

The logo for the CNN | ORC POLL. It features the text "CNN | ORC" in a bold, black, sans-serif font on a light gray background. Below this, the word "POLL" is written in a larger, bold, white, sans-serif font on a solid black background.

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Interviews with 1,010 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on September 23-25, 2011. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points. The sample also includes 917 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3 percentage points).

The sample includes 807 interviews among landline respondents and 203 interviews among cell phone respondents.

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12. Suppose the federal government had to shut down for a few days because Congress did not pass a new spending bill. Would you consider that a good thing for the country or a bad thing for the country?

	Sept. 23-25 <u>2011</u>	Mar. 11-13 <u>2011</u>
Good thing	25%	36%
Bad thing	72%	59%
Neutral/mixed (vol.)	2%	4%
No opinion	1%	2%

13. If the federal government shuts down, do you think that Barack Obama or the Republicans in Congress would be more responsible for that?

	Sept. 23-25 <u>2011</u>	Mar. 11-13 <u>2011</u>
Obama	33%	37%
Republicans	47%	46%
Both (vol.)	17%	14%
Neither (vol.)	1%	1%
No opinion	2%	2%

Question 12

Suppose the federal government had to shut down for a few days because Congress did not pass a new spending bill. Would you consider that a good thing for the country or a bad thing for the country?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Good thing	25%	29%	21%	27%	20%
Bad thing	72%	68%	76%	69%	80%
Neutral/Mixed	2%	2%	2%	3%	*
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Good thing	25%	25%	22%	29%	22%	24%	26%
Bad thing	72%	73%	74%	69%	73%	73%	71%
Neutral/Mixed	2%	1%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Good thing	25%	22%	28%	22%	27%
Bad thing	72%	76%	69%	75%	70%
Neutral/Mixed	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%
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
Good thing	25%	13%	28%	34%	18%	15%	35%
Bad thing	72%	85%	70%	61%	79%	82%	62%
Neutral/Mixed	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Good thing	25%	14%	25%	26%	33%	25%	27%	18%
Bad thing	72%	82%	73%	72%	63%	72%	70%	77%
Neutral/Mixed	2%	4%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	4%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	*	2%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.0

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Good thing	25%	48%	24%	13%
Bad thing	72%	47%	74%	85%
Neutral/Mixed	2%	5%	2%	1%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 13

If the federal government shuts down, do you think that Barack Obama or the Republicans in Congress would be more responsible for that?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Obama	33%	33%	32%	37%	23%
Republicans	47%	45%	48%	40%	62%
Both	17%	19%	16%	19%	12%
Neither	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

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Obama	33%	30%	30%	37%	38%	30%	38%
Republicans	47%	49%	48%	45%	41%	49%	44%
Both	17%	15%	21%	14%	18%	18%	16%
Neither	1%	2%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%
No opinion	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

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Republicans	47%	51%	41%	46%	47%
Both	17%	16%	18%	14%	20%
Neither	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%
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Republicans	47%	76%	45%	15%	74%	55%	25%
Both	17%	8%	24%	17%	8%	18%	21%
Neither	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%
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Both	17%	16%	13%	17%	23%	16%	18%	20%
Neither	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	*	1%	2%
No opinion	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%	*
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