

The logo consists of two parts. The top part is a light gray rectangle containing the text 'CNN | ORC' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The 'CNN' is stylized with a white outline. A vertical bar separates 'CNN' and 'ORC'. The bottom part is a solid black rectangle containing the word 'POLL' in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font.

CNN | ORC POLL

Interviews with 620 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on December 17-18, 2012. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 4 percentage points.

The sample includes 463 interviews among landline respondents and 157 interviews among cell phone respondents.

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	<u>App- rove</u>	<u>Disapp- rove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>App- rove</u>	<u>Disapp- rove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Dec. 17-18, 2012	52%	43%	4%	Jan. 21-23, 2011	55%	44%	1%
Nov. 16-18, 2012	52%	43%	5%	Jan. 14-16, 2011	53%	45%	2%
Nov. 2-4, 2012	51%	45%	4%	Dec. 17-19, 2010	48%	48%	4%
Sept. 28-30, 2012	49%	48%	3%	Nov. 11-14, 2010	48%	50%	3%
Sept. 7-9, 2012	51%	44%	5%	Oct. 27-30, 2010	46%	51%	4%
Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2012	48%	45%	7%	Oct. 5-7, 2010	45%	52%	3%
Aug. 22-23, 2012	50%	44%	6%	Sept. 21-23, 2010	42%	54%	4%
Aug. 7-8, 2012	50%	47%	3%	Sept. 1-2, 2010	50%	49%	1%
June 28-July 1, 2012	51%	47%	2%	Aug. 6-10, 2010	47%	51%	2%
May 29-31, 2012	52%	47%	1%	July 16-21, 2010	47%	50%	2%
Apr. 13-15, 2012	49%	48%	3%	June 16, 2010	50%	48%	2%
Mar. 24-25, 2012	51%	45%	4%	May 21-23, 2010	51%	46%	3%
Feb. 10-13, 2012	50%	48%	2%	Apr. 9-11, 2010	51%	47%	2%
Jan. 11-12, 2012	47%	51%	3%	Mar. 25-28, 2010	51%	48%	1%
Dec. 16-18, 2011	49%	48%	3%	Mar. 19-21, 2010	46%	51%	3%
Nov. 18-20, 2011	44%	54%	3%	Feb. 12-15, 2010	49%	50%	1%
Nov. 11-13, 2011	46%	52%	2%	Jan. 22-24, 2010	49%	50%	*
Oct. 14-16, 2011	46%	50%	3%	Jan. 8-10, 2010	51%	48%	1%
Sept. 23-25, 2011	45%	52%	3%	Dec. 16-20, 2009	54%	44%	2%
Sept. 9-11, 2011	43%	55%	2%	Dec. 2-3, 2009	48%	50%	2%
Aug. 24-25, 2011	45%	54%	1%	Nov. 13-15, 2009	55%	42%	3%
Aug. 5-7, 2011	44%	54%	2%	Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2009	54%	45%	1%
Aug. 1, 2011	45%	52%	2%	Oct. 16-18, 2009	55%	43%	2%
July 18-20, 2011	45%	54%	2%	Sept. 11-13, 2009	58%	40%	2%
June 3-7, 2011	48%	48%	5%	Aug. 28-31, 2009	53%	45%	2%
May 24-26, 2011	54%	45%	2%	July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	56%	40%	4%
May 2, 2011	52%	43%	5%	June 26-28, 2009	61%	37%	3%
Apr. 29-May 1, 2011	51%	46%	3%	May 14-17, 2009	62%	35%	3%
Apr. 9-10, 2011	48%	50%	2%	Apr. 23-26, 2009	63%	33%	5%
Mar. 18-20, 2011	51%	47%	2%	Apr. 3-5, 2009	66%	30%	3%
Mar. 11-13, 2011	50%	47%	3%	March 12-15, 2009	64%	34%	2%
				Feb. 18-19, 2009	67%	29%	4%
				Feb. 7-8, 2009	76%	23%	1%

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?
 1A. (IF APPROVE) Do you approve strongly, or only moderately?
 1B. (IF DISAPPROVE) Do you disapprove strongly, or only moderately?

