

Interviews with $\mathbf{1 , 0 2 3}$ adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on November 16-18, 2012. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The sample includes 758 interviews among landline respondents and 265 interviews among cell phone respondents.
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|  | Favor- <br> able | Unfavor- <br> able | Never <br> heard of | No <br> opinion |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Speaker of the House John Boehner    <br> Nov. 16-18, 2012 $36 \%$ $35 \%$ $16 \%$ |  |  |  |  |
| August 7-8, 2012 | $32 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| September 23-25, 2011 | $37 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| August 5-7, 2011 | $33 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| July 18-20, 2011 | $43 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| March 11-13, 2011 | $41 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| January 14-16, 2011 | $45 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| December 17-19, 2010** | $36 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| November 11-14, 2010** | $30 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| October 27-30, 2010* | $25 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| September 1-2, 2010* | $22 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| November 17-19, 2006* | $22 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $19 \%$ |

*WORDING: "House Republican Leader John Boehner"
**WORDING: "Incoming Speaker of the House John Bohener"

| Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid <br> Nov. 16-18, 2012 | $30 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
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| August 7-8, 2012 |  |  |  |  |
| August 5-7, 2011 | $30 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| July 18-20, 2011 | $28 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| December 17-19, 2010 | $29 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| November 11-14, 2010 | $33 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| September 1-2, 2010 | $28 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| April 9-11, 2010 | $24 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| January 22-24, 2010 | $28 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| February 18-19, 2009 | $22 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| January 12-15, 2009 | $22 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| November 6-9,2008 | $28 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| November 17-19, 2006 | $26 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| October 6-8, 2006 | $28 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
|  | $28 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $13 \%$ |

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|  | Favorable | Unfavorable |  | Never heard of |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |$\quad$ No opinion

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| Favor- | Unfavor- | Never | No |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| able | $\underline{\text { able }}$ | $\underline{\text { heard of }}$ | $\underline{\text { opinion }}$ |

## The Democratic Party

| Nov. 16-18, 2012 | $51 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nov. 2-4, 2012 (RV) |  |  |  |  |
| Sept. 7-9, 2012 (RV) | $52 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $*$ | $4 \%$ |
| August 22-23, 2012 (RV) | $52 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $*$ | $5 \%$ |
| April 13-15, 2012 | $49 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $*$ | $6 \%$ |
| March 24-25, 2012 | $46 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| September 23-25, 2011 | $48 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| August 5-7, 2011 | $44 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| July 18-20, 2011 | $47 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $*$ | $6 \%$ |
| March 11-13, 2011 | $45 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| December 17-19, 2010 | $46 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $*$ | $7 \%$ |
| November 11-14, 2010 | $47 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| October 27-30, 2010 | $46 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| September 1-2, 2010 | $46 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $*$ | $7 \%$ |
| April 9-11, 2010 | $44 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| January 22-24, 2010 | $49 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| October 16-18, 2009 | $46 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $*$ | $8 \%$ |
| July 31-Aug. 3, 2009 | $53 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $*$ | $6 \%$ |
| April 23-26, 2009 | $52 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| February 18-19, 2009 | $51 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $*$ | $4 \%$ |
| December 1-2, 2008 | $58 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $*$ | $5 \%$ |
| November 6-9, 2008 | $60 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $*$ | $5 \%$ |
| October 17-19, 2008 (RV) | $62 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Sept. 5-7, 2008 (RV) | $53 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $*$ | $5 \%$ |
| Aug. 29-31, 2008 (RV) | $51 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Aug. 23-24, 2008 (RV) | $59 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $*$ | $4 \%$ |
| April 28-30, 2008 | $52 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| January 9-10, 2008 | $56 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| June 22-24, 2007 | $55 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| March 9-11, 2007 | $51 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| November 3-5, 2006 | $51 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| September 22-24, 2006 | $53 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $*$ | $11 \%$ |
|  | $56 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $*$ | $5 \%$ |

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## The Republican Party

| Nov. 16-18, 2012 | $38 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $*$ | $9 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nov. 2-4, 2012 (RV) |  |  |  |  |
| Sept. 7-9, 2012 (RV) | $45 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $*$ | $7 \%$ |
| August 22-23, 2012 (RV) | $38 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $*$ | $7 \%$ |
| April 13-15, 2012 | $41 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $*$ | $7 \%$ |
| March 24-25, 2012 | $41 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $*$ | $8 \%$ |
| September 23-25, 2011 | $35 \%$ | $58 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| August 5-7, 2011 | $39 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| July 18-20, 2011 | $33 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| March 11-13, 2011 | $41 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| December 17-19, 2010 | $44 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $*$ | $7 \%$ |
| November 11-14, 2010 | $42 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $*$ | $8 \%$ |
| October 27-30, 2010 | $43 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| September 1-2, 2010 | $44 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| April 9-11, 2010 | $45 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| January 22-24, 2010 | $47 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $*$ | $6 \%$ |
| October 16-18, 2009 | $44 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| July 31-Aug. 3, 2009 | $36 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| April 23-26, 2009 | $41 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| February 18-19, 2009 | $39 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $*$ | $6 \%$ |
| December 1-2, 2008 | $39 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $*$ | $7 \%$ |
| November 6-9, 2008 | $41 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $*$ | $6 \%$ |
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| Sept. 5-7, 2008 (RV) | $43 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $*$ | $6 \%$ |
| Aug. 29-31, 2008 (RV) | $48 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $*$ | $6 \%$ |
| Aug. 23-24, 2008 (RV) | $43 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $*$ | $6 \%$ |
| April 28-30, 2008 | $48 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $*$ | $6 \%$ |
| January 9-10, 2008 | $38 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| June 22-24, 2007 | $41 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| March 9-11, 2007 | $36 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| November 3-5, 2006 | $42 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| September 22-24, 2006 | $38 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
|  | $44 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $*$ | $5 \%$ |

