

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)

	Aug. 5-7 2011
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	62%
help lower-income people	5 0/
No opinion	5%

LOS ANGELES TIMES TRENDS

	Tax low	<u>Tax high</u>	No opinion
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)

	Should	Should not	No opinion
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%	*

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Question 12 Which of these statements comes closest to your view:

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men			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			
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and	
	Total	34	49	64	65+	50	0lder	
Taxes on wealthy low	34%	35%	32%	31%	39%	33%	34%	
Keep taxes on wealthy high	62%	64%	63% 6%	62%	55%	63%	60%	
No opinion Sampling Error	5% +/-3.0	2% +/-8.5	+/-7.0	6% +/-5.5	5% +/-5.5	4% +/-5.5	6% +/-4.0	
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		Under	\$50K	No	Attende			
	Total	\$50K	or more	Colleg	-			
Taxes on wealthy low	34%	27%	40%	30%				
Keep taxes on wealthy high	62%	71%	54%	67%	579	2		
No opinion	5%	3%	6%	3%	69	5		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5	5		
		Demo-	Indep-	Repu	b- Lib-	Mod-	Cons	er-
	Total		endent			erat		
Taxes on wealthy low	 34%	 13%	 35%					
Keep taxes on wealthy high	62%	84%	60%	33	8 838	71%	40	8
No opinion	5%	3%	5%	6	8 38	5%	5	8
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.	0 +/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.	5
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total		west	South	West	Urban	urban	Rural
Taxes on wealthy low	 34%	 31%	 32%	 39%	 29%	 28%	 38%	 32%
Keep taxes on wealthy high	54% 62%	62%	65%	56%	67%	20% 69%	55%	52% 64%
No opinion	5%	7%	3%	5%	48	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				

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		White N	on-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	+/-4.0	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attende College			
Should	 63%	 67%	 61%	 64%	 62%			
Should not	36%	32%	38%	048 368	37%			
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5			
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	Repub lican	eral	Mod- erate		e
Should	 63%	80%	 62%	39%		 74%	40%	
Should not	36%	19%	37%	60%	17%	25%	59%	
No opinion	18	10	18	18	*	10	1%	
a 1' -	1.0	1%	10	10	*	18	10	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0		+/-5.0	+/-4.5	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0 Total	+/-6.0 North	+/-4.5 Mid- west	+/-6.0 South			+/-4.5 Sub- urban	Rural
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0 North east	+/-4.5 Mid-	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.0 Urban	+/-4.5 Sub-	Rural 66%
	+/-3.0 Total	+/-6.0 North east	+/-4.5 Mid- west	+/-6.0 South	+/-7.5 West	+/-5.0 Urban	+/-4.5 Sub- urban	
Should	+/-3.0 Total 63%	+/-6.0 North east 65%	+/-4.5 Mid- west 62%	+/-6.0 South 61%	+/-7.5 West 65%	+/-5.0 Urban 65%	+/-4.5 Sub- urban 58%	 66%
Should Should not	+/-3.0 Total 63% 36%	+/-6.0 North east 65% 34%	+/-4.5 Mid- west 62% 38%	+/-6.0 South 61% 38%	+/-7.5 West 65% 35% 1%	+/-5.0 Urban 65% 35%	+/-4.5 Sub- urban 58% 41% 1%	66% 33%
Should Should not No opinion	+/-3.0 Total 63% 36% 1% +/-3.0 Total	+/-6.0 North east 65% 34% 1%	+/-4.5 Mid- west 62% 38% 1%	+/-6.0 South 	+/-7.5 West 65% 35% 1%	+/-5.0 Urban 65% 35% 1%	+/-4.5 Sub- urban 58% 41% 1%	66% 33% 1%
Should Should not No opinion Sampling Error	+/-3.0 Total 63% 36% 1% +/-3.0 Total 	+/-6.0 North east 65% 34% 1% +/-6.5 Tea Pty Support	+/-4.5 Mid- west 62% 38% 1% +/-6.5 Tea Pty Neutral	+/-6.0 South 61% 38% 1% +/-5.5 Tea Pty Oppose 	+/-7.5 West 65% 35% 1%	+/-5.0 Urban 65% 35% 1%	+/-4.5 Sub- urban 58% 41% 1%	66% 33% 1%
Should Should not No opinion Sampling Error Should	+/-3.0 Total 63% 36% 1% +/-3.0 Total 63%	+/-6.0 North east 65% 34% 1% +/-6.5 Tea Pty Support 24%	+/-4.5 Mid- west 62% 38% 1% +/-6.5 Tea Pty Neutral 68%	+/-6.0 South 61% 38% 1% +/-5.5 Tea Pty Oppose 86%	+/-7.5 West 65% 35% 1%	+/-5.0 Urban 65% 35% 1%	+/-4.5 Sub- urban 58% 41% 1%	66% 33% 1%
Should Should not No opinion Sampling Error Should Should not	+/-3.0 Total 63% 36% 1% +/-3.0 Total 63% 36%	+/-6.0 North east 	+/-4.5 Mid- west 62% 38% 1% +/-6.5 Tea Pty Neutral 68% 31%	+/-6.0 South 61% 38% 1% +/-5.5 Tea Pty Oppose 86% 13%	+/-7.5 West 65% 35% 1%	+/-5.0 Urban 65% 35% 1%	+/-4.5 Sub- urban 58% 41% 1%	66% 33% 1%
Should Should not No opinion Sampling Error Should	+/-3.0 Total 63% 36% 1% +/-3.0 Total 63%	+/-6.0 North east 65% 34% 1% +/-6.5 Tea Pty Support 24%	+/-4.5 Mid- west 62% 38% 1% +/-6.5 Tea Pty Neutral 68%	+/-6.0 South 61% 38% 1% +/-5.5 Tea Pty Oppose 86%	+/-7.5 West 65% 35% 1%	+/-5.0 Urban 65% 35% 1%	+/-4.5 Sub- urban 58% 41% 1%	66% 33% 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			Non-White			
Should not	 12% 87% *	 14% 86% *	11% 89% *	11% 88%	16% 84% *			
No opinion Sampling Error	* +/-3.0			* -3.5 ·	* +/-7.0			
		10	25	50			50 and	
	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%	*	18	
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	Colleg	2			
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	Demo- crat	Indep- endent		n eral	Mod- erate		ve
Should	 12%	 9%				 14%		
Should not	87%	90%	86%	85		86%	88	
No opinion	*	*	*	*		*	*	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	0 +/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.	5
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	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
		Tea Pty	Tea Pty	Tea Pty				
	Total	Support	Neutral	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				