QUESTIONS 1, 1A AND 1B COMBINED

	Dec. 17-18 <u>2012</u>	Dec. 16-18 <u>2011</u>	Jan. 21-23 <u>2011</u>	
Approve strongly	32%	26%	30%	
Approve moderately	20%	24%	24%	
Disapprove moderately	9%	14%	16%	
Disapprove strongly	34%	33%	28%	
No opinion	5%	3%	1%	
	Apr. 9-11 <u>2010</u>	Jan. 8-10 <u>2010</u>	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	Feb. 18-19 <u>2009</u>
Approve strongly	29%	26%	33%	40%
Approve moderately	22%	25%	20%	27%
Disapprove moderately	13%	12%	11%	10%
Disapprove strongly	34%	36%	34%	19%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	4%

3. Do you have more confidence in President Obama or in the Republicans in Congress to deal with the major issues facing the country today?

	Dec. 17-18 <u>2012</u>	Dec. 16-18 <u>2011</u>	Mar. 11-13 <u>2011</u>
Obama	49%	50%	44%
Republicans in Congress	31%	31%	39%
Both equally (vol.)	4%	2%	5%
Neither (vol.)	14%	14%	10%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%

FOR COMPARISON:

<u>CNN/TIME TRENDS</u>					
Do you have more confidence in President Clinton or in the Republicans in Congress to deal with the major issues facing the country today?					
	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Republicans in Congress</u>	<u>Both equally (vol.)</u>	<u>Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
1998 Sep 23-24	53%	35%	3%	4%	5%
1998 Sep 16-17	52%	35%	2%	6%	5%
1998 Jan 14-15	46%	34%	3%	11%	6%
1997 Feb 5-6	48%	34%	5%	9%	4%
1996 May 8-9	45%	37%	3%	10%	5%
1995 Dec 6-7	49%	35%	3%	8%	5%
1995 Sep 13-14	41%	42%	2%	9%	6%
1995 Apr 27	41%	38%	5%	10%	6%
1995 Mar 29-30	42%	41%	3%	7%	7%
1995 Mar 22-23	36%	43%	3%	13%	5%
1994 Dec 7-8	30%	46%	3%	13%	8%

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Boehner is handling his job as Speaker of the House?

	Dec. 17-18 <u>2012</u>	Apr. 29-May 1 <u>2011</u>	Apr. 9-10 <u>2011</u>
Approve	34%	38%	41%
Disapprove	52%	43%	44%
No opinion	14%	18%	15%

9. Do you think it is good for the country or bad for the country that the Republican Party is in control of the U.S. House of Representatives?

	Dec. 17-18 <u>2012</u>	May 24-26 <u>2011</u>	Jan. 14-16 <u>2011</u>	Dec. 17-19 <u>2010</u>	Nov. 11-14 <u>2010</u>
Good for country	51%	48%	50%	51%	52%
Bad for country	43%	44%	41%	42%	39%
Neither (vol.)	5%	6%	6%	4%	5%
No opinion	1%	3%	3%	2%	3%

QUESTION WORDING PRIOR TO JANUARY 2011: Do you think it will be good for the country or bad for the country that the Republican party will be in control of the U.S. House?

10. If the two parties can develop bipartisan solutions to the country's problems, which party do you think should give up more of the proposals it supports -- the Democratic party or the Republican party?

	Dec. 17-18 <u>2012</u>	Dec. 17-19 <u>2010*</u>	Feb. 12-15 <u>2010</u>
Democratic party	41%	45%	51%
Republican party	53%	47%	43%
No opinion	6%	8%	5%

*Asked of a half sample

11. Overall, would you describe the views and policies of each of the following as too extreme, or as generally mainstream?

	Dec. 17-18 <u>2012</u>	Sept. 21-23 <u>2010</u>	July 16-21 <u>2010</u>
The Republican Party			
Too extreme	53%	36%	39%
Generally mainstream	43%	58%	56%
Mixed/Neither (vol.)	2%	4%	4%
No opinion	2%	3%	1%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Too extreme</u>	<u>Generally mainstream</u>	<u>Mixed/Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
The Republican Party				
2004 Sep 3-5	34	62	1	3
2004 Jul 30-Aug 1	40	55	2	3
2000 Aug 18-19	36	56	3	5
2000 Aug 4-5	33	58	3	6

	Dec. 17-18 <u>2012</u>	Sept. 21-23 <u>2010</u>	July 16-21 <u>2010</u>
The Democratic Party			
Too extreme	37%	42%	43%
Generally mainstream	57%	53%	54%
Mixed/Neither (vol.)	3%	3%	3%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Too extreme</u>	<u>Generally mainstream</u>	<u>Mixed/Neither (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
The Democratic Party				
2004 Sep 3-5	33	62	2	3
2004 Jul 30-Aug 1	34	62	2	2
2000 Aug 18-19	26	67	3	4
2000 Aug 4-5	25	66	3	6

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.

21. 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?

