

Interviews with 1,009 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on July 18-20, 2011. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The sample includes 856 interviews among landline respondents and 153 interviews among cell phone respondents.

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	July 18-20 2011
Very closely	23%
Somewhat closely	47%
Not too closely	19%
Not closely at all	11%
No opinion	*

14. In those discussions, several budget plans have been proposed that would reduce the amount the government owes by trillions of dollars over the next ten years. If you had to choose, would you rather see Congress and President Obama agree to a budget plan that only includes cuts in government spending, or a budget plan that includes a combination of spending cuts and tax increases on higher-income Americans and some businesses?

	July 18-20
	<u>2011</u>
Only spending cuts	34%
Spending cuts and tax increases	64%
Other (vol.)	1%
No opinion	1%

15. And in general, which of the following statements comes closest to your view: (READ IN ORDER. DO NOT RANDOMIZE.)

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	July 18-20 2011
	<u>2011</u>
You FAVOR raising the debt ceiling even if Congress	
and President Obama do not agree on a plan to	
reduce the amount the government owes	17%
You FAVOR raising the debt ceiling only if Congress	
takes action to reduce by trillions of dollars the	
amount the government owes	45%
You OPPOSE raising the debt ceiling even if Congress	
takes action to reduce the amount the government owes	36%
No opinion	3%

16. 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?

	July 18-20	Apr. 29-May 1
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>
Crisis	18%	17%
Major problems	43%	41%
Minor problems	31%	33%
No problems at all	6%	7%
No opinion	1%	2%

17. 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?

	July 18-20	Apr. 29-May 1
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>
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Great deal	27%	25%
Some	37%	38%
Not much	19%	19%
Not at all	15%	16%
No opinion	2%	2%

# QUESTIONS 18 AND 19 ROTATED

18. 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?

	July 18-20	Apr. 29-May 1
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>
Yes, has acted responsibly	52%	46%
No, has not	46%	49%
No opinion	2%	6%

19. 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?

	July 18-20	Apr. 29-May 1
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2011</u>
Yes, have acted responsibly	33%	34%
No, have not	63%	60%
No opinion	3%	6%

20. If the debt ceiling is not raised, do you think that Barack Obama or the Republicans in Congress would be more responsible for that?

	July 18-20
	<u>2011</u>
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Obama	30%
Republicans	51%
Both (vol.)	15%
Neither(vol.)	3%
No opinion	1%

21. In some proposals, Congress would raise the debt ceiling while cutting between two trillion and four trillion dollars in government spending over the next ten years and raising taxes on some businesses and higher-income Americans. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	July 18-20
	<u>2011</u>
Favor	66%
Oppose	34%
No opinion	1%

22. In another proposal, Congress would give President Obama the ability to raise the debt ceiling several times in the next 18 months while cutting a smaller amount in government spending and not raising taxes at all. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	July 18-20
	<u>2011</u>
Favor	34%
Oppose	65%
No opinion	1%

23. In another proposal, Congress would raise the debt ceiling only if a balanced budget amendment were passed by both houses of Congress and substantial spending cuts and caps on future spending were approved. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	July 18-20
	<u>2011</u>
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Favor	66%
Oppose	33%
No opinion	1%

24. Now I'm going to read you some of the specific proposals for cutting government spending and increasing taxes that have been suggested as part of the discussions on the debt ceiling. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal as a way to reduce the amount that the government owes. (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	No opinion
Cutting federal subsidies to farmers	31%	66%	2%
Cutting pensions and benefits for retired government workers	30%	68%	2%
Cutting defense spending	47%	52%	1%
Cutting the amount the government spends on Medicaid,			
the federal health program for the poor	22%	77%	*
Cutting the amount the government spends on Medicare,			
the federal health program for the elderly	12%	87%	1%
Cutting the amount the government spends on Social Security	16%	84%	1%
Increasing the taxes paid by oil and gas companies by ending			
federal subsidies for those businesses	73%	26%	1%
Increasing the taxes paid by businesses that own private jets	76%	23%	*
Increasing the taxes paid by people who make more than			
250 thousand dollars a year	73%	26%	*

25. Would you favor or oppose a constitutional amendment to require a balanced federal budget?

	July 18-20 2011
Favor	74%
Oppose	24%
No opinion	1%

# CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	Support	<u>Oppose</u>	No opinion
1997 Jan 31-Feb 1	68	25	7
1995 Feb 24-26	71	22	7
1995 Jan 16-18	75	19	6
1994 Jan 28-30	74	19	7

25a. In order to get the federal budget deficit under control, do you think it is necessary or not necessary to pass a Constitutional amendment requiring a balanced federal budget?

