



Interviews with 1,034 adult Americans conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on April 29 - May 1, 2011. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The sample also includes 964 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3 percentage points).

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6. When it comes to dealing with the tough choices involved both in cutting programs to reduce the budget deficit and still maintaining needed federal programs, whose approach do you prefer: the Republicans in Congress or President Obama's?

	Apr. 29-May 1 <u>2011</u>	Apr. 9-10 <u>2011</u>	Mar. 18-20 <u>2011</u>	Mar. 11-13 <u>2011</u>	Jan. 14-16 <u>2011</u>
Republicans in Congress	42%	43%	45%	47%	43%
Obama	50%	48%	46%	43%	46%
Neither (vol.)	6%	7%	7%	6%	6%
Both (vol.)	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	3%	3%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

Clinton administration: *When it comes to dealing with the tough choices involved BOTH in cutting programs to reduce the budget deficit AND still maintaining needed federal programs, whose approach do you prefer: the Republicans' in Congress or President Clinton's?*

	Republicans in Congress	Clinton	Neither (vol.)	Both (vol.)	No opinion
1998 Jan 6-7	39	43	6	2	10
1997 Jul 25-27	38	49	6	2	5
1995 Dec 15-18	38	52	5	1	4
1995 Jul 7-9	48	42	3	2	5

7. When it comes to dealing with Medicare, whose approach do you prefer: the Republicans in Congress or President Obama's?

	Apr. 29-May 1 <u>2011</u>
Republicans in Congress	40%
Obama	49%
Neither (vol.)	7%
Both (vol.)	1%
No opinion	3%

10. As you may know, there is a limit to the amount of money the government can owe that is sometimes called the "debt ceiling." The government will reach that limit sometime this summer and unless a bill is passed that would raise the debt ceiling, the government will not have enough money to pay all of its bills and other financial obligations. Would you favor or oppose a bill that would raise the debt ceiling?

Apr. 29-May 1
2011

Favor	37%
Oppose	60%
No opinion	4%

11. If the debt ceiling is not raised, do you think that would cause a crisis, major problems, minor problems, or no problems at all for the United States?

Apr. 29-May 1
2011

Crisis	17%
Major problems	41%
Minor problems	33%
No problems at all	7%
No opinion	2%

12. And if the debt ceiling is not raised, do you think that would affect your personal financial situation a great deal, some, not much or not at all?

Apr. 29-May 1
2011

Great deal	25%
Some	38%
Not much	19%
Not at all	16%
No opinion	2%

QUESTIONS 13 AND 14 ROTATED

13. Based on what you have read or heard about the discussions between Congress and Barack Obama on the debt ceiling, do you think Obama has or has not acted responsibly?

Apr. 29-May 1
2011

Yes, has acted responsibly	46%
No, has not	49%
No opinion	6%

14. Based on what you have read or heard about the discussions between Congress and Barack Obama on the debt ceiling, do you think the Republicans in Congress have or have not acted responsibly?

Apr. 29-May 1
2011

Yes, have acted responsibly	34%
No, have not	60%
No opinion	6%

Question 6

When it comes to dealing with the tough choices involved both in cutting programs to reduce the budget deficit and still maintaining needed federal programs, whose approach do you prefer: the Republicans in Congress or President Obama's?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Republicans in Congress	42%	47%	38%	51%	21%
Obama	50%	46%	55%	41%	72%
Neither	6%	6%	5%	6%	4%
Both	1%	*	1%	*	1%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	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
Republicans in Congress	42%	N/A	45%	43%	46%	41%	44%
Obama	50%	N/A	47%	50%	45%	52%	48%
Neither	6%	N/A	5%	5%	6%	6%	6%
Both	1%	N/A	1%	1%	1%	*	1%
No opinion	1%	N/A	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Republicans in Congress	42%	38%	50%	40%	44%
Obama	50%	55%	43%	55%	47%
Neither	6%	7%	5%	4%	7%
Both	1%	*	1%	*	1%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Republicans in Congress	42%	5%	45%	88%	11%	31%	71%
Obama	50%	92%	43%	8%	87%	56%	24%
Neither	6%	2%	10%	3%	3%	9%	4%
Both	1%	1%	1%	*	*	1%	*
No opinion	1%	*	2%	1%	*	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Republicans in Congress	42%	36%	39%	50%	39%	28%	46%	49%
Obama	50%	56%	50%	43%	57%	67%	46%	43%
Neither	6%	6%	7%	6%	3%	3%	7%	7%
Both	1%	2%	*	*	*	*	*	1%
No opinion	1%	*	3%	1%	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
Republicans in Congress	42%	88%	41%	6%
Obama	50%	10%	49%	87%
Neither	6%	2%	7%	6%
Both	1%	*	1%	*
No opinion	1%	*	2%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 7