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## The Democratic Party

|  | Favorab le | Unfavorable | Never heard of | $\frac{\text { No }}{\text { opinion }}$ |  | Favorab le | Unfavorable | Never <br> heard of | No opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2005 Dec 16-18 | 46 | 45 | * | 9 | 2002 Jul 26-28 | 55 | 34 | * | 11 |
| 2005 Oct 13-16 | 52 | 36 | 2 | 10 | 2002 Jan 11-14 | 55 | 33 | * | 12 |
| 2005 Sep 8-11 | 47 | 41 | 1 | 11 | 2001 Sep 7-10 | 56 | 38 | * | 6 |
| 2005 Jul 22-24 | 52 | 38 | 1 | 9 | 2000 Nov 13-15 | 53 | 38 | 1 | 8 |
| 2005 Apr 1-2 | 50 | 42 | * | 8 | 2000 Aug 4-5 | 53 | 38 | 1 | 8 |
| 2005 Feb 25-27 | 52 | 41 | 1 | 6 | 2000 Jul 25-26 | 56 | 35 | * | 9 |
| 2005 Feb 4-6 | 46 | 47 | * | 7 | 2000 Jan 7-10 | 61 | 33 | * | 6 |
| 2004 Sep 13-15 | 49 | 45 | -- | 6 | 1999 Nov 18-21 | 51 | 41 | * | 8 |
| 2004 Sep 3-5 | 50 | 41 | * | 9 | 1999 Apr 30-May 2 | 53 | 37 | 1 | 9 |
| 2004 Aug 23-25* | 54 | 36 | 1 | 9 | 1999 Feb 19-21 | 55 | 37 | 0 | 8 |
| 2004 Jul 30-Aug 1 | 55 | 37 | 1 | 7 | 1999 Feb 12-13 | 56 | 38 | * | 6 |
| 2004 Jul 19-21* | 48 | 41 | 1 | 10 | 1999 Feb 4-8 | 57 | 37 | * | 6 |
| 2004 Jan 29-Feb 1 | 59 | 34 | * | 7 | 1999 Jan 8-10 | 57 | 35 | * | 8 |
| 2004 Jan 2-5 | 47 | 44 | * | 9 | 1998 Dec 19-20 | 57 | 30 | * | 13 |
| 2003 Sep 8-10 | 49 | 45 | -- | 6 | 1998 Dec 15-16 | 58 | 32 | 2 | 8 |
| 2003 Mar 29-30 | 49 | 39 | 1 | 11 | 1997 Oct 27-29 | 54 | 39 | * | 7 |
| 2003 Jan 3-5 | 52 | 36 | 1 | 11 | 1996 Aug 30-Sep 1** | 60 | 36 | * | 4 |
| 2002 Dec 16-17 | 52 | 37 | 1 | 10 | 1996 Aug 16-18** | 55 | 41 | 1 | 3 |
| 2002 Nov 8-10 | 48 | 42 | 0 | 10 | 1996 Aug 5-7** | 57 | 38 | 1 | 4 |
| 2002 Oct 21-22 | 58 | 30 | * | 12 | 1996 Apr 9-10 | 55 | 38 | 0 | 7 |
| 2002 Sep 5-8 | 56 | 38 | 0 | 6 | 1995 Apr 17-19 | 51 | 43 | * | 6 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1992 Jul 6-8** | 54 | 38 | * | 8 |

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## The Republican Party

|  | Favorable | $\frac{\text { Unfavor }}{\text {-able }}$ | Never heard of | No opinion |  | Favor <br> -able | Unfavorable | Never heard of | No opinion |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2005 Dec 16-18 | 45 | 48 | * | 7 | 2002 Jul 26-28 | 55 | 36 | * | 9 |
| 2005 Oct 13-16 | 40 | 50 | 2 | 8 | 2002 Jan 11-14 | 61 | 30 | * | 9 |
| 2005 Sep 8-11 | 45 | 45 | 1 | 9 | 2001 Sep 7-10 | 47 | 48 | * | 5 |
| 2005 Jul 22-24 | 46 | 45 | 1 | 8 | 2000 Nov 13-15 | 49 | 43 | * | 8 |
| 2005 Apr 1-2 | 50 | 44 | 1 | 5 | 2000 Aug 4-5 | 54 | 37 | 1 | 8 |
| 2005 Feb 25-27 | 51 | 42 | 1 | 6 | 2000 Jul 25-26 | 49 | 39 | * | 12 |
| 2005 Feb 4-6 | 56 | 39 | 1 | 4 | 2000 Jan 7-10 | 53 | 41 | * | 6 |
| 2004 Sep 13-15 | 55 | 41 | * | 4 | 1999 Nov 18-21 | 50 | 44 | * | 6 |
| 2004 Sep 3-5 | 53 | 40 | * | 7 | 1999 Apr 30-May 2 | 47 | 44 | * | 9 |
| 2004 Aug 23-25* | 50 | 41 | 1 | 8 | 1999 Feb 19-21 | 45 | 46 | 0 | 9 |
| 2004 Jul 30-Aug 1 | 47 | 45 | 1 | 7 | 1999 Feb 12-13 | 40 | 54 | 1 | 5 |
| 2004 Jul 19-21* | 50 | 43 | * | 7 | 1999 Feb 4-8 | 45 | 47 | * | 8 |
| 2004 Jan 29-Feb 1 | 48 | 45 | * | 7 | 1999 Jan 8-10 | 40 | 52 | * | 8 |
| 2004 Jan 2-5 | 52 | 40 | 1 | 7 | 1998 Dec 19-20 | 31 | 57 | * | 12 |
| 2003 Sep 8-10 | 50 | 44 | -- | 6 | 1998 Dec 15-16 | 43 | 47 | 2 | 8 |
| 2003 Mar 29-30 | 56 | 33 | 1 | 10 | 1997 Oct 27-29 | 50 | 42 | * | 8 |
| 2003 Jan 3-5 | 51 | 38 | 1 | 10 | 1996 Aug 30-Sep 1** | 50 | 45 | * | 5 |
| 2002 Dec 16-17 | 51 | 38 | 1 | 10 | 1996 Aug 16-18** | 55 | 41 | 1 | 2 |
| 2002 Nov 8-10 | 54 | 38 | * | 8 | 1996 Aug 5-7** | 51 | 44 | * | 5 |
| 2002 Oct 21-22 | 53 | 35 | * | 12 | 1996 Apr 9-10 | 52 | 41 | * | 7 |
| 2002 Sep 5-8 | 54 | 40 | 0 | 6 | 1995 Apr 17-19 | 52 | 42 | * | 6 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1992 Jul 6-8** | 53 | 39 | * | 8 |