	July 18-20
	<u>2011</u>
Necessary	60%
Not necessary	38%
No opinion	1%

# CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	Yes, necessary	No, not necessary	No opinion
1994 Feb 26-28	66	28	6
1994 Jan 28-30	68	24	8

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Somewhat closely	47%	47%	47%	46%	48%			
Not too closely	19%	15%	23%	19%	18%			
Not closely at all	11%	9%	13%	10%	14%			
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*			
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Very closely	23%	8%	23%	30%	38%	15%	33%	
Somewhat closely	47%	46%	52%	47%	40%	49%	44%	
Not too closely	19%	25%	19%	17%	11%	22%	15%	
Not closely at all	11%	21%	6%	6%	10%	14%	8%	
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
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No opinion	*	*	*	*	*			
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FAVOR raising debt w/out plan	17%	19%	16%	 17%	19%			
FAVOR raising debt wrout plan	45%	45%	44%	45%	45%			
OPPOSE raising debt with plan	36%	35%	36%	36%	33%			
No opinion	3%	1%	4%	2%	3%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5 +	/-4.5 +/	-3.5 +	/-7.5			
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Question 16

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		White N	on-White			
Crisis	18%	14%	23%	 17%	23%			
Major problems	43%	45%	42%	43%	45%			
Minor problems	31%	34%	29%	33%	25%			
No problems at all	6%	7%	5%	6%	7%			
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	*			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5 +	/-4.5 +/	-3.5 +	/-7.5			
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49	64	65+	50 	Older	
Crisis	18%	14%	18%	23%	21%	16%	22%	
Major problems	43%	49%	46%	41%	36%	47%	39%	
Minor problems	31%	32%	34%	28%	30%	33%	29%	
No problems at all	6%	6%	2%	7%	11%	4%	9%	
No opinion	1%	*	*	1%	2%	*	1%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende	d		
	Total	\$50K	or more	College				
Crisis	18%	17%	20%	14%	22%			
Major problems	43%	47%	42%	49%	40%			
Minor problems	31%	29%	32%	28%	33%			
No problems at all	6%	6%	5%	8%	4%			
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	*			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5			
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	Total	crat 	endent	lican		erate	vative	
Crisis	18%	25%	18%	9%		20%	12%	_
Major problems	43%	47%	42%	41%		50%	35%	
Minor problems	31%	24%	33%	39%	20%	27%	44%	
No problems at all	6%	3%	6%	10%	4%	3%	0.0	
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No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%		1%	9% *	
_	1% +/-3.0	1% +/-5.5	1% +/-5.0	1% +/-6.0	*			
No opinion					*	1%	*	
No opinion	+/-3.0 Total	+/-5.5 North	+/-5.0 Mid- west	+/-6.0 South	* +/-7.0 West	1% +/-5.0 Urban	* +/-5.0 Sub- urban	Rural
No opinion	+/-3.0	+/-5.5 North	+/-5.0 Mid-	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	1% +/-5.0	* +/-5.0 Sub-	Rural  19%
No opinion Sampling Error	+/-3.0 Total	+/-5.5 North east	+/-5.0 Mid- west	+/-6.0 South	* +/-7.0 West	1% +/-5.0 Urban	* +/-5.0 Sub- urban	
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No opinion Sampling Error  Crisis Major problems Minor problems No problems at all	+/-3.0  Total 18% 43% 31% 6%	+/-5.5 North east  21% 44% 28% 6%	+/-5.0 Mid- west  19% 38% 35% 7%	+/-6.0  South 18% 44% 32% 6%	* +/-7.0  West 17% 47% 31% 5%	1% +/-5.0 Urban  19% 48% 27% 6%	* +/-5.0  Sub- urban 19% 40% 33% 7%	19% 48% 26% 6%
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No opinion Sampling Error  Crisis Major problems Minor problems No problems at all	+/-3.0  Total 18% 43% 31% 6%	+/-5.5 North east  21% 44% 28% 6%	+/-5.0 Mid- west  19% 38% 35% 7%	+/-6.0  South 18% 44% 32% 6%	* +/-7.0  West 17% 47% 31% 5% *	1% +/-5.0 Urban  19% 48% 27% 6%	* +/-5.0  Sub- urban 19% 40% 33% 7% 1%	19% 48% 26% 6%
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No opinion Sampling Error  Crisis Major problems Minor problems No problems at all No opinion	+/-3.0  Total 18% 43% 31% 6% 1% +/-3.0	+/-5.5  North east 21% 44% 28% 6% 1% +/-6.5	+/-5.0  Mid- west 19% 38% 35% 7% 1% +/-6.5	+/-6.0  South 18% 44% 32% 6% 1% +/-5.5	* +/-7.0  West 17% 47% 31% 5% *	1% +/-5.0 Urban  19% 48% 27% 6%	* +/-5.0  Sub- urban 19% 40% 33% 7% 1%	 19% 48% 26% 6% 1%
No opinion Sampling Error  Crisis Major problems Minor problems No problems at all No opinion Sampling Error	+/-3.0  Total 18% 43% 31% 6% 1% +/-3.0	+/-5.5  North east 21% 44% 28% 6% 1% +/-6.5  Tea Pty Support	+/-5.0  Mid- west 19% 38% 35% 7% 1% +/-6.5  Tea Pty Neutral	+/-6.0  South 18% 44% 32% 6% 1% +/-5.5  Tea Pty Oppose	* +/-7.0  West 17% 47% 31% 5% *	1% +/-5.0 Urban  19% 48% 27% 6%	* +/-5.0  Sub- urban 19% 40% 33% 7% 1%	 19% 48% 26% 6% 1%
No opinion Sampling Error  Crisis Major problems Minor problems No problems at all No opinion Sampling Error  Crisis Major problems Minor problems	+/-3.0  Total 18% 43% 31% 6% 1% +/-3.0  Total 18%	+/-5.5  North east 21% 44% 28% 6% 1% +/-6.5  Tea Pty Support 11%	+/-5.0  Mid- west 19% 38% 35% 7% 1% +/-6.5  Tea Pty Neutral 18%	+/-6.0  South 18% 44% 32% 6% 1% +/-5.5  Tea Pty Oppose 26%	* +/-7.0  West 17% 47% 31% 5% *	1% +/-5.0 Urban  19% 48% 27% 6%	* +/-5.0  Sub- urban 19% 40% 33% 7% 1%	 19% 48% 26% 6% 1%
No opinion Sampling Error  Crisis Major problems Minor problems No problems at all No opinion Sampling Error  Crisis Major problems Minor problems Minor problems No problems at all	+/-3.0  Total 18% 43% 31% 6% 1% +/-3.0  Total 18% 43% 31% 6%	+/-5.5  North east 21% 44% 28% 6% 1% +/-6.5  Tea Pty Support 11% 37% 42% 10%	+/-5.0  Mid- west 19% 38% 35% 7% 1% +/-6.5  Tea Pty Neutral 18% 45% 29% 7%	+/-6.0  South 18% 44% 32% 6% 1% +/-5.5  Tea Pty Oppose 26% 48% 24% 1%	* +/-7.0  West 17% 47% 31% 5% *	1% +/-5.0 Urban  19% 48% 27% 6%	* +/-5.0  Sub- urban 19% 40% 33% 7% 1%	 19% 48% 26% 6% 1%
No opinion Sampling Error  Crisis Major problems Minor problems No problems at all No opinion Sampling Error  Crisis Major problems Minor problems	+/-3.0  Total 18% 43% 31% 6% 1% +/-3.0  Total 18% 43% 31%	+/-5.5  North east 21% 44% 28% 6% 1% +/-6.5  Tea Pty Support 11% 37% 42%	+/-5.0  Mid- west 19% 38% 35% 7% 1% +/-6.5  Tea Pty Neutral 18% 45% 29%	+/-6.0  South 18% 44% 32% 6% 1% +/-5.5  Tea Pty Oppose 26% 48% 24%	* +/-7.0  West 17% 47% 31% 5% *	1% +/-5.0 Urban  19% 48% 27% 6%	* +/-5.0  Sub- urban 19% 40% 33% 7% 1%	 19% 48% 26% 6% 1%

