men			on-White			
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	14% 85% 1%	15% 85% 1% +/-4.5 +	14% 85% 1%	12% 87% 1%	20% 80% 1% /-7.5			
	Total	18- 34	35- 49	50- 64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	14% 85% 1% +/-3.0	N/A N/A N/A	13% 87% * +/-6.5	10% 89% 1% +/-5.0	15% 84% * +/-5.5	17% 83% 1% +/-5.5	12% 88% 1% +/-3.5	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attende College	9		
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	14% 85% 1% +/-3.0	17% 82% 1%	13% 87% * +/-4.5	17% 82% 1% +/-5.5	129 879 19 +/-3.5	25		
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	lican	eral	Mod- erate		ve
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	14% 85% 1% +/-3.0	21% 79% 1% +/-6.0	10% 89% 1% +/-4.5	15% 85% * +/-6.0	12% 87%	14% 86% * +/-5.0		olo olo
	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	14% 85% 1% +/-3.0	11% 89% * +/-6.5	21% 79% * +/-6.5	13% 87% * +/-5.5	14% 84% 2% +/-6.5	16% 83% 1% +/-6.0	15% 85% * +/-4.5	11% 88% 1% +/-6.0
	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose				
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	14% 85% 1% +/-3.0	16% 84% * +/-5.5	14% 86% * +/-5.0	11% 88% 1% +/-6.0				

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As you know, Congress may try to cut federal programs in order to reduce the budget deficit. For each of the following programs, please tell me whether you think it is more important to reduce the federal budget deficit, or more important to prevent that program from being significantly cut:

H. Education programs
Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men			on-White			
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	25% 75% 1%	26% 74% * +/-4.5 +	24% 75% 1%	28% 72% *	19% 81% 1% /-7.5			
	Total	18- 34	35- 49	50- 64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	25% 75% 1% +/-3.0	N/A N/A N/A	21% 78% 1% +/-6.5	26% 73% 1% +/-5.0	33% 67% 1% +/-5.5	22% 78% * +/-5.5	29% 71% 1% +/-3.5	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attende College			
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	25% 75% 1% +/-3.0	23% 76% 1%	26% 73% * +/-4.5	27% 72% 1% +/-5.5	239 779 * +/-3.5	25		
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	lican	eral	Mod- erate		ve
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	25% 75% 1% +/-3.0	18% 81% 2% +/-6.0	25% 75% * +/-4.5	34% 66% * +/-6.0	17%	19% 81% * +/-5.0		olo Olo
	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	25% 75% 1% +/-3.0	22% 78% * +/-6.5	24% 75% 1% +/-6.5	25% 75% * +/-5.5	28% 70% 2% +/-6.5	24% 74% 2% +/-6.0	26% 74% * +/-4.5	24% 76% * +/-6.0
	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose				
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	25% 75% 1% +/-3.0	41% 59% * +/-5.5	20% 80% * +/-5.0	15% 85% 1% +/-6.0				

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As you know, Congress may try to cut federal programs in order to reduce the budget deficit. For each of the following programs, please tell me whether you think it is more important to reduce the federal budget deficit, or more important to prevent that program from being significantly cut:

I. Pensions and benefits for retired government workers Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men			on-White			
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	61% 39% 1%	64% 35% 1%	57% 42% 1% -/-4.5 +/	63% 36% 1%	53% 46% 1% /-7.5			
	Total	18- 34	35- 49	50- 64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	61% 39% 1% +/-3.0	N/A N/A N/A	62% 38% * +/-6.5	61% 37% 2% +/-5.0	63% 36% 1% +/-5.5	59% 41% * +/-5.5	62% 36% 2% +/-3.5	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attende College			
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	61% 39% 1% +/-3.0	59% 40% 1%	63% 37% * +/-4.5	60% 39% 1% +/-5.5	61 <sup>9</sup> 38 <sup>9</sup> 1 <sup>9</sup> +/-3.5	90 90		
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	lican	eral	erate	e vati	ve
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	61% 39% 1% +/-3.0	50% 49% 1% +/-6.0	64% 35% 1% +/-4.5	66% 34% * +/-6.0	54% 45% 1%	60% 39% 1%	64 35	olo Olo
	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	61% 39% 1% +/-3.0	60% 39% 1% +/-6.5	54% 45% * +/-6.5	59% 41% 1% +/-5.5	70% 29% 1% +/-6.5	61% 38% 1% +/-6.0	60% 40% * +/-4.5	61% 38% 1% +/-6.0
	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose				
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts No opinion Sampling Error	61% 39% 1% +/-3.0	76% 23% 1% +/-5.5	57% 42% * +/-5.0	50% 49% 1% +/-6.0				

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As you know, Congress may try to cut federal programs in order to reduce the budget deficit. For each of the following programs, please tell me whether you think it is more important to reduce the federal budget deficit, or more important to prevent that program from being significantly cut:

J. Programs to build and maintain roads, bridges, and mass transit  $\mbox{\tt Base} = \mbox{\tt Total Sample}$ 

	Total	Men			on-White			
Reduce deficit	39%	35%	42%	40%	36%			
Prevent significant cuts	61%	65%	57%	60%	63%			
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	1%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5 +	-/-4.5 +/	-3.5 +,	/-7.5			
		18-	35-	50-	65.	Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49	64 	65+ 	50 	Older	
Reduce deficit	39%	N/A	40%	38%	34%	40%	37%	
Prevent significant cuts	61%	N/A	60%	60%	64%	60%	62%	
No opinion	1%	N/A	*	2%	2%	*	2%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	
		IIndon	\$50K	No	7++ on de	, d		
	Total	Under \$50K		No	Attende			
		7306	or more	College	College			
Reduce deficit	39%	39%	39%	40%	37%	5		
Prevent significant cuts	61%	60%	61%	59%	62%	5		
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	18	5		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	5		
		Demo-	Indep-	Repub-	- Lib-	Mod-	Cons	or-
	Total	crat	endent	-		erate		
Reduce deficit	39%	35%	40%	40%	29%	34%	47	용
Prevent significant cuts	61%	63%	60%	60%	71%	65%	53	용
No opinion	1%	2%	*	*	*	1%	*	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.	5
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total		west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Reduce deficit	39%	35%	39%	45%	33%	39%	36%	42%
Prevent significant cuts	61%	65%	59%	54%	66%	60%	63%	58%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	*	1%	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0
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	Total		Neutral	Onnose				
	Total		Neutral	Oppose				
Reduce deficit		Support						
Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts	39%	Support  49%	36%	32%				
Prevent significant cuts	39% 61%	Support  49% 51%	36% 63%	32% 67%				
	39%	Support  49%	36%	32%				

<sup>\*</sup> percentage less than 1%

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As you know, Congress may try to cut federal programs in order to reduce the budget deficit. For each of the following programs, please tell me whether you think it is more important to reduce the federal budget deficit, or more important to prevent that program from being significantly cut:

K. Aid to foreign countries
Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men		White No	on-White			
Reduce deficit	81%	82%	79%	85%	70%			
Prevent significant cuts	18%	17%	19%	15%	28%			
No opinion Sampling Error	1%	1% +/-4.5 +	1%	1% -3.5 +,	2% /-7.5			
Samping Error	+/-3.0	T/-4.5 T	7-4.5 +/	-3.3 T	7-7.3			
	Total	18- 34	35- 49	50- 64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
Reduce deficit	81%	N/A	87%	84%	84%	78%	84%	
Prevent significant cuts	18%	N/A	13%	13%	15%	22%	14%	
No opinion	1%	N/A	*	2%	1%	*	2%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	,	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	
1 3								
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende	ed		
	Total	\$50K	or more	College	College	)		
Reduce deficit	81%	78%	84%	78%	83%	5		
Prevent significant cuts	18%	21%	16%	21%	16%	5		
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	5		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	5		
		Demo-	Indep-	-		Mod-		
	Total	crat	endent			erate		
D 1 51 11								
Reduce deficit	81%	77%	81%	85%		80%		
Prevent significant cuts	18%	22%	18%	14%	28%	20%		
No opinion	1%	2%	1%				1	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.	5
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Reduce deficit	81%	81%	83%	81%	78%	76%	82%	83%
		0 = 0	000				17%	17%
	1.8%	18%	1.6%	18%	20%	228		
Prevent significant cuts	18% 1%	18%	16%	18% 1%	20% 2%	22% 2%		*
No opinion	1%	*	*	1%	2%	2%	1%	*
No opinion	1%	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	1% +/-5.5	2%	2%	1%	*
No opinion	1%	* +/-6.5 Tea Pty	*	1% +/-5.5 Tea Pty	2%	2%	1%	*
No opinion	1% +/-3.0	+/-6.5	* +/-6.5 Tea Pty	1% +/-5.5	2%	2%	1%	*
No opinion	1% +/-3.0	* +/-6.5 Tea Pty	* +/-6.5 Tea Pty	1% +/-5.5 Tea Pty	2%	2%	1%	*
No opinion Sampling Error	1% +/-3.0 Total	+/-6.5 Tea Pty Support	+/-6.5 Tea Pty Neutral	1% +/-5.5 Tea Pty Oppose	2%	2%	1%	*
No opinion Sampling Error  Reduce deficit Prevent significant cuts	1% +/-3.0 Total  81%	* +/-6.5 Tea Pty Support 86%	* +/-6.5  Tea Pty Neutral 79%	1% +/-5.5 Tea Pty Oppose  80%	2%	2%	1%	*
No opinion Sampling Error  Reduce deficit	1% +/-3.0 Total  81% 18%	* +/-6.5 Tea Pty Support 86% 13%	* +/-6.5  Tea Pty Neutral 79% 21%	1% +/-5.5 Tea Pty Oppose  80% 18%	2%	2%	1%	*

<sup>\*</sup> percentage less than 1%