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| Favor- | Unfavor- | Never <br> able | $\underline{\text { able }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |$\quad$| No |
| :---: |
| heard of |$\quad$ opinion

## The Tea Party movement

| Nov. 16-18, 2012 | $32 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| August 22-23, 2012 | $32 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| April 13-15, 2012 | $35 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| April 13-15, 2012 | $34 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| September 23-25, 2011 | $28 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| August 5-7, 2011 | $31 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| July 18-20, 2011 | $37 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| March 11-13, 2011 | $32 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| December 17-19, 2010 | $37 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| November 11-14, 2010 | $38 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| October 27-30, 2010 | $37 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| September 1-2, 2010 | $36 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| April 9-11, 2010 | $38 \%$ | $36 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| January 22-24, 2010 | $33 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $16 \%$ |

5. Who do you think will have more influence over the direction the nation takes in the next two years -- Barack Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

|  | Nov. 16-18 <br> $\underline{2012}$ | May 24-26 | Jan. 14-16 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\underline{2011}$ | $\underline{2011}$ |
| Obama | $61 \%$ |  | $44 \%$ |
| Republicans | $33 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $36 \%$ |
| Both equally (vol.) | $2 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $56 \%$ |
| No opinion | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
|  |  |  | $3 \%$ |

6. And who do you WANT to have more influence over the direction the nation takes in the next two years -- Barack Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

|  | Nov. 16-18 <br> $\underline{2012}$ | May 24-26 | Jan. 14-16 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\underline{2011}$ | $\underline{2011}$ |
| Obama | $51 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $50 \%$ |
| Republicans | $42 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $44 \%$ |
| Both equally (vol.) | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| No opinion | $5 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $1 \%$ |

## FOR COMPARISON:

| CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Who do you think will have more influence over the direction the nation takes in the next two years - Bill Clinton or the Republicans <br> in Congress? |  |  |  |
| Jan. 16-18, 1995 | $\frac{\text { Clinton }}{13 \%}$ | $\frac{\text { Republicans }}{80 \%}$ | $\frac{\text { Both (vol.) }}{3 \%}$ |
| And who do you WANT to have more influence over the direction the nation takes in the next two years - Bill Clinton or the <br> Republicans in Congress? | $\frac{\text { No opinion }}{4 \%}$ |  |  |
| Jan. 16-18, 1995 | $\frac{\text { Clinton }}{40 \%}$ | $\frac{\text { Republicans }}{49 \%}$ | $\frac{\text { Both (vol.) }}{5 \%}$ |

## QUESTIONS 7 AND 8 ROTATED

7. In your view, is Barack Obama doing enough to cooperate with the Republicans in Congress, or not? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 507 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

|  | Nov. 16-18 | July 18-20 | May 24-26 | Dec. 17-19 | Feb. 12-15 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underline{2012}$ | $\underline{2011}$ | $\underline{2011}$ | 2010* | $\underline{2010}$ |
| Yes, doing enough | 45\% | 42\% | 53\% | 59\% | 47\% |
| No, not enough | 49\% | 57\% | 46\% | 37\% | 52\% |
| No opinion | 5\% | 1\% | 1\% | 4\% | 1\% |
|  | Oct. 30-Nov. 1 | Aug. 28-31 | Apr. 3-5 | Feb. 7-8 |  |
|  | $\underline{2009}$ | $\underline{2009}$ | $\underline{2009}$ | $\underline{2009}$ |  |
| Yes, doing enough | - 49\% | 51\% | 62\% | 74\% |  |
| No, not enough | 49\% | 46\% | 36\% | 25\% |  |
| No opinion | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% | 1\% |  |