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Question 17

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			on-White			
Great deal	 27%	 26%	28%	 26%	30%			
Some	37%	34%	40%	37%	36%			
Not much	19%	21%	16%	21%	13%			
Not at all	15%	18%	13%	14%	19%			
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5 +	-/-4.5 +/	-3.5 +	/-7.5			
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49	64 	65+ 	50 	Older	
Great deal	27%	16%	32%	30%	36%	24%	32%	
Some	37%	35%	38%	41%	33%	36%	38%	
Not much	19%	25%	17%	15%	15%	21%	15%	
Not at all	15%	23%	11%	14%	10%	17%	13%	
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	*	5%	2%	2%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende	ed		
	Total	\$50K	or more	College				
Great deal Some	27%	32%	24%	29%	26%			
	37%	29%	41%	34%	39%			
Not much	19%	18%	20%	19%	18%			
Not at all No opinion	15% 2%	18% 3%	13% 1%	15% 2%	15% 2%			
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Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	)		
		Demo-	Indep-	Repub	- Lib-	Mod-	Conse	er-
	Total	crat	endent			erate		
Great deal	 27%	33%	26%	22%		 29%	239	
Some	37%	36%	37%	38%		36%	369	
Not much	19%	22%	15%	20%		21%	199	
Not at all	15%	7%	20%	19%		13%	219	
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	1%		1%	19	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0		+/-5.0	+/-5.0	
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	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Great deal	27%	28%	25%	29%	26%	31%	24%	31%
Some	37%	34%	36%	37%	41%	33%	37%	41%
Not much	19%	21%	24%	15%	16%	21%	18%	17%
Not at all	15%	16%	15%	16%	15%	13%	18%	10%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5
		_	Tea Pty	_				
	Total	Support	Neutral	Oppose				
Great deal	27%	24%	29%	28%				
Some	37%	37%	34%	40%				
Not much	19%	18%	18%	20%				
Not at all	15%	18%	16%	12%				
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	*				
Sampling Error	2.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5					