When it comes to dealing with Medicare, whose approach do you prefer: the Republicans in Congress or President Obama's?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Republicans in Congress	40%	46%	35%	47%	25%
Obama	49%	44%	55%	40%	70%
Neither	7%	7%	7%	9%	2%
Both	1%	1%	*	1%	*
No opinion	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%
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
Republicans in Congress	40%	N/A	40%	38%	43%	40%	40%
Obama	49%	N/A	46%	51%	45%	50%	49%
Neither	7%	N/A	8%	8%	7%	7%	8%
Both	1%	N/A	*	*	*	1%	*
No opinion	3%	N/A	5%	2%	5%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Republicans in Congress	40%	37%	47%	40%	39%
Obama	49%	54%	42%	52%	48%
Neither	7%	7%	7%	5%	9%
Both	1%	*	1%	*	1%
No opinion	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Republicans in Congress	40%	5%	43%	82%	10%	30%	69%
Obama	49%	91%	40%	9%	81%	58%	22%
Neither	7%	2%	11%	5%	6%	8%	6%
Both	1%	*	*	1%	1%	1%	*
No opinion	3%	1%	5%	2%	3%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Republicans in Congress	40%	32%	39%	48%	36%	27%	45%	44%
Obama	49%	60%	49%	42%	51%	65%	46%	41%
Neither	7%	6%	7%	6%	9%	5%	7%	10%
Both	1%	1%	*	*	1%	1%	*	*
No opinion	3%	1%	4%	4%	2%	3%	2%	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
Republicans in Congress	40%	82%	39%	7%
Obama	49%	10%	46%	86%
Neither	7%	5%	9%	6%
Both	1%	*	1%	*
No opinion	3%	3%	4%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 10

As you may know, there is a limit to the amount of money the government can owe that is sometimes called the "debt ceiling." The government will reach that limit some time this summer and unless a bill is passed that would raise the debt ceiling, the government will not have enough money to pay all of its bills and other financial obligations. Would you favor or oppose a bill that would raise the debt ceiling?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	37%	37%	37%	37%	35%
Oppose	60%	61%	58%	59%	61%
No opinion	4%	2%	5%	4%	4%
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	37%	N/A	35%	41%	43%	32%	41%
Oppose	60%	N/A	62%	58%	54%	63%	56%
No opinion	4%	N/A	3%	2%	4%	5%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	37%	38%	35%	36%	38%
Oppose	60%	59%	61%	59%	60%
No opinion	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	37%	52%	34%	20%	49%	41%	26%
Oppose	60%	43%	62%	78%	39%	58%	73%
No opinion	4%	5%	4%	2%	12%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	37%	37%	43%	32%	37%	44%	33%	37%
Oppose	60%	60%	56%	63%	58%	54%	63%	59%
No opinion	4%	3%	2%	5%	5%	2%	4%	4%
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	37%	17%	36%	55%
Oppose	60%	82%	60%	40%
No opinion	4%	1%	4%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 11

If the debt ceiling is not raised, do you think that would cause a crisis, major problems, minor problems, or no problems at all for the United States?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Crisis	17%	14%	20%	17%	18%
Major problems	41%	38%	44%	43%	36%
Minor problems	33%	39%	28%	32%	36%
No problems at all	7%	9%	5%	6%	9%
No opinion	2%	*	3%	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
Crisis	17%	N/A	15%	16%	18%	16%	17%
Major problems	41%	N/A	44%	46%	46%	37%	46%
Minor problems	33%	N/A	29%	31%	27%	37%	29%
No problems at all	7%	N/A	11%	6%	6%	8%	6%
No opinion	2%	N/A	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Crisis	17%	19%	15%	16%	18%
Major problems	41%	41%	42%	41%	42%
Minor problems	33%	33%	34%	34%	32%
No problems at all	7%	6%	7%	8%	6%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Crisis	17%	20%	15%	17%	19%	20%	14%
Major problems	41%	44%	42%	36%	44%	42%	38%
Minor problems	33%	27%	35%	39%	31%	33%	36%
No problems at all	7%	7%	8%	6%	4%	4%	11%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Crisis	17%	18%	18%	16%	17%	23%	14%	17%
Major problems	41%	40%	43%	38%	46%	41%	41%	42%
Minor problems	33%	34%	31%	36%	30%	29%	36%	33%
No problems at all	7%	7%	6%	9%	5%	6%	7%	7%
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	*	2%	1%	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
Crisis	17%	10%	18%	21%
Major problems	41%	39%	37%	49%
Minor problems	33%	40%	38%	22%
No problems at all	7%	10%	5%	7%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 12