8. In your view, are the Republicans in Congress doing enough to cooperate with the Barack Obama, or not? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 507 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

|  | Nov. 16-18 | July 18-20 | May 24-26 | Dec. 17-19 | Feb. 12-15 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underline{2012}$ | $\underline{2011}$ | $\underline{2011}$ | 2010* | $\underline{2010}$ |
| Yes, doing enough | 24\% | 30\% | 29\% | 28\% | 31\% |
| No, not enough | 70\% | 68\% | 68\% | 68\% | 67\% |
| No opinion | 6\% | 2\% | 3\% | 4\% | 1\% |
|  | Oct. 30-Nov. 1 | Aug. 28-31 | Apr. 3-5 | Feb. 7-8 |  |
|  | $\underline{2009}$ | $\underline{2009}$ | $\underline{2009}$ | $\underline{2009}$ |  |
| Yes, doing enough | 31\% | 36\% | 37\% | 39\% |  |
| No, not enough | 67\% | 60\% | 61\% | 60\% |  |
| No opinion | 2\% | 4\% | 2\% | 1\% |  |

9. When dealing with the Republican Congress, do you think President Obama should compromise to get things done even if he has to sacrifice some of his beliefs, or should Obama stand up for his beliefs even if that means less might be accomplished? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 516 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

|  | Nov. 16-18 | July 18-20 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underline{2012}$ | $\underline{2011}$ |
| Compromise | $72 \%$ | $68 \%$ |
| Stand up for beliefs | $22 \%$ | $32 \%$ |
| No opinion | $5 \%$ | $*$ |

## LOS ANGELES TIMES TRENDS

| Compromise | Stand up | No <br> opinion |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1995 Sep 16-18 | 49 | 42 | 9 |
| 1995 Jan 19-22 | 56 | 38 | 6 |

10. When dealing with President Obama, do you think the Republicans in Congress should compromise to get things done even if they have to sacrifice some of their beliefs, or should the Republicans in Congress stand up for their beliefs even if that means less might be accomplished? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 516 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B. SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS

|  | Nov. 16-18 <br> $\underline{2012}$ | July 18-20 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underline{2011}$ |  |
| Compromise | $72 \%$ | $66 \%$ |
| Stand up for beliefs | $25 \%$ | $33 \%$ |
| No opinion | $4 \%$ | $*$ |

As you may know, last year Congress and the President agreed to a program to reduce the federal deficit that some people call the "fiscal cliff." Unless Congress and the President reach an agreement within the next few weeks, tax rates will automatically rise in January for almost all Americans and major spending cuts will automatically occur next year in most government spending programs, including military programs.
14. If those automatic tax increases and spending cuts occur next year, do you think that would cause a crisis, major problems, minor problems, or no problems at all for the United States?

Nov. 16-18
$\underline{2012}$

| Crisis | $24 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Major problems | $44 \%$ |
| Minor problems | $24 \%$ |
| Not a problem | $7 \%$ |
| No opinion | $1 \%$ |

FOR COMPARISON

| QUESTION WORDING: 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, 2011 | Apr. 29-May 1, 2011 |
| Crisis | 18 | 17 |
| Major problems | 43 | 41 |
| Minor problems | 31 | 33 |
| No problems at all | 6 | 7 |
| No opinion | 1 | 2 |

15. And if those automatic tax increases and spending cuts occur next year, do you think that would affect your personal financial situation a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?

Nov. 16-18
$\underline{2012}$

| Great deal | $38 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Some | $39 \%$ |
| Not much | $16 \%$ |
| Not at all | $6 \%$ |
| No opinion | $*$ |

## FOR COMPARISON

| QUESTION WORDING: And if the debt ceiling is not raised, do you think that would affect your <br> personal financial situation a great deal, some, not much or not at all? |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $\qquad$ July 18-20, 2011 | Apr. 29-May 1, 2011 |  |
| Great deal | 27 | 25 |
| Some | 37 | 38 |
| Not much | 19 | 19 |
| Not at all | 15 | 16 |
| No opinion | 2 | 2 |

16. If congress and the President do not reach an agreement by the end of the year and those automatic tax increases and spending cuts occur, do you think that Barack Obama or the Republicans in Congress would be more responsible for that?

Nov. 16-18
$\underline{2012}$
Obama 34\%
Republicans 45\%
Both (vol.) 15\%
Neither (vol.) 1\%
No opinion $4 \%$

FOR COMPARISON

| QUESTION WORDING: If the debt ceiling is not raised, do you think that Barack Obama or the |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Republicans in Congress would be more responsible for that? |  |
| $\qquad$ July 18-20, 2011 |  |
| Obama | 30 |
| Republicans | 51 |
| Both (vol.) | 15 |
| Neither (vol.) | 3 |
| No opinion | 1 |

17. If you had to choose, would you rather see Congress and President Obama agree to a budget plan that only included cuts in government spending, or a budget plan that includes a combination of spending cuts and tax increases on higher-income Americans?

|  | Nov. 16-18 | July 18-20 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underline{2012}$ | $\underline{2011}$ |
| Only spending cuts | $29 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| Spending cuts and tax increases | $67 \%$ | $64 \%$ |
| Other (vol.) | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| No opinion | $3 \%$ | $1 \%$ |

18. What's your best guess -- do you think that in the upcoming discussions on this matter, elected officials in Washington will behave mostly like responsible adults or mostly like spoiled children?