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



Question 18

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		White N	on-White			
Yes, has acted responsibly No, has not No opinion	52% 46% 2%	48% 50% 2%	56% 43% 1%	46% 52% 2%	67% 31% 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	
Yes, has acted responsibly	52%	58%	57%	50%	38%	 57%	45%	
No, has not	46%	41%	42%	48%	59%	41%	52%	
No opinion	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attende College			
						_		
Yes, has acted responsibly	52%	56%	49%	46%	56%			
No, has not	46%	42%	49%	52%	42%			
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5			
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	_		Mod- erate	Cons vati	
Yes, has acted responsibly	52%	84%	46%	18%		62%	28	
No, has not	46% 2%	15% 2%	53% 1%	80% 3%		37% 1%	69	
No opinion Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0		+/-5.0	3 +/-5.	
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Yes, has acted responsibly	 52%	 53%	 60%	 41%	 59%	63%	 53%	34%
No, has not	46%	46%	38%	58%	39%	34%	47%	64%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5		+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5
	m - t - 1	Tea Pty	_	Tea Pty				
	Total	Support	Neutral	Oppose				
Yes, has acted responsibly	52%	20%	52%	81%				
No, has not	46%	79%	46%	18%				
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	1%				
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0				

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

Question 19

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		White N	on-White			
Yes, have acted responsibly	33%	36%	30%	39%	18%			
No, have not	63%	60%	66%	57%	78%			
No opinion	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5 +/	-3.5 +	/-7.5			
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49 	64 	65+ 	50 	Older	
Yes, have acted responsibly	33%	30%	31%	35%	38%	30%	36%	
No, have not	63%	64%	66%	63%	59%	65%	61%	
No opinion	3%	6%	3%	2%	3%	4%	2%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende	d		
	Total	\$50K	or more	College	College	_		
Yes, have acted responsibly	33%	28%	36%	32%	33%			
No, have not	63%	70%	60%	64%	63%			
No opinion	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5			
		Demo-	Indep-	Repub	- Lib-	Mod-	Cons	er-
	Total	crat 	endent	lican		erate		
Yes, have acted responsibly	33%	8%	33%	68%		24%	55	
No, have not	63%	90%	62%	28%	85%	73%	40	8
No opinion	3%	2%	4%	4%	1%	3%	5	%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.	0
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Yes, have acted responsibly	33%	35%	32%	36%	29%	29%	33%	40%
No, have not	63%	64%	63%	60%	67%	67%	65%	56%
No opinion	3%	1%	5%	4%	4%	4%	2%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5
		Tea Pty	Tea Pty	Tea Pty				
	Total	Support	Neutral	Oppose				
Yes, have acted responsibly	33%	57%	34%	12%				
No, have not	63%	40%	64%	85%				
No opinion	3%	4%	2%	4%				
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0				

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

Question 20

If the debt ceiling is not raised, do you think that Barack Obama or the Republicans in Congress would be more responsible for that?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White N	Non-White			
Obama	30%	31%	29%	34%	22%			
Republicans	51%	51%	51%	47%	60%			
Both	15%	15%	14%	14%	15%			
Neither	3%	1%	5%	3%	3%			
No opinion	1%	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	
Obama	30%	31%	33%	 26%	34%	32%	29%	
Republicans	51%	50%	47%	57%	47%	48%	53%	
Both	15%	14%	16%	14%	14%	15%	14%	
Neither	3%	5%	3%	1%	2%	4%	2%	
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	4%	1%	2%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attende College			
Obama	30%	29%	31%	33%	29			
Republicans	51%	49%	51%	49%	51			
Both	15%	16%	14%	13%	169			
Neither	3%	4%	2%	4%	25			
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	2%	1			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.	5		
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	licar	n eral	Mod- erate		ve
Obama	30%	13%	32%	528		 28%	439	
Republicans	51%	72%	44%	338		51%	379	
Both	15%	10%	19%	128		18%	15	
Neither	3%	3%	3%	28		3%	39	
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	28		1%	25	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	0
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east 	west	South	West	Urban 	urban 	Rural
Obama	30%	27%	33%	31%	30%	25%	33%	32%
Republicans	51%	54%	52%	46%	52%	58%	50%	40%
Both	15%	15%	12%	17%	14%	14%	13%	21%
Neither	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	5%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5
	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose				
Obama	30%	50%	33%	10%				
Republicans	51%	38%	33° 42%	72%				
Both	15%	9%	19%	14%				
Neither								
	3%	1%	3%	4%				
No opinion	3% 1%	1% 2%	3% 2%	4% 1%				

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



In some proposals, Congress would raise the debt ceiling while cutting between two trillion and four trillion dollars in government spending over the next ten years and raising taxes on some businesses and higher-income Americans. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men			on-White			
Favor	66%	63%	69%	66%	66%			
Oppose	34%	37%	30%	33%	33%			
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	1%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5 +	-/-4.5 +/	-3.5 +	/-7.5			
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49	64	65+	50	Older	
Favor	66%	67%	69%	67%	58%	68%	64%	
Oppose	34%	33%	30%	32%	41%	31%	35%	
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende	ed		
	Total	\$50K	or more	College	College	<u>:</u>		
Favor	66%	69%	65%	66%	66%	:- :		
Oppose	34%	31%	35%	33%	33%	i		
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*	1%	i		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	i		
		Demo-	Indep-	Repub	- Lib-	Mod-	Cons	er-
	Total	crat 	endent			erate		
Favor	66%	82%	65%	43%		. –=== 76%	46	
Oppose	34%	17%	34%	56%	18%	24%	54	8
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	*	1:	8
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.	0
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Favor	 66%	 68%	 67%	 64%	64%	 66%	 67%	 63%
Oppose	34%	31%	32%	35%	36%	34%	32%	36%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	*	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5
		Tea Pty	Tea Pty	Tea Pty				
	Total	Support	Neutral	Oppose				
Favor	66%	36%	73%	85%				
Oppose	34%	63%	27%	15%				
No opinion	1%	1%	*	*				
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0				

