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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>	<u>No opinion</u>
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

	<u>Too far</u>	<u>Not too far</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
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:

	<u>Reduce deficit</u>	<u>Prevent significant cuts</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Medicare – the federal health 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

	<u>Reduce deficit</u>	<u>Prevent significant cuts</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<u>February 24-26, 1995</u>			
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:

	<u>Reduce deficit</u>	<u>Prevent significant cuts</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
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			
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%

Question 10

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	Non-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
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

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	71%	68%	73%	69%	73%
Oppose	25%	27%	24%	25%	26%
No opinion	4%	5%	3%	6%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	71%	57%	73%	84%	45%	75%	81%
Oppose	25%	37%	24%	15%	48%	22%	17%
No opinion	4%	7%	3%	1%	7%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-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	25%	11%	26%	40%
No opinion	4%	*	5%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 13

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

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Too far	40%	41%	38%	33%	56%
Not too far	56%	55%	58%	62%	41%
No opinion	4%	4%	4%	5%	2%
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
Too far	40%	N/A	39%	41%	41%	38%	41%
Not too far	56%	N/A	57%	53%	57%	58%	54%
No opinion	4%	N/A	3%	6%	2%	3%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Too far	40%	45%	36%	41%	38%
Not too far	56%	51%	61%	55%	58%
No opinion	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Too far	40%	63%	37%	17%	58%	44%	27%
Not too far	56%	33%	57%	82%	40%	50%	71%
No opinion	4%	4%	6%	1%	2%	6%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Too far	40%	42%	37%	42%	36%	52%	32%	38%
Not too far	56%	54%	59%	55%	60%	45%	64%	56%
No opinion	4%	4%	5%	3%	5%	3%	4%	6%
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
Too far	40%	15%	40%	66%
Not too far	56%	83%	54%	30%
No opinion	4%	2%	5%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 16A

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	Women	White	Non-White
Reduce deficit	18%	21%	15%	18%	17%
Prevent significant cuts	81%	78%	84%	81%	82%
No opinion	*	*	1%	*	1%
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
Reduce deficit	18%	N/A	19%	13%	16%	22%	14%
Prevent significant cuts	81%	N/A	81%	86%	84%	78%	85%
No opinion	*	N/A	*	1%	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Reduce deficit	18%	15%	22%	16%	20%
Prevent significant cuts	81%	84%	78%	83%	80%
No opinion	*	*	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Demo-cratic	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Reduce deficit	18%	15%	18%	23%	10%	15%	25%
Prevent significant cuts	81%	84%	82%	76%	90%	85%	74%
No opinion	*	1%	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Reduce deficit	18%	13%	17%	19%	22%	16%	21%	17%
Prevent significant cuts	81%	87%	83%	80%	77%	83%	79%	83%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	1%	1%	*	*
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
Reduce deficit	18%	22%	18%	15%
Prevent significant cuts	81%	78%	82%	84%
No opinion	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 16B

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

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Reduce deficit	29%	29%	28%	31%	21%
Prevent significant cuts	70%	70%	70%	68%	77%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
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
Reduce deficit	29%	N/A	32%	26%	28%	30%	27%
Prevent significant cuts	70%	N/A	68%	72%	69%	70%	71%
No opinion	1%	N/A	*	2%	3%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Reduce deficit	29%	22%	34%	26%	31%
Prevent significant cuts	70%	76%	65%	73%	68%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reduce deficit	29%	18%	30%	38%	13%	24%	40%
Prevent significant cuts	70%	81%	69%	60%	87%	75%	59%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Reduce deficit	29%	25%	30%	26%	35%	26%	30%	29%
Prevent significant cuts	70%	74%	70%	73%	63%	73%	69%	70%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
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
Reduce deficit	29%	45%	24%	19%
Prevent significant cuts	70%	54%	76%	80%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 16C

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	Women	White	Non-White
Reduce deficit	21%	23%	19%	21%	21%
Prevent significant cuts	78%	76%	81%	79%	78%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
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
Reduce deficit	21%	N/A	24%	15%	16%	26%	15%
Prevent significant cuts	78%	N/A	76%	84%	84%	73%	84%
No opinion	1%	N/A	*	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Reduce deficit	21%	16%	26%	19%	23%
Prevent significant cuts	78%	83%	74%	81%	77%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reduce deficit	21%	20%	21%	22%	17%	20%	24%
Prevent significant cuts	78%	79%	78%	78%	82%	80%	76%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Reduce deficit	21%	16%	19%	22%	27%	20%	23%	17%
Prevent significant cuts	78%	84%	81%	78%	71%	79%	76%	82%
No opinion	1%	*	*	*	3%	1%	*	1%
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
Reduce deficit	21%	30%	18%	14%
Prevent significant cuts	78%	70%	82%	84%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 16D

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	Women	White	Non-White
Reduce deficit	50%	53%	47%	47%	57%
Prevent significant cuts	49%	46%	52%	52%	42%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
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
Reduce deficit	50%	N/A	49%	49%	48%	51%	49%
Prevent significant cuts	49%	N/A	50%	50%	51%	48%	50%
No opinion	1%	N/A	*	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Reduce deficit	50%	50%	51%	45%	54%
Prevent significant cuts	49%	49%	49%	55%	45%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reduce deficit	50%	52%	54%	38%	66%	54%	38%
Prevent significant cuts	49%	47%	45%	61%	32%	46%	61%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Reduce deficit	50%	49%	51%	45%	57%	55%	51%	44%
Prevent significant cuts	49%	50%	49%	55%	40%	43%	49%	55%
No opinion	1%	*	*	1%	2%	2%	*	1%
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
Reduce deficit	50%	34%	50%	69%
Prevent significant cuts	49%	66%	49%	30%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 16E