Nov. 16-18

## $\underline{2012}$

| Responsible adults | $28 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Spoiled children | $67 \%$ |
| Mixed /both (vol.) | $2 \%$ |
| No opinion | $3 \%$ |

## FOR COMPARISON

| QUESTION WORDING: In general, do you think the elected officials in Washington who have |
| :--- |
| dealt with the debt ceiling in the past few days have behaved mostly like responsible adults or |
| mostly like spoiled children? |
|  |
| $\qquad$ Aug. 1, 2011 |
| Responsible adults |
| Spoiled children |
| Mixed/both (vol.) |
| No opinion |

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

|  | Nov. 16-18 <br> $\underline{2012}$ | Aug. 5-7 <br> $\underline{2011}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Taxes on wealthy people should be kept low because <br> they invest their money in the private sector and that |  |  |
| helps the economy and creates jobs | $36 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| Taxes on wealthy people should be kept high so the <br> government can use their money for programs to <br> help lower-income people | $56 \%$ | $62 \%$ |
| No opinion |  |  |

## LOS ANGELES TIMES TRENDS

|  | Tax low | Tax high | No opinion |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1992 Oct 24-26 | 20 | 69 | 11 |
| 1991 Apr 6-9 | 18 | 69 | 13 |

## METHODOLOGY

A total of 1,023 adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. All respondents were asked questions concerning basic demographics, and the entire sample was weighted to reflect national Census figures for gender, race, age, education, region of country, telephone usage and whether respondents own or rent their homes. Among the entire sample, $32 \%$ described themselves as Democrats, $44 \%$ described themselves as Independents, and $24 \%$ described themselves as Republicans.

Crosstabs on the following pages only include results for subgroups with enough unweighted cases to produce a sampling error of $+/-8.5$ percentage points or less. Some subgroups represent too small a share of the national population to produce crosstabs with an acceptable sampling error. Interviews were conducted among these subgroups, but results for groups with a sampling error larger than $+/-8.5$ percentage points are not displayed and instead are denoted with "N/A".

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Question 4C
We'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of these people -- or if you have never heard of them.
C. Speaker of the House John Boehner

Base = Total Sample


[^2]CNN/ORC International Poll -- November 16 to 18, 2012
Question 4D
We'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of these people -- or if you have never heard of them.
D. Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid

Base $=$ Total Sample


* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 4I
We'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of these people -- or if you have never heard of them.
I. The Democratic party

Base = Total Sample

|  | Total | Men | Women | White No | n-White | Reg. Voters |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Favorable Opinion | 51\% | 48\% | 54\% | 43\% | 72\% | 50\% |  |  |
| Unfavorable Opinion | 41\% | 48\% | 35\% | 50\% | 20\% | 42\% |  |  |
| Heard of, no Opinion | 6\% | 4\% | 8\% | 6\% | 5\% | 6\% |  |  |
| Never heard of | 1\% | * | 1\% | * | 2\% | 1\% |  |  |
| No opinion | 1\% | * | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% |  |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-4.5 + | /-3.5 +/ | -6.5 | +/-3.0 |  |  |
|  |  | 18- | - 35- | - 50- |  | Under | 50 and |  |
|  | Total | 34 | 49 | 64 | 65+ | 50 | Older |  |
| Favorable Opinion | 51\% | 61\% | 49\% | 49\% | 42\% | 56\% | 46\% |  |
| Unfavorable Opinion | 41\% | 32\% | 43\% | 44\% | 50\% | 37\% | 46\% |  |
| Heard of, no Opinion | 6\% | 7\% | 6\% | 5\% | 7\% | 6\% | 6\% |  |
| Never heard of | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | * | * | 1\% | * |  |
| No opinion | 1\% | * | * | 2\% | 1\% | * | 2\% |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-8.0 | +/-7.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-4.0 |  |
|  |  | Under | \$50K | No | Attended |  |  |  |
|  | Total | \$50K | or more | College | College |  |  |  |
| Favorable Opinion | 51\% | 54\% | 49\% | 50\% | 52 |  |  |  |
| Unfavorable Opinion | 41\% | 38\% | 43\% | 40\% | 42 |  |  |  |
| Heard of, no Opinion | 6\% | 6\% | 6\% | 8\% | 5 |  |  |  |
| Never heard of | 1\% | 1\% | * | 1\% | * |  |  |  |
| No opinion | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | * |  |  |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-5.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-3.5 |  |  |  |
|  | Total | Democrat | Indep enden | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { o- } & \text { Repub- } \\ \text { nt } & \text { lican } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lib- } \\ & \text { eral } \end{aligned}$ | Moderate | Conser <br> vative |  |
| Favorable Opinion | 51\% | 95\% | 43\% | 8\% | 75\% | 62\% | 25\% |  |
| Unfavorable Opinion | 41\% | 4\% | 44\% | 85\% | 17\% | 27\% | 71\% |  |
| Heard of, no Opinion | 6\% | 1\% | 11\% | 5\% | 6\% | 8\% | 4\% |  |
| Never heard of | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | * |  |
| No opinion | 1\% | * | 1\% | 1\% | * | 1\% | * |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-4.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-7.0 | +/-5.0 | +/-5.0 |  |
|  | Total | North east | Midwest | South | West | Urban | Suburban | Rural |
| Favorable Opinion | 51\% | 59\% | 47\% | 45\% | 57\% | 63\% | 50\% | 41\% |
| Unfavorable Opinion | 41\% | 37\% | 40\% | 49\% | 34\% | 28\% | 44\% | 51\% |
| Heard of, no Opinion | 6\% | 2\% | 9\% | 5\% | 9\% | 8\% | 5\% | 4\% |
| Never heard of | 1\% | * | 3\% | * | * | 1\% | * | 3\% |
| No opinion | 1\% | 2\% | * | 1\% | * | * | 1\% | 1\% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-4.5 +/ | -6.5 |

[^3]CNN/ORC International Poll -- November 16 to 18, 2012
Question 4 J
We'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of these people -- or if you have never heard of them.
J. The Republican party