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

In another proposal, Congress would give President Obama the ability to raise the debt ceiling several times in the next 18 months while cutting a smaller amount in government spending and not raising taxes at all. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women		on-White			
Favor	34%	34%	35%	 29%	47%			
Oppose	65%	64%	65%	70%	52%			
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	*			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5 +	-/-4.5 +/	-3.5 +	/-7.5			
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49 	64 	65+ 	50 	Older	
Favor	34%	43%	34%	32%	25%	38%	29%	
Oppose	65%	56%	66%	68%	73%	61%	70%	
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	2%	1%	1%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende	ed		
	Total	\$50K	or more	College	College			
Favor	34%	43%	29%	40%	30%			
Oppose	65%	57%	70%	59%	69%			
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	18			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5			
		Demo-	Indep-	_		Mod-		
	Total	crat 	endent			erate		
Favor	34%	40%	33%	28%	34%	37%	30	
Oppose	65%	60%	65%	70%		62%		
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%		1%		용
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.	0
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Favor	34%	40%	31%	36%	30%	41%	35%	30%
Oppose	65%	60%	66%	64%	70%	59%	64%	70%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5
		Tea Pty	Tea Pty	Tea Pty				
	Total	Support	Neutral	Oppose				
Favor	34%	25%	46%	30%				
	34% 65%	25% 74%	46% 53%	30% 70%				
Oppose	1%	746 18	1%	/U6 *				
No opinion Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0				

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

In another proposal, Congress would raise the debt ceiling only if a balanced budget amendment were passed by both houses of Congress and substantial spending cuts and caps on future spending were approved. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White N	on-White			
Favor	66%	67%	66%	 69%	63%			
Oppose	33%	33%	32%	31%	35%			
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	2%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5 +	/-4.5 +/	-3.5 +	/-7.5			
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49 	64 	65+ 	50 	Older	
Favor	66%	64%	70%	62%	73%	67%	67%	
Oppose	33%	34%	29%	37%	26%	32%	32%	
No opinion	1%	2%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende	ed		
	Total	\$50K	or more	College	College			
Favor	66%	73%	63%	76%	60%	Ś		
Oppose	33%	26%	36%	22%	398	Š		
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	2%	*			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	5		
		Demo-	Indep-	_		Mod-	Cons	
	Total	crat 	endent			erate		
Favor	66%	63%	65%	73%		65%	77	
Oppose	33%	35%	34%	26%		33%	23	
No opinion	1%	2%	*	1%		1%	1	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.	0
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Favor	66%	65%	61%	71%	68%	66%	65%	73%
Oppose	33%	33%	39%	28%	32%	34%	34%	26%
No opinion	1%	3%	*	1%	*	*	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5
		Tea Pty	Tea Pty	Tea Pty				
	Total	Support	Neutral	Oppose				
Favor	66%	74%	74%	53%				
Oppose	33%	25%	25%	47%				
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	*				
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0				

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

### Question 24A

Now I'm going to read you some of the specific proposals for cutting government spending and increasing taxes that have been suggested as part of the discussions on the debt ceiling. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal as a way to reduce the amount that the government owes.

# A. Cutting federal subsidies to farmers

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men			Non-White			
Favor	31%	 36%	 27%	34%	24%			
Oppose	66%	61%	71%	63%	75%			
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	3%	*			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0				+/-7.5			
Z	,	,	,		,			
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49	64	65+ 	50 	Older	
Favor	31%	22%	26%	39%	45%	24%	41%	
Oppose	66%	74%	74%	60%	52%	74%	57%	
No opinion	2%	5%	*	1%	3%	2%	2%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende	ed		
	Total	\$50K	or more	College	_			
Favor	31%	21%	39%	23%	379	5		
Oppose	66%	78%	58%	76%	599	5		
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	1%	38			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	5		
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	licar	n eral	Mod- erate	e vati	ve
Favor	31%	30%	30%	359		 27%		
Oppose	66%	67%	68%	629		72%	59	
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	29		1%	3	8
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.	0
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Favor	31%	 27%	 29%	33%	 37%	 33%	 31%	31%
Oppose	66%	73%	70%	65%	58%	65%	68%	66%
No opinion	2%	*	1%	2%	5%	3%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5
	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose				
Favor	31%	38%	18%	39%				
Oppose	51° 66%	57%	82%	59%				
	2%	57° 5%	0⊿° *	2%				
No opinion Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0				
pampiing Filor	T/-3.0	T/-3.3	T/-5.5	+/-5.0				

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

### Question 24B

Now I'm going to read you some of the specific proposals for cutting government spending and increasing taxes that have been suggested as part of the discussions on the debt ceiling. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal as a way to reduce the amount that the government owes.