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			on-White			
Should Should not No opinion Sampling Error	 57% 40% 3% +/-3.0	64% 34% 1%	50% 46% 5%	62% 36% 2%	44% 51% 4% /-7.0			
Sampring Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5 +	/-4.5 +/-	-3.5 -	/-/.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%	38	5%	3%	48	
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			
Should Should not	57% 40%	52% 46%	60% 36%	55% 42%	58% 38%			
	40% 3%	468 28	308	428 38	388 38			
No opinion Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5			
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	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	Repub lican	eral	Mod- erate		ve
Should	 57%	 39%	 60%			 52%	 719	
Should not	40%	58%	38%	18%	58%	44%	269	5
No opinion	3%	3%	28	5%	28	3%	39	20
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5					
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		North	Mid-		·		Sub-	
	Total	east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Should	Total 57%		Mid-		·		Sub-	
Should Should not		east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
	 57%	east 60%	Mid- west 57%	South 58%	West 52%	Urban 46%	Sub- urban 64%	Rural 58%
Should not	 57% 40%	east 60% 37%	Mid- west 57% 42%	South 58% 38%	West 52% 46% 2%	Urban 46% 51%	Sub- urban 64% 33%	Rural 58% 39%
Should not No opinion	57% 40% 3% +/-3.0	east 60% 37% 3%	Mid- west 57% 42% 1%	South 58% 38% 5% +/-5.5 Tea Pty Oppose	West 52% 46% 2%	Urban 46% 51% 3%	Sub- urban 64% 33% 3%	Rural 58% 39% 3%
Should not No opinion Sampling Error	57% 40% 3% +/-3.0 Total	east 60% 37% 3% +/-6.5 Tea Pty Support	Mid- west 57% 42% 1% +/-6.5 Tea Pty Neutral	South 58% 38% 5% +/-5.5 Tea Pty Oppose	West 52% 46% 2%	Urban 46% 51% 3%	Sub- urban 64% 33% 3%	Rural 58% 39% 3%
Should not No opinion Sampling Error Should	57% 40% 3% +/-3.0 Total 57%	east 60% 37% 3% +/-6.5 Tea Pty Support 80%	Mid- west 57% 42% 1% +/-6.5 Tea Pty Neutral 54%	South 58% 38% 5% +/-5.5 Tea Pty Oppose 45%	West 52% 46% 2%	Urban 46% 51% 3%	Sub- urban 64% 33% 3%	Rural 58% 39% 3%
Should not No opinion Sampling Error	57% 40% 3% +/-3.0 Total	east 60% 37% 3% +/-6.5 Tea Pty Support	Mid- west 57% 42% 1% +/-6.5 Tea Pty Neutral	South 58% 38% 5% +/-5.5 Tea Pty Oppose	West 52% 46% 2%	Urban 46% 51% 3%	Sub- urban 64% 33% 3%	Rural 58% 39% 3%

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			Non-White			
Should Should not	47% 53%	53% 47%	41% 58%	48% 51%	45% 55%			
No opinion Sampling Error	* +/-3.0	* +/-4.5 +	*	* -3.5 ·	* +/-7.0			
		18-	35-	50-		Under	50 and	
	Total	18 - 34	49	64	65+	50	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	
		Under	\$50K	No	Attende	d		
	Total	\$50K	or more	Colleg	-			
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	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	lica	n eral	Mod- erate		ve
Should	 47%	 60%	 50%			 54%		
Should not	47° 53%	40%	49%	78		46%	69	
No opinion	*	+00	*	,,,		18	*	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	0 +/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.	5
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	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
		Tea Pty	Tea Pty	Tea Pty				
	Total	Support	Neutral	0ppose				
Should	 47%	 25%	42%	 70%				
Should not	53%	75%	58%	29%				
No opinion	*	*	*	1%				
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0				

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		White M	Non-White			
Should Should not No opinion	35% 64% 1%	37% 61% 1%	33% 67% 1%	348 648 18	36% 64% *			
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%	28	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attend Colleg			
Should	 35%	 27%	 45%	 26%	42			
Should not	358 648	278 728	458 548	208 728	42 58	-		
No opinion	18	1%	18	28	19			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.			
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	Total		Indep- endent		n eral			ve
Should	 35%	 28%	 37%				 43	
Should not	64%	71%	62%	578		69%	55	00
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	19	*	1%	2	8
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.	5
		North	Mid-				Sub-	
	Total	east	west	South	West	Urban	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%	318				
Should Should not	35% 64%	478 528	31% 68%	31% 68%				
Should Should not No opinion	35% 64% 1%	47% 52% 1%	31% 68% 1%	31% 68% 1%				