Base = Total Sample

| Reg. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White Voters |

Favorable Opinion Unfavorable Opinion Heard of, no Opinion
Never heard of
No opinion
Sampling Error

Favorable Opinion
Unfavorable Opinion
Heard of, no Opinion
Never heard of
No opinion
Sampling Error
Favorable Opinion
Unfavorable Opinion
Heard of, no Opinion
Never heard of
No opinion
Sampling Error

Favorable Opinion
Unfavorable Opinion
Heard of, no Opinion
Never heard of
No opinion
Sampling Error

* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 4K
We'd like to get your overall opinion of some people in the news. As I read each name, please say if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of these people -- or if you have never heard of them.
K. The Tea Party movement

Base = Total Sample

| Reg. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White Voters |

Favorable Opinion Unfavorable Opinion Heard of, no Opinion
Never heard of
No opinion
Sampling Error
Favorable Opinion
Unfavorable Opinion
Heard of, no Opinion
Never heard of
No opinion
Sampling Error
Favorable Opinion
Unfavorable Opinion
Heard of, no Opinion
Never heard of
No opinion
Sampling Error

Favorable Opinion
Unfavorable Opinion
Heard of, no Opinion
Never heard of
No opinion
Sampling Error

* percentage less than 1\%

Question 5
Who do you think will have more influence over the direction the nation takes in the next two years -- Barack Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

Base $=$ Total Sample

| Reg. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White Voters |


|  | Total | 34 | 49 | $64$ | 65+ | $50$ | Older |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Obama | 61\% | 68\% | 58\% | 59\% | 55\% | 64\% | 57\% |
| Republicans | 33\% | 29\% | 34\% | 34\% | 34\% | 31\% | 34\% |
| Both equally | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 1\% | 3\% |
| No opinion | 4\% | 2\% | 6\% | 4\% | 8\% | 4\% | 5\% |
| Sampling Erro | 3.0 | 8.0 | -7.0 | . 5 | 5.0 | 5.5 | /-4. |



* percentage less than 1\%

Question 6
And who do you WANT to have more influence over the direction the nation takes in the next two years -- Barack Obama or the Republicans in Congress?

Base $=$ Total Sample

|  | Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White | Reg. <br> Voters |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Obama | 51\% | 48\% | 53\% | 40\% | 76\% | 50\% |
| Republicans | 42\% | 44\% | 40\% | 51\% | 19\% | 42\% |
| Both equally | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% |
| No opinion | 5\% | 6\% | 4\% | 6\% | 2\% | 4\% |
| Sampling Error | -3.0 | -4.5 | -4.5 | -3. 5 | +/-6.5 | +/-3.0 |


|  | Total | 34 | $49$ | $64$ | 65+ | $50$ | Older |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Obama | 51\% | 68\% | 42\% | 48\% | 38\% | 56\% | 44\% |
| Republicans | 42\% | 27\% | 49\% | 43\% | 53\% | 37\% | 47\% |
| Both equally | 3\% | * | 4\% | 5\% | 3\% | 2\% | 4\% |
| No opinion | 5\% | 5\% | 5\% | 4\% | 6\% | 5\% | 5\% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-8.0 | +/-7.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-5.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-4.0 |

Obama
Republicans
Both equally
No opinion

| Total | Under \$50K | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 50 \mathrm{~K} \\ & \text { or more } \end{aligned}$ | No College | Attended College |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 51\% | 54\% | 48\% | 46\% | 54\% |  |  |
| 42\% | 39\% | 44\% | 45\% | 39\% |  |  |
| 3\% | 2\% | 4\% | 4\% | 2\% |  |  |
| 5\% | 5\% | 5\% | 6\% | 4\% |  |  |
| +/-3.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-5.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-3.5 |  |  |
| Total | Democrat | Independent | Repub- <br> lican | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lib- } \\ & \text { eral } \end{aligned}$ | Moderate | Conser- <br> vative |
| 51\% | 91\% | 45\% | 6\% | 86\% | 59\% | 21\% |
| 42\% | 5\% | 42\% | 90\% | 12\% | 32\% | 72\% |
| 3\% | 2\% | 4\% | 2\% | 1\% | 4\% | 3\% |
| 5\% | 2\% | 8\% | 2\% | 1\% | 5\% | 5\% |
| +/-3.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-4.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-7.0 | +/-5.0 | +/-5.0 |

## Obama

Republicans
Both equally
No opinion
Sampling Error

| Total | North <br> east |
| ---: | :---: |
| ----- | ----- |
| $51 \%$ | $55 \%$ |
| $42 \%$ | $36 \%$ |
| $3 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| $+/-3.0$ | $+/-6.5$ |

Mid-
west
----
$50 \%$
$41 \%$
$6 \%$
$3 \%$
$+/-6.5$

| South | West | Urban | Sub- <br> urban | Rural |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| $43 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $62 \%$ | $49 \%$ | $35 \%$ |
| $49 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $58 \%$ |
| $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| $6 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| $+/-5.5$ | $+/-6.5$ | $+/-5.5$ | $+/-4.5$ | $+/-6.5$ |

* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 7
In your view, is Barack Obama doing enough to cooperate with the Republicans in Congress, or not?
Base = Half Sample


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Question 8
In your view, are the Republicans in Congress doing enough to cooperate with Barack Obama, or not?
Base = Half Sample


[^5]CNN/ORC International Poll -- November 16 to 18, 2012

Question 9
When dealing with the Republican Congress, do you think President Obama should compromise to get things done even if he has to sacrifice some of his beliefs, or should Obama stand up for his beliefs even if that means less might be accomplished?