# B. Cutting pensions and benefits for retired government workers

Base = Total Sample

	Total				Non-White			
Favor	30%	 35%	 25%	35%	19%			
Oppose	68%	63%	74%	64%	80%			
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0				+/-7.5			
-								
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49 	64	65+ 	50 	Older	
Favor	30%	23%	28%	32%	43%	25%	37%	
Oppose	68%	76%	72%	66%	55%	74%	62%	
No opinion	2%	1%	*	1%	2%	1%	2%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende	ed		
	Total	\$50K	or more	College	_			
Favor	30%	27%	32%	33%	28			
Oppose	68%	72%	66%	66%	71	8		
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	1%	15	8		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.	5		
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	licar	n eral	Mod- erat	e vati	ve
Favor	30%	 17%	34%	439		 27%		
Oppose	68%	82%	64%	569		73%	57	
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	19	1%	*	2	8
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.	0
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Favor	30%	31%	33%	28%	29%	29%	30%	37%
Oppose	68%	66%	64%	72%	69%	70%	69%	63%
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	*	2%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5
	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose				
Favor	30%	48%	29%	17%				
Oppose	50° 68%	40° 51%	29% 70%	82%				
No opinion	2%	* 2T.2	1%	1%				
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0				
pampiting prior	1/-3.0	r/-5.5	1/-5.5	+/-5.0				

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

### Question 24C

Now I'm going to read you some of the specific proposals for cutting government spending and increasing taxes that have been suggested as part of the discussions on the debt ceiling. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal as a way to reduce the amount that the government owes.

# C. Cutting defense spending

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women		on-White			
Favor	47%	54%	40%	46%	50%			
Oppose	52%	46%	57%	53%	48%			
No opinion	1%	*	3%	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	
Favor	47%	49%	49%	46%	44%	49%	45%	
Oppose	52%	50%	50%	53%	54%	50%	53%	
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende	ed		
	Total	\$50K	or more	College	_			
Favor	47%	41%	52%	43%	51%			
Oppose	52%	58%	46%	57%	478	š		
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	1%	28	š		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	5		
		Demo-	Indep-	Repub	- Lib-	Mod-	Cons	er-
	Total	crat 	endent			erate		
Favor	47%	56%	50%	29%		46%	39	
Oppose	52%	43%	48%	71%	34%	52%	61	%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	*	*	2%	1	%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.	0
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Favor	 47%	 50%	49%	 42%	 50%	 52%	 45%	44%
Oppose	52%	49%	51%	57%	47%	45%	54%	55%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	37°s	3%	3%	1%	33%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5
Samping Error	+/-3.0	+/-0.5	+/-0.5	+/-5.5	+/-0.5	+/-0.0	+/-4.5	+/-0.5
		Tea Pty	Tea Pty	Tea Pty				
	Total	Support	Neutral	Oppose				
Favor	47%	38%	43%	61%				
Oppose	52%	60%	56%	38%				
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	*				
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0				

 $<sup>\</sup>mbox{*}$  percentage less than 1%

### Question 24D

Now I'm going to read you some of the specific proposals for cutting government spending and increasing taxes that have been suggested as part of the discussions on the debt ceiling. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal as a way to reduce the amount that the government owes.

D. Cutting the amount the government spends on Medicaid, the federal health program for the poor

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men		White N	on-White			
Favor	 22%	28%	 17%	 23%	20%			
Oppose	77%	72%	82%	76%	80%			
No opinion	*	*	1%	1%	*			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5 +	-/-4.5 +/	-3.5 +	/-7.5			
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49	64	65+ 	50 	Older	
Favor	22%	23%	23%	21%	24%	23%	22%	
Oppose	77%	77%	76%	79%	76%	77%	78%	
No opinion	*	*	1%	*	1%		*	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende	ed		
	Total	\$50K	or more	College	College			
Favor	22%	17%	26%	19%	25%			
Oppose	77%	82%	73%	80%	758			
No opinion	*	1%	*	1%	*			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5			
		Demo-	Indep-	Repub	- Lib-	Mod-	Cons	er-
	Total	crat 	endent			erate		
Favor	22%	13%	22%	36%		20%	35	
Oppose	77%	86%	77%	64%		79%	65	
No opinion	*	1%	*	*	*	1%	*	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.	0
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Favor	22%	19%	21%	30%	16%	21%	23%	24%
Oppose	77%	81%	79%	69%	83%	79%	77%	74%
No opinion	*	*	*	1%	*	*	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5
		Tea Pty	Tea Pty	Tea Pty				
	Total	Support	Neutral	Oppose				
Favor	 22%	39%	18%	12%				
Oppose	77%	61%	81%	87%				
No opinion	*	*	1%	*				
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0				

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

### Question 24E

Now I'm going to read you some of the specific proposals for cutting government spending and increasing taxes that have been suggested as part of the discussions on the debt ceiling. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal as a way to reduce the amount that the government owes.

