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Interviews with 1,019 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on November 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 818 interviews among landline respondents and 201 interviews among cell phone respondents.

FOR RELEASE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21 AT NOON

QUESTIONS 2 AND 3 ROTATED

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republican leaders in Congress are handling their job?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
November 18-20, 2011	21%	77%	2%
March 18-20, 2011	34%	64%	3%
October 5-7, 2010	31%	66%	3%
March 25-28, 2010	36%	63%	1%
March 19-21, 2010	32%	66%	2%
October 16-18, 2009*	33%	66%	1%
April 23-26, 2009	31%	65%	4%
February 7-8, 2009*	44%	55%	1%
November 6-9, 2008	24%	73%	3%
October 3-5, 2008*	27%	71%	2%

*Asked of a half sample.

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democratic leaders in Congress are handling their job?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
November 18-20, 2011	29%	68%	3%
March 18-20, 2011	35%	62%	3%
October 5-7, 2010	34%	64%	2%
March 25-28, 2010	42%	57%	1%
March 19-21, 2010	33%	65%	2%
October 16-18, 2009*	38%	59%	2%
April 23-26, 2009	43%	53%	5%
February 7-8, 2009*	60%	39%	2%
November 6-9, 2008	47%	50%	3%
October 3-5, 2008*	34%	64%	1%
September 19-21, 2008	44%	54%	2%
July 27-29, 2008	36%	63%	1%

*Asked of a half sample.

FOR COMPARISON:

Do you approve or disapprove of what the Democratic leaders in the U.S. House and Senate have done so far this year?

	<i>Dec. 6-9 2007</i>	<i>Oct.12-14 2007</i>	<i>June 22-24 2007</i>	<i>May 4-6 2007</i>	<i>Mar. 9-11 2007</i>
<i>Approve</i>	39%	43%	42%	49%	47%
<i>Disapprove</i>	56%	51%	49%	44%	40%
<i>No opinion</i>	6%	6%	9%	7%	13%

9. As you may know, a special group of members of Congress that is sometimes referred to as the "supercommittee" is trying to develop 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			
November 18-20, 2011	67%	32%	1%
August 5-7, 2011	63%	36%	1%
Major cuts in spending on domestic government programs			
November 18-20, 2011	60%	39%	2%
August 5-7, 2011	57%	40%	3%
Major changes to the Social Security and Medicare systems			
November 18-20, 2011	41%	57%	2%
August 5-7, 2011	35%	64%	1%
Major cuts in military spending			
November 18-20, 2011	40%	60%	1%
August 5-7, 2011	47%	53%	*
Increases in taxes on middle class and lower-income Americans			
November 18-20, 2011	12%	88%	*
August 5-7, 2011	12%	87%	*

QUESTION WORDING FOR AUGUST 2011: *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.*

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 Question 2

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republican leaders in Congress are handling their jobs?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Approve	21%	21%	22%	24%	14%
Disapprove	77%	78%	76%	74%	82%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%
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
Approve	21%	24%	19%	20%	23%	22%	21%
Disapprove	77%	73%	81%	79%	75%	76%	77%
No opinion	2%	4%	*	1%	2%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Approve	21%	19%	22%	22%	21%
Disapprove	77%	79%	77%	76%	78%
No opinion	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	21%	11%	15%	45%	14%	14%	33%
Disapprove	77%	89%	81%	54%	84%	83%	66%
No opinion	2%	*	4%	1%	2%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	21%	18%	19%	24%	22%	16%	21%	29%
Disapprove	77%	81%	77%	74%	77%	83%	76%	69%
No opinion	2%	1%	4%	1%	1%	1%	3%	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
Approve	21%	36%	22%	5%
Disapprove	77%	64%	75%	94%
No opinion	2%	*	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%

CNN/ORC International Poll -- November 18 to 20, 2011
 Question 3

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democratic leaders in Congress are handling their jobs?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White		
Approve	29%	28%	30%	21%	49%		
Disapprove	68%	70%	66%	77%	47%		
No opinion	3%	2%	3%	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
Approve	29%	37%	27%	21%	33%	32%	25%
Disapprove	68%	58%	72%	77%	65%	64%	73%
No opinion	3%	5%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College		
Approve	29%	35%	21%	33%	26%		
Disapprove	68%	63%	75%	64%	72%		
No opinion	3%	1%	4%	3%	3%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0		