Base $=$ Half Sample

|  | Total | Men | Women | White No | n-White | Reg. <br> Voters |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Compromise | 72\% | 73\% | 71\% | 78\% | N/A | 72\% |  |  |
| Stand up for beliefs | 22\% | 22\% | 23\% | 17\% | N/A | 23\% |  |  |
| No opinion | 5\% | 5\% | 6\% | 5\% | N/A | 6\% |  |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-4.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-6.0 +/ | -5.0 |  | +/-4.5 |  |  |
|  | Total | $\begin{aligned} & 18- \\ & 34 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 35- \\ & 49 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50- \\ & 64 \end{aligned}$ | 65+ | Under 50 | 50 and Older |  |
| Compromise | 72\% | N/A | N/A | 70\% | 78\% | 70\% | 74\% |  |
| Stand up for beliefs | 22\% | N/A | N/A | 21\% | 19\% | 25\% | 20\% |  |
| No opinion | 5\% | N/A | N/A | 9\% | 3\% | 5\% | 6\% |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-4.5 |  |  | +/-8.0 | +/-7.0 | +/-7.5 | +/-5.5 |  |
|  |  | Under | \$50K | No | Attende |  |  |  |
|  | Total | \$50K | or more | College | Colleg |  |  |  |
| Compromise | 72\% | 69\% | 76\% | 70\% | 73 |  |  |  |
| Stand up for beliefs | 22\% | 24\% | 21\% | 23\% | 22 |  |  |  |
| No opinion | 5\% | 7\% | 3\% | 7\% | 5 | \% |  |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-4.5 | $+/-6.5$ | +/-7.0 | +/-8.0 | +/-5.0 |  |  |  |
|  | Total | Democrat | Indep endent | Repub <br> lican | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lib- } \\ & \text { eral } \end{aligned}$ | Moderate | Conservative |  |
| Compromise | 72\% | 59\% | 76\% | 85\% | N/A | 75\% | 79\% |  |
| Stand up for beliefs | 22\% | 38\% | 17\% | 10\% | N/A | 22\% | 13\% |  |
| No opinion | 5\% | 3\% | 7\% | 6\% | N/A | 3\% | 9\% |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-4.5 | +/-7.5 | +/-7.0 | +/-8.5 |  | +/-7.0 | +/-7.0 |  |
|  | Total | North east | Midwest | South | West | Urban | Suburban | Rural |
| Compromise | 72\% | N/A | N/A | 69\% | N/A | 72\% | 75\% | N/A |
| Stand up for beliefs | 22\% | N/A | N/A | 25\% | N/A | 23\% | 24\% | N/A |
| No opinion | 5\% | N/A | N/A | 6\% | N/A | 6\% | 1\% | N/A |
| Sampling Error | +/-4.5 |  |  | +/-7.5 |  | +/-8.0 | +/-6.5 |  |

* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 10
When dealing with President Obama, do you think the Republicans in Congress should compromise to get things done even if they have to sacrifice some of their beliefs, or should the Republicans in Congress stand up for their beliefs even if that means less might be accomplished?

Base $=$ Half Sample


* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 14
If those automatic tax increases and spending cuts occur next year, 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 | Women | White | Non-White | Reg. <br> Voters |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Crisis | 24\% | 24\% | 24\% | 27\% | 18\% | 24\% |
| Major problem | 44\% | 38\% | 48\% | 48\% | 35\% | 45\% |
| Minor problem | 24\% | 26\% | 23\% | 21\% | 31\% | 24\% |
| Not a problem | 7\% | 10\% | 4\% | 3\% | 15\% | 6\% |
| No opinion | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-4.5 | +/-3.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-3.0 |

Crisis
Major problem
Minor problem
Not a problem
No opinion
Sampling Error
Crisis
Major problem
Minor problem
Not a problem
No opinion
Crisis
Major problem
Minor problem
Not a problem
No opinion
Sampling Error
Crisis
Major problem
Minor problem
Not a problem
No opinion

|  | North |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | east | Mid- |  |  |  |  |  |
| west | South | West | Urban | Sub- |  |  |  |
| ----- | ----- | ---- | ----- | ---- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| $24 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| $44 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $45 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $46 \%$ |
| $24 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| $7 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| $1 \%$ | $\star$ | $\star$ | $1 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $*$ |
| $+/-3.0$ | $+/-6.5$ | $+/-6.5$ | $+/-5.5$ | $+/-6.5$ | $+/-5.5$ | $+/-4.5$ | $+/-6.5$ |

* percentage less than 1\%

Question 15
And if those automatic tax increases and spending cuts occur next year, 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 | Women | White | Non-White | Reg. <br> Voters |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Great deal | 38\% | 30\% | 45\% | 41\% | 30\% | 38\% |
| Some | 39\% | 41\% | 38\% | 38\% | 43\% | 40\% |
| Not much | 16\% | 20\% | 12\% | 15\% | 18\% | 16\% |
| Not at all | 6\% | 9\% | 4\% | 5\% | 9\% | 6\% |
| No opinion | * | 1\% | * | * | 1\% | * |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-4.5 | +/-3.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-3.0 |

Great deal
Some
Not much
Not at all
No opinion
Sampling Error

|  | $18-$ | $35-$ | $50-$ |  | Under | 50 and |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 34 | 49 | 64 | $65+$ | 50 | Older |
| ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ------ |
| $38 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $37 \%$ |
| $39 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| $16 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| $\star$ | $1 \%$ | $\star$ | $\star$ | $2 \%$ | $\star$ | $1 \%$ |
| $+/-3.0$ | $+/-8.0$ | $+/-7.0$ | $+/-5.5$ | $+/-5.0$ | $+/-5.5$ | $+/-4.0$ |