E. Cutting the amount the government spends on Medicare, the federal health program for the elderly

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men		White N	on-White			
Favor	 12%	 15%	10%	 13%	 10%			
Oppose	87%	83%	90%	86%	90%			
No opinion	1%	2%	*	1%	*			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		-/-4.5 +/		/-7.5			
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49 	64 	65+ 	50 	Older	
Favor	12%	18%	8%	11%	11%	13%	11%	
Oppose	87%	81%	92%	88%	88%	86%	88%	
No opinion	1%	1%	*	*	1%	1%	1%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	
		1	± = 0					
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende			
	Total	\$50K	or more	College	College			
Favor	12%	9%	15%	11%	148			
Oppose	87%	90%	84%	89%	85%	5		
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*	18	5		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	5		
		Demo-	Indep-	Repub	- Lib-	Mod-	Cons	or-
	Total	crat	endent	_		erate		
Favor	12%	10%	14%	13%	9%	11%	17	%
Oppose	87%	90%	85%	85%	90%	89%	82	%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	2%		*	1	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.	0
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Favor	12%	11%	12%	15%	10%	14%	14%	8%
Oppose	87%	87%	88%	84%	89%	86%	86%	90%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%	*	*	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5
		Tea Pty	Tea Pty	Tea Pty				
	Total	Support	Neutral	Oppose				
Favor	12%	22%	6%	12%				
Oppose	87%	77%	94%	88%				
No opinion	1%	1%	*	*				
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0				
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<sup>\*</sup> percentage less than 1%

### Question 24F

Now I'm going to read you some of the specific proposals for cutting government spending and increasing taxes that have been suggested as part of the discussions on the debt ceiling. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal as a way to reduce the amount that the government owes.

F. Cutting the amount the government spends on Social Security

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men			Jon-White			
Favor	 16%	18%	13%	 16%	15%			
Oppose	84%	80%	87%	84%	85%			
No opinion	1%	2%	*	*	*			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5 +	-/-4.5 +/	-3.5 +	-/-7.5			
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49	64	65+ 	50 	Older	
Favor	16%	26%	12%	13%	8%	20%	11%	
Oppose	84%	74%	888	87%	91%	80%	88%	
No opinion	1%	*	*	*	2%	*	1%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende	ed		
	Total	\$50K	or more	College	_			
Favor	16%	12%	18%	12%	198			
Oppose	84%	88%	81%	88%	818			
No opinion	1%	*	*	*	*			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	5		
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	_		Mod-		
						erate		
Favor	16%	13%	16%	18%		13%		
Oppose	84%	87%	82%	81%		86%	78	
No opinion	1%	*	1%	18		*	1	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.	0
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Favor	16%	16%	13%	20%	12%	14%	19%	10%
Oppose	84%	81%	87%	80%	87%	85%	80%	90%
No opinion	1%	2%	*	*	1%	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5
	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose				
Favor	16%	25%	11%	13%				
Oppose	84%	74%	89%	87%				
No opinion	1%	1%	*	*				
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0				

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

### Question 24I

Now I'm going to read you some of the specific proposals for cutting government spending and increasing taxes that have been suggested as part of the discussions on the debt ceiling. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal as a way to reduce the amount that the government owes.

I. Increasing the taxes paid by oil and gas companies by ending federal subsidies for those businesses

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men			on-White			
Favor	73%	72%	74%	74%	70%			
Oppose	26%	26%	25%	25%	27%			
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	
Favor	73%	65%	74%	82%	72%	69%	78%	
Oppose	26%	35%	25%	16%	26%	30%	20%	
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende	ed		
	Total	\$50K	or more	College	_	е		
Favor	73%	70%	77%	69%	76	 %		
Oppose	26%	28%	22%	30%	225	9		
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%	15	&		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.	5		
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	_		Mod- erate	Conse vati	
Favor	 73%	 80%	 72%	 65%		 77%		
Oppose	26%	19%	27%	34%		22%	34	
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	2%		1%	2	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0		+/-5.0	+/-5.	
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Favor	73%	70%	74%	73%	76%	72%	73%	74%
Oppose	26%	27%	26%	26%	24%	25%	26%	26%
No opinion	1%	3%	*	1%	1%	4%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5
		Tea Pty	Tea Pty	Tea Pty				
	Total	Support	Neutral	Oppose				
Favor	 73%	60%	69%	88%				
Oppose	26%	38%	30%	10%				
No opinion	1%	2%	*	2%				
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0				

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### Question 24J

Now I'm going to read you some of the specific proposals for cutting government spending and increasing taxes that have been suggested as part of the discussions on the debt ceiling. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal as a way to reduce the amount that the government owes.