And if the debt ceiling is not raised, do you think that would affect your personal financial situation a great deal, some, not much or not at all?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Great deal	25%	21%	29%	23%	30%
Some	38%	37%	38%	38%	37%
Not much	19%	22%	17%	21%	16%
Not at all	16%	19%	14%	16%	17%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	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
Great deal	25%	N/A	26%	25%	22%	25%	24%
Some	38%	N/A	37%	38%	41%	37%	39%
Not much	19%	N/A	19%	22%	15%	20%	19%
Not at all	16%	N/A	17%	13%	18%	18%	15%
No opinion	2%	N/A	1%	2%	4%	*	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Great deal	25%	29%	20%	30%	20%
Some	38%	36%	37%	34%	41%
Not much	19%	16%	24%	15%	23%
Not at all	16%	17%	17%	19%	15%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Great deal	25%	30%	24%	21%	23%	29%	21%
Some	38%	37%	39%	35%	40%	35%	40%
Not much	19%	18%	18%	23%	20%	19%	19%
Not at all	16%	13%	18%	20%	15%	15%	19%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Great deal	25%	25%	28%	27%	19%	29%	22%	27%
Some	38%	36%	39%	36%	41%	32%	39%	42%
Not much	19%	20%	19%	18%	21%	22%	19%	15%
Not at all	16%	17%	12%	19%	17%	16%	18%	14%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	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
Great deal	25%	17%	31%	23%
Some	38%	34%	37%	42%
Not much	19%	24%	17%	20%
Not at all	16%	23%	15%	14%
No opinion	2%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 13

Based on what you have read or heard about the discussions between Congress and Barack Obama on the debt ceiling, do you think Obama has or has not acted responsibly?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White		
Yes, has acted responsibly	46%	45%	47%	38%	63%		
No, has not	49%	51%	46%	55%	33%		
No opinion	6%	4%	7%	6%	4%		
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
Yes, has acted responsibly	46%	N/A	46%	49%	41%	46%	46%
No, has not	49%	N/A	49%	46%	54%	48%	49%
No opinion	6%	N/A	5%	5%	6%	6%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Yes, has acted responsibly	46%	48%	42%	49%	43%
No, has not	49%	47%	53%	46%	51%
No opinion	6%	5%	5%	5%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes, has acted responsibly	46%	75%	39%	19%	71%	50%	29%
No, has not	49%	20%	56%	75%	23%	43%	67%
No opinion	6%	5%	5%	6%	6%	7%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Yes, has acted responsibly	46%	51%	50%	41%	45%	57%	46%	36%
No, has not	49%	43%	46%	54%	49%	39%	47%	60%
No opinion	6%	6%	4%	5%	7%	5%	7%	4%
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
Yes, has acted responsibly	46%	15%	48%	69%
No, has not	49%	82%	45%	27%
No opinion	6%	3%	7%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 14

Based on what you have read or heard about the discussions between Congress and Barack Obama on the debt ceiling, do you think the Republicans in Congress have or have not acted responsibly?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Yes, have acted responsibly	34%	35%	33%	38%	25%
No, have not	60%	58%	61%	54%	72%
No opinion	6%	7%	6%	8%	3%
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
Yes, have acted responsibly	34%	N/A	35%	35%	33%	34%	34%
No, have not	60%	N/A	55%	60%	62%	58%	61%
No opinion	6%	N/A	10%	5%	4%	8%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Yes, have acted responsibly	34%	30%	37%	34%	33%
No, have not	60%	64%	56%	59%	60%
No opinion	6%	6%	7%	7%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes, have acted responsibly	34%	14%	33%	64%	13%	31%	51%
No, have not	60%	82%	60%	28%	81%	62%	44%
No opinion	6%	4%	7%	8%	6%	8%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Yes, have acted responsibly	34%	32%	32%	37%	33%	25%	37%	38%
No, have not	60%	63%	60%	57%	60%	71%	54%	58%
No opinion	6%	5%	7%	6%	7%	4%	9%	4%
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
Yes, have acted responsibly	34%	59%	37%	10%
No, have not	60%	36%	56%	84%
No opinion	6%	4%	8%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

* percentage less than 1%