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	29%	59%	21%	9%	48%	31%	17%
Disapprove	68%	37%	76%	91%	49%	65%	82%
No opinion	3%	4%	3%	1%	3%	4%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	29%	32%	28%	26%	32%	41%	26%	21%
Disapprove	68%	67%	68%	70%	66%	57%	70%	77%
No opinion	3%	1%	5%	4%	2%	2%	3%	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
Approve	29%	7%	34%	42%
Disapprove	68%	92%	61%	56%
No opinion	3%	1%	4%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%

As you may know, a special group of members of Congress that is sometimes referred to as the "supercommittee" is trying to develop 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	67%	62%	72%	64%	75%
Should not	32%	37%	27%	35%	23%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
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	67%	74%	67%	65%	61%	71%	63%
Should not	32%	26%	31%	34%	38%	28%	35%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Should	67%	69%	66%	69%	66%
Should not	32%	30%	32%	30%	33%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should	67%	88%	69%	39%	86%	79%	47%
Should not	32%	12%	29%	59%	13%	21%	51%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should	67%	67%	66%	66%	71%	69%	67%	65%
Should not	32%	32%	33%	32%	28%	29%	32%	33%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	2%	*	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
Should	67%	37%	74%	86%
Should not	32%	63%	24%	13%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%

As you may know, a special group of members of Congress that is sometimes referred to as the "supercommittee" is trying to develop 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%	13%	11%	11%	16%
Should not	88%	86%	89%	89%	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%	13%	14%	11%	10%	14%	10%
Should not	88%	87%	86%	89%	89%	86%	89%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	2%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Should	12%	11%	12%	13%	11%
Should not	88%	89%	88%	86%	89%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should	12%	8%	15%	11%	10%	13%	12%
Should not	88%	91%	85%	88%	90%	87%	87%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should	12%	12%	11%	12%	14%	11%	13%	13%
Should not	88%	88%	88%	88%	85%	89%	87%	85%
No opinion	*	*	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
Should	12%	10%	14%	11%
Should not	88%	90%	86%	89%
No opinion	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%

As you may know, a special group of members of Congress that is sometimes referred to as the "supercommittee" is trying to develop 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	60%	66%	54%	63%	52%
Should not	39%	32%	45%	35%	47%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	2%	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	60%	53%	60%	66%	62%	56%	64%
Should not	39%	47%	38%	33%	33%	43%	33%
No opinion	2%	*	2%	1%	5%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Should	60%	56%	63%	55%	64%
Should not	39%	43%	36%	43%	35%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should	60%	42%	62%	77%	41%	56%	73%
Should not	39%	57%	37%	22%	59%	43%	25%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should	60%	54%	61%	66%	55%	58%	61%	60%
Should not	39%	46%	38%	32%	43%	41%	37%	39%
No opinion	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	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
Should	60%	81%	54%	48%
Should not	39%	18%	44%	51%
No opinion	2%	*	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%

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 Question 9D

As you may know, a special group of members of Congress that is sometimes referred to as the "supercommittee" is trying to develop 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	40%	44%	36%	38%	44%
Should not	60%	56%	64%	61%	56%
No opinion	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	40%	37%	45%	42%	34%	40%	39%
Should not	60%	63%	55%	57%	65%	59%	60%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Should	40%	35%	46%	34%	45%
Should not	60%	65%	53%	66%	55%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should	40%	48%	42%	26%	54%	40%	31%
Should not	60%	51%	58%	73%	45%	59%	68%
No opinion	1%	*	*	1%	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should	40%	45%	37%	32%	50%	42%	38%	38%
Should not	60%	55%	63%	68%	49%	57%	61%	62%
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

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Should	40%	31%	35%	57%
Should not	60%	68%	64%	42%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%

As you may know, a special group of members of Congress that is sometimes referred to as the "supercommittee" is trying to develop 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	41%	49%	33%	40%	42%
Should not	57%	49%	65%	59%	55%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
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	41%	46%	49%	38%	24%	47%	33%
Should not	57%	52%	50%	60%	72%	51%	65%
No opinion	2%	2%	*	1%	4%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Should	41%	40%	46%	36%	45%
Should not	57%	59%	51%	61%	54%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should	41%	31%	40%	54%	38%	32%	51%
Should not	57%	69%	57%	45%	60%	65%	48%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Should	41%	42%	32%	42%	47%	40%	43%	39%
Should not	57%	58%	66%	55%	52%	58%	56%	58%
No opinion	2%	*	3%	3%	*	2%	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
Should	41%	62%	35%	31%
Should not	57%	36%	64%	67%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%