# J. Increasing the taxes paid by businesses that own private jets

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men			on-White			
Favor	76%	72%	80%	74%	82%			
Oppose	23%	28%	19%	25%	18%			
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	
Favor	 76%	 79%	 82%	 73%	 68%	 81%	 71%	
Oppose	23%	21%	18%	26%	30%	19%	28%	
No opinion	*	*	*	*	2%	*	1%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attende College			
Favor	76%	79%	76%	79%	758	8		
Oppose	23%	20%	24%	21%	259	8		
No opinion	*	1%	*	1%	*			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	5		
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	lican	eral	Mod- erate		ve
Favor	 76%	90%	 74%	 60%		 82%	60	
Oppose	23%	10%	26%	39%		18%	40	%
No opinion	*	*	*	1%	1%	*	*	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.	0
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Favor	76%	80%	80%	71%	77%	74%	77%	77%
Oppose	23%	20%	19%	29%	23%	26%	23%	21%
No opinion	*	*	1%	25°	*	*	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5
	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose				
Favor		519	828	935				
Favor Oppose	76%	51% 49%	82% 17%	93% 7%				
Favor Oppose No opinion		51% 49% *	82% 17% *	93% 7% *				

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### Question 24K

Now I'm going to read you some of the specific proposals for cutting government spending and increasing taxes that have been suggested as part of the discussions on the debt ceiling. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal as a way to reduce the amount that the government owes.

K. Increasing the taxes paid by people who make more than 250 thousand dollars a year

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men			on-White			
Favor Oppose	73% 26%	69% 31%	77% 23%	 71% 29%	81% 19%			
No opinion 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 Oppose No opinion	73% 26% *	81% 19% *	75% 25% *	68% 31% *	69% 31% *	78% 22% *	68% 31% *	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	_	2		
Favor Oppose No opinion	73% 26% *	79% 21% *	71% 29% *	74% 26% *	738 268 *	Ś		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	5		
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	lican	eral	Mod- erate		ve
Favor Oppose No opinion	73% 26% *	92% 7% *	71% 29% *	51% 49% *	888	85% 15% *	52 <sup>9</sup> 48 <sup>9</sup> *	) }
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	)
	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Favor Oppose No opinion	73% 26% *	73% 27% *	79% 21% *	70% 30% *	74% 26% *	78% 22% *	71% 29% *	73% 27% *
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5
	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose				
Favor Oppose No opinion	73% 26% *	44% 56% *	82% 18% *	92% 8% *				
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0				

 $<sup>\</sup>mbox{*}$  percentage less than 1%

Question 25 Would you favor or oppose a constitutional amendment to require a balanced federal budget?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men		White N	on-White			
Favor	74%	74%	75%	 76%	72%			
Oppose	24%	25%	24%	23%	27%			
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5 +	/-4.5 +/	-3.5 +	/-7.5			
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49	64	65+	50 	Older	
Favor	74%	72%	74%	75%	79%	73%	76%	
Oppose	24%	28%	24%	24%	20%	26%	22%	
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende	h.d		
	Total	\$50K	or more	College				
					_			
Favor	74%	79%	74%	79%	728	5		
Oppose	24%	21%	26%	20%	28%	š		
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	18	5		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5	5		
		Demo-	Indep-	Repub	- Lib-	Mod-	Conse	r-
	Total	crat	endent	_		erate		
Favor	74%	66%	76%	84%	61%	73%	85%	5
Oppose	24%	33%	22%	16%	37%	27%	15%	š
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	*	2%	1%	*	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	)
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Favor	74%	73%	70%	81%	70%	72%	76%	76%
Oppose	24%	24%	29%	18%	29%	27%	23%	22%
No opinion	1%	3%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5
		Tea Pty	Tea Pty	Tea Pty				
	Total	Support	Neutral	Oppose				
Favor	74%	85%	84%	56%				
Oppose	24%	15%	16%	43%				
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%				
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0				

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

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### Question 25A

In order to get the federal budget deficit under control, do you think it is necessary or not necessary to pass a Constitutional amendment requiring a balanced federal budget?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men			on-White				
Necessary	60%	61%	60%	 60%	62%				
Not necessary	38%	38%	38%	40%	35%				
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	3%				
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5 +/	-3.5 +	/-7.5				
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and		
	Total	34	49	64	65+	50	Older		
Necessary	60%	68%	58%	58%	58%	63%	58%		
Not necessary	38%	31%	41%	42%	40%	36%	41%		
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0		
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende	d			
	Total	\$50K	or more	College	College				
Necessary	60%	66%	56%	69%	55%	_			
Not necessary	38%	32%	44%	29%	45%				
No opinion	1%	2%	*	2%	*				
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5				
		Demo-	Indep-	Repub	- Lib-	Mod-	Cons	er-	
	Total	crat	endent	lican		erate			
Necessary	60%	52%	63%	68%		57%	74		
Not necessary	38%	46%	36%	32%	52%	41%	26	26%	
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	*	*	1%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.	0	
		North	Mid-				Sub-		
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural	
Necessary	60%	60%	61%	64%	56%	60%	61%	65%	
Not necessary	38%	36%	39%	36%	43%	39%	38%	35%	
No opinion	1%	4%	*	*	2%	1%	1%	*	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	
		Tea Pty	Tea Pty	Tea Pty					
	Total	Support	Neutral	Oppose					
Necessary	60%	65%	74%	41%					
Not necessary	38%	34%	24%	58%					
No opinion	1%	*	2%	*					
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0					

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