Great deal
Some
Not much
Not at all
No opinion
Sampling Error
Great deal
Some
Not much
Not at all
No opinion
Sampling Error

|  | Under | \$50K | No | Attended |
| :---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $\$ 50 \mathrm{~K}$ | or more | College | College |
| ----- | ----- | ------ | ------ | ------- |
| $38 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $39 \%$ |
| $39 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $38 \%$ |
| $16 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| $*$ | $*$ | $1 \%$ | $*$ | $1 \%$ |
| $+/-3.0$ | $+/-4.5$ | $+/-5.0$ | $+/-5.5$ | $+/-3.5$ |

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Great deal
Some
Not much
Not at all
No opinion
Sampling Error
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* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 16
If Congress and the President do not reach an agreement by the end of the year and those automatic tax increases and spending cuts occur, 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 | Reg. Voters |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Obama | 34\% | 35\% | 34\% | 41\% | 18\% | 34\% |
| Republicans | 45\% | 51\% | 41\% | 39\% | 60\% | 46\% |
| Both | 15\% | 11\% | 19\% | 14\% | 19\% | 16\% |
| Neither | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% |
| No opinion | 4\% | 2\% | 6\% | 4\% | 2\% | 4\% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | -4.5 | /-4.5 | -3.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-3.0 |

## Obama

Republicans
Both
Neither
No opinion
Sampling Error
Obama
Republicans
Both
Neither
No opinion
Sampling Error

## Obama

Republicans
Both
Neither
No opinion
Sampling Error

Obama
Republicans
Both
Neither
No opinion
Sampling Error

* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 17
If you had to choose, would you rather see Congress and President Obama agree to a budget plan that only included cuts in government spending, or a budget plan that includes a combination of spending cuts and tax increases on higher-income Americans?

Base $=$ Total Sample


* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 18
What's your best guess -- do you think that in the upcoming discussions on this matter, elected officials in Washington will behave mostly like responsible adults or mostly like spoiled children?

Base = Total Sample

|  | Total | Men | Women | White | Non-White | $\begin{aligned} & \text { eg. } \\ & \text { ters } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Responsible adults | 28\% | 22\% | 33\% | 25\% | 35\% | 27\% |
| Spoiled children | 67\% | 72\% | 63\% | 69\% | 63\% | 68\% |
| Mixed/Both | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | * | 2\% |
| No opinion | 3\% | 4\% | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% | 3\% |
| Sampling Error | -3.0 | -4.5 | -4.5 | -3.5 | +/-6.5 | $-3.0$ |


|  | Total | 34 | 49 | 64 | $65+$ | 50 | Older |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- | ----1 |
| Responsible adults | $28 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $28 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
| Spoiled children | $67 \%$ | $67 \%$ | $71 \%$ | $67 \%$ | $64 \%$ | $68 \%$ | $66 \%$ |
| Mixed/Both | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $\star$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| No opinion | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Sampling Error | $+/-3.0$ | $+/-8.0$ | $+/-7.0$ | $+/-5.5$ | $+/-5.0$ | $+/-5.5$ | $+/-4.0$ |


| Responsible adults | 28\% | 27\% | 27\% | 30\% | 27\% |  |  |  |
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| Spoiled children | 67\% | 69\% | 68\% | 65\% | 69\% |  |  |  |
| Mixed/Both | 2\% | 1\% | 3\% | 2\% | 2\% |  |  |  |
| No opinion | 3\% | 3\% | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% |  |  |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-4.5 | +/-5.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-3.5 |  |  |  |
|  | Total | Democrat | Independent | Repub- <br> lican | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lib- } \\ & \text { eral } \end{aligned}$ | Moderate |  |  |
| Responsible adults | 28\% | 35\% | 23\% | 28\% | 30\% | 29\% |  |  |
| Spoiled children | 67\% | 60\% | 72\% | 68\% | 64\% | 66\% |  |  |
| Mixed/Both | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% |  |  |
| No opinion | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% | 2\% | 4\% | 3\% |  |  |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-5.5 | +/-4.5 | +/-6.0 | +/-7.0 | +/-5.0 | +/-5 |  |
|  | Total | North east | Midwest | South | West | Urban | Suburban | Rural |
| Responsible adults | 28\% | 22\% | 31\% | 24\% | 37\% | 27\% | 28\% | 28\% |
| Spoiled children | 67\% | 76\% | 64\% | 73\% | 54\% | 67\% | 69\% | 68\% |
| Mixed/Both | 2\% | * | 3\% | 1\% | 3\% | 3\% | 1\% | 1\% |
| No opinion | 3\% | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% | 6\% | 4\% | 3\% | 2\% |
| Sampling Error | +/-3.0 | +/-6.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-6.5 | +/-5.5 | +/-4.5 | +/-6.5 |

* percentage less than 1\%

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Question 21
Which of these statements comes closest to your view:
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
Taxes on wealthy people should be kept high so the government can use their money for programs to help lower-income people

Base = Total Sample


* percentage less than 1\%


[^0]:    *Asked of a half sample
    **Based on registered voters.

[^1]:    *Asked of a half sample.
    **Based on registered voters.

[^2]:    * percentage less than 1\%

[^3]:    * percentage less than 1\%

[^4]:    * percentage less than 1\%

[^5]:    * percentage less than 1\%

