

The logo features the text "CNN | ORC" in a bold, sans-serif font. The "CNN" is white with a black outline, and the "ORC" is solid black. A vertical line separates the two. Below this, the word "POLL" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters on a solid black rectangular background.

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Interviews with 1,008 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on August 5-7, 2011. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. The sample also includes 930 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3 percentage points).

The sample includes 808 interviews among landline respondents and 200 interviews among cell phone respondents.

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12. Which of these statements comes closest to your view: (RANDOM ORDER)

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Taxes on wealthy people should be kept low because they invest their money in the private sector and that helps the economy and creates jobs	34%
Taxes on wealthy people should be kept high so the government can use their money for programs to help lower-income people	62%
No opinion	5%

LOS ANGELES TIMES TRENDS

	<u>Tax low</u>	<u>Tax high</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1992 Oct 24-26	20	69	11
1991 Apr 6-9	18	69	13

18. As you may know, that bill created a bipartisan congressional committee that is expected to produce a proposal to significantly reduce the federal budget deficit. Please tell me whether you think each of the following should or should not be included in that deficit reduction proposal: (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Should</u>	<u>Should not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Increases in taxes on businesses and higher-income Americans	63%	36%	1%
Major cuts in spending on domestic government programs	57%	40%	3%
Major cuts in military spending	47%	53%	*
Major changes to the Social Security and Medicare systems	35%	64%	1%
Increases in taxes on middle class and lower-income Americans	12%	87%	*

Question 12

Which of these statements comes closest to your view:

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Taxes on wealthy low	34%	38%	30%	39%	20%
Keep taxes on wealthy high	62%	57%	66%	56%	75%
No opinion	5%	5%	4%	5%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Taxes on wealthy low	34%	35%	32%	31%	39%	33%	34%
Keep taxes on wealthy high	62%	64%	63%	62%	55%	63%	60%
No opinion	5%	2%	6%	6%	5%	4%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Taxes on wealthy low	34%	27%	40%	30%	37%
Keep taxes on wealthy high	62%	71%	54%	67%	57%
No opinion	5%	3%	6%	3%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Taxes on wealthy low	34%	13%	35%	61%	13%	24%	55%
Keep taxes on wealthy high	62%	84%	60%	33%	83%	71%	40%
No opinion	5%	3%	5%	6%	3%	5%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Taxes on wealthy low	34%	31%	32%	39%	29%	28%	38%	32%
Keep taxes on wealthy high	62%	62%	65%	56%	67%	69%	55%	64%
No opinion	5%	7%	3%	5%	4%	3%	6%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Taxes on wealthy low	34%	77%	23%	15%
Keep taxes on wealthy high	62%	20%	71%	80%
No opinion	5%	3%	5%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 18A

As you may know, that bill created a bipartisan congressional committee that is expected to produce a proposal to significantly reduce the federal budget deficit. Please tell me whether you think each of the following should or should not be included in that deficit reduction proposal:

A. Increases in taxes on businesses and higher-income Americans

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Should	63%	62%	64%	58%	76%
Should not	36%	37%	35%	41%	24%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Should	63%	66%	64%	63%	56%	65%	60%
Should not	36%	34%	35%	36%	42%	35%	38%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	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	Attended College
Should	63%	67%	61%	64%	62%
Should not	36%	32%	38%	36%	37%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should	63%	80%	62%	39%	82%	74%	40%
Should not	36%	19%	37%	60%	17%	25%	59%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should	63%	65%	62%	61%	65%	65%	58%	66%
Should not	36%	34%	38%	38%	35%	35%	41%	33%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Should	63%	24%	68%	86%
Should not	36%	75%	31%	13%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 18B

As you may know, that bill created a bipartisan congressional committee that is expected to produce a proposal to significantly reduce the federal budget deficit. Please tell me whether you think each of the following should or should not be included in that deficit reduction proposal:

B. Increases in taxes on middle class and lower-income Americans

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Should	12%	14%	11%	11%	16%
Should not	87%	86%	89%	88%	84%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Should	12%	14%	10%	11%	15%	12%	13%
Should not	87%	86%	90%	89%	83%	88%	87%
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	Attended College
Should	12%	12%	14%	11%	13%
Should not	87%	88%	86%	88%	86%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should	12%	9%	13%	14%	10%	14%	12%
Should not	87%	90%	86%	85%	89%	86%	88%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should	12%	11%	16%	13%	9%	12%	11%	14%
Should not	87%	89%	83%	87%	91%	87%	89%	86%
No opinion	*	*	1%	1%	*	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Should	12%	12%	13%	13%
Should not	87%	88%	87%	87%
No opinion	*	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 18C

As you may know, that bill created a bipartisan congressional committee that is expected to produce a proposal to significantly reduce the federal budget deficit. Please tell me whether you think each of the following should or should not be included in that deficit reduction proposal:

C. Major cuts in spending on domestic government programs

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Should	57%	64%	50%	62%	44%
Should not	40%	34%	46%	36%	51%
No opinion	3%	1%	5%	2%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Should	57%	51%	58%	57%	65%	55%	60%
Should not	40%	47%	39%	41%	30%	43%	36%
No opinion	3%	2%	3%	3%	5%	3%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Should	57%	52%	60%	55%	58%
Should not	40%	46%	36%	42%	38%
No opinion	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should	57%	39%	60%	77%	40%	52%	71%
Should not	40%	58%	38%	18%	58%	44%	26%
No opinion	3%	3%	2%	5%	2%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should	57%	60%	57%	58%	52%	46%	64%	58%
Should not	40%	37%	42%	38%	46%	51%	33%	39%
No opinion	3%	3%	1%	5%	2%	3%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Should	57%	80%	54%	45%
Should not	40%	15%	44%	52%
No opinion	3%	5%	2%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 18D

As you may know, that bill created a bipartisan congressional committee that is expected to produce a proposal to significantly reduce the federal budget deficit. Please tell me whether you think each of the following should or should not be included in that deficit reduction proposal:

D. Major cuts in military spending

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Should	47%	53%	41%	48%	45%
Should not	53%	47%	58%	51%	55%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Should	47%	50%	50%	43%	44%	50%	43%
Should not	53%	50%	49%	57%	55%	50%	56%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	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	Attended College
Should	47%	45%	51%	46%	48%
Should not	53%	55%	49%	54%	52%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should	47%	60%	50%	22%	66%	54%	30%
Should not	53%	40%	49%	78%	34%	46%	69%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should	47%	55%	52%	41%	46%	47%	43%	54%
Should not	53%	45%	48%	59%	54%	53%	56%	46%
No opinion	*	1%	*	*	*	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Should	47%	25%	42%	70%
Should not	53%	75%	58%	29%
No opinion	*	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 18E

As you may know, that bill created a bipartisan congressional committee that is expected to produce a proposal to significantly reduce the federal budget deficit. Please tell me whether you think each of the following should or should not be included in that deficit reduction proposal:

E. Major changes to the Social Security and Medicare systems

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Should	35%	37%	33%	34%	36%
Should not	64%	61%	67%	64%	64%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Should	35%	50%	37%	26%	22%	43%	24%
Should not	64%	50%	62%	73%	75%	56%	74%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	3%	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	Attended College
Should	35%	27%	45%	26%	42%
Should not	64%	72%	54%	72%	58%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should	35%	28%	37%	42%	30%	30%	43%
Should not	64%	71%	62%	57%	70%	69%	55%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should	35%	36%	29%	41%	30%	31%	38%	31%
Should not	64%	63%	68%	59%	69%	68%	61%	67%
No opinion	1%	1%	3%	1%	*	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Should	35%	47%	31%	31%
Should not	64%	52%	68%	68%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

* percentage less than 1%