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	Women	White	Non-White
Reduce deficit	56%	58%	53%	60%	45%
Prevent significant cuts	44%	41%	46%	40%	53%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
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
Reduce deficit	56%	N/A	60%	53%	56%	57%	54%
Prevent significant cuts	44%	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

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Reduce deficit	56%	50%	60%	52%	58%
Prevent significant cuts	44%	48%	40%	47%	41%
No opinion	1%	2%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reduce deficit	56%	40%	55%	75%	30%	54%	70%
Prevent significant cuts	44%	59%	45%	23%	70%	45%	29%
No opinion	1%	*	*	2%	*	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Reduce deficit	56%	53%	52%	55%	61%	49%	62%	51%
Prevent significant cuts	44%	45%	48%	43%	39%	51%	37%	47%
No opinion	1%	2%	*	1%	*	*	1%	2%
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
Reduce deficit	56%	79%	53%	35%
Prevent significant cuts	44%	20%	45%	65%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 16F

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	Non-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	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and 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

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Reduce deficit	38%	33%	45%	33%	42%
Prevent significant cuts	61%	67%	55%	65%	57%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reduce deficit	38%	34%	31%	57%	23%	33%	51%
Prevent significant cuts	61%	65%	68%	41%	77%	67%	48%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	2%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-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

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Reduce deficit	38%	61%	34%	21%
Prevent significant cuts	61%	38%	65%	77%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%

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	Women	White	Non-White
Reduce deficit	14%	15%	14%	12%	20%
Prevent significant cuts	85%	85%	85%	87%	80%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
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
Reduce deficit	14%	N/A	13%	10%	15%	17%	12%
Prevent significant cuts	85%	N/A	87%	89%	84%	83%	88%
No opinion	1%	N/A	*	1%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Reduce deficit	14%	17%	13%	17%	12%
Prevent significant cuts	85%	82%	87%	82%	87%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reduce deficit	14%	21%	10%	15%	12%	14%	16%
Prevent significant cuts	85%	79%	89%	85%	87%	86%	84%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	2%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Reduce deficit	14%	11%	21%	13%	14%	16%	15%	11%
Prevent significant cuts	85%	89%	79%	87%	84%	83%	85%	88%
No opinion	1%	*	*	*	2%	1%	*	1%
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
Reduce deficit	14%	16%	14%	11%
Prevent significant cuts	85%	84%	86%	88%
No opinion	1%	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 16H

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	Women	White	Non-White
Reduce deficit	25%	26%	24%	28%	19%
Prevent significant cuts	75%	74%	75%	72%	81%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*	1%
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
Reduce deficit	25%	N/A	21%	26%	33%	22%	29%
Prevent significant cuts	75%	N/A	78%	73%	67%	78%	71%
No opinion	1%	N/A	1%	1%	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Reduce deficit	25%	23%	26%	27%	23%
Prevent significant cuts	75%	76%	73%	72%	77%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reduce deficit	25%	18%	25%	34%	17%	19%	34%
Prevent significant cuts	75%	81%	75%	66%	82%	81%	66%
No opinion	1%	2%	*	*	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Reduce deficit	25%	22%	24%	25%	28%	24%	26%	24%
Prevent significant cuts	75%	78%	75%	75%	70%	74%	74%	76%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*	2%	2%	*	*
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
Reduce deficit	25%	41%	20%	15%
Prevent significant cuts	75%	59%	80%	85%
No opinion	1%	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 16I

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	Women	White	Non-White
Reduce deficit	61%	64%	57%	63%	53%
Prevent significant cuts	39%	35%	42%	36%	46%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
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
Reduce deficit	61%	N/A	62%	61%	63%	59%	62%
Prevent significant cuts	39%	N/A	38%	37%	36%	41%	36%
No opinion	1%	N/A	*	2%	1%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Reduce deficit	61%	59%	63%	60%	61%
Prevent significant cuts	39%	40%	37%	39%	38%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reduce deficit	61%	50%	64%	66%	54%	60%	64%
Prevent significant cuts	39%	49%	35%	34%	45%	39%	35%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Reduce deficit	61%	60%	54%	59%	70%	61%	60%	61%
Prevent significant cuts	39%	39%	45%	41%	29%	38%	40%	38%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	*	1%
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
Reduce deficit	61%	76%	57%	50%
Prevent significant cuts	39%	23%	42%	49%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 16J

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

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-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

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and 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

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Reduce deficit	39%	39%	39%	40%	37%
Prevent significant cuts	61%	60%	61%	59%	62%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reduce deficit	39%	35%	40%	40%	29%	34%	47%
Prevent significant cuts	61%	63%	60%	60%	71%	65%	53%
No opinion	1%	2%	*	*	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-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

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Reduce deficit	39%	49%	36%	32%
Prevent significant cuts	61%	51%	63%	67%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 16K

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	Women	White	Non-White
Reduce deficit	81%	82%	79%	85%	70%
Prevent significant cuts	18%	17%	19%	15%	28%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
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
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

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Reduce deficit	81%	78%	84%	78%	83%
Prevent significant cuts	18%	21%	16%	21%	16%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reduce deficit	81%	77%	81%	85%	71%	80%	86%
Prevent significant cuts	18%	22%	18%	14%	28%	20%	13%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	*	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Reduce deficit	81%	81%	83%	81%	78%	76%	82%	83%
Prevent significant cuts	18%	18%	16%	18%	20%	22%	17%	17%
No opinion	1%	*	*	1%	2%	2%	1%	*
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
Reduce deficit	81%	86%	79%	80%
Prevent significant cuts	18%	13%	21%	18%
No opinion	1%	*	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%