	Dec. 17-18 <u>2012</u>	Nov. 16-18 <u>2012</u>
Crisis	20%	24%
Major problems	50%	44%
Minor problems	24%	24%
Not a problem	4%	7%
No opinion	2%	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?

	<u>July 18-20, 2011</u>	<u>Apr. 29-May 1, 2011</u>
Crisis	18	17
Major problems	43	41
Minor problems	31	33
No problems at all	6	7
No opinion	1	2

22. 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?

	Dec. 17-18 <u>2012</u>	Nov. 16-18 <u>2012</u>
Obama	37%	34%
Republicans	48%	45%
Both (vol.)	11%	15%
Neither (vol.)	2%	1%
No opinion	1%	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?

July 18-20, 2011

Obama	30
Republicans	51
Both (vol.)	15
Neither (vol.)	3
No opinion	1

METHODOLOGY

A total of 620 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, 34% described themselves as Democrats, 41% described themselves as Independents, and 25% 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".

Question 1

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters		
Approve	52%	53%	51%	43%	N/A	50%		
Disapprove	43%	43%	43%	51%	N/A	45%		
No opinion	4%	4%	5%	6%	N/A	5%		
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5		+/-4.0		

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Approve	52%	N/A	N/A	59%	42%	52%	52%
Disapprove	43%	N/A	N/A	38%	55%	42%	45%
No opinion	4%	N/A	N/A	3%	3%	5%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0			+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Approve	52%	59%	47%	54%	51%
Disapprove	43%	37%	49%	41%	45%
No opinion	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	52%	94%	44%	8%	N/A	54%	29%
Disapprove	43%	4%	50%	88%	N/A	40%	68%
No opinion	4%	2%	6%	4%	N/A	7%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5		+/-6.5	+/-6.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	52%	61%	49%	43%	58%	67%	45%	43%
Disapprove	43%	36%	42%	53%	39%	32%	49%	51%
No opinion	4%	3%	8%	4%	3%	2%	6%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-8.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-8.5

* percentage less than 1%

CNN/ORC International Poll -- December 17 to 18, 2012

Question 1/1A/1B

Q1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

Q1A. Do you approve strongly or only moderately?

Q1B. Do you disapprove strongly or only moderately?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters	
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Approve strongly	32%	25%	38%	24%	N/A	31%	
Approve moderately	20%	28%	13%	20%	N/A	19%	
Disapprove moderately	9%	8%	11%	9%	N/A	9%	
Disapprove strongly	34%	36%	33%	42%	N/A	35%	
No opinion	5%	4%	5%	6%	N/A	5%	
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5		+/-4.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
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Approve strongly	32%	N/A	N/A	43%	32%	26%	39%
Approve moderately	20%	N/A	N/A	16%	10%	26%	14%
Disapprove moderately	9%	N/A	N/A	4%	10%	11%	7%
Disapprove strongly	34%	N/A	N/A	33%	45%	31%	38%
No opinion	5%	N/A	N/A	3%	3%	5%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0			+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
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Approve strongly	32%	32%	30%	34%	31%
Approve moderately	20%	27%	17%	21%	20%
Disapprove moderately	9%	9%	8%	9%	9%
Disapprove strongly	34%	28%	41%	31%	35%
No opinion	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
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Approve strongly	32%	66%	22%	1%	N/A	30%	22%
Approve moderately	20%	28%	21%	7%	N/A	23%	8%
Disapprove moderately	9%	3%	12%	14%	N/A	13%	9%
Disapprove strongly	34%	2%	37%	74%	N/A	26%	59%
No opinion	5%	2%	7%	4%	N/A	7%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5		+/-6.5	+/-6.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
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Approve strongly	32%	37%	32%	28%	32%	40%	26%	29%
Approve moderately	20%	24%	18%	15%	26%	27%	19%	14%
Disapprove moderately	9%	8%	4%	11%	14%	9%	9%	9%
Disapprove strongly	34%	29%	38%	42%	25%	22%	39%	41%
No opinion	5%	3%	8%	4%	3%	2%	6%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-8.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-8.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 3

Do you have more confidence in President Obama or in the Republicans in Congress to deal with the major issues facing the country today?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters		
Obama	49%	46%	51%	41%	N/A	48%		
Republicans in Congress	31%	31%	32%	36%	N/A	32%		
Both equally	4%	5%	3%	3%	N/A	3%		
Neither	14%	16%	12%	18%	N/A	15%		
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	2%	N/A	2%		
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5		+/-4.0		

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama	49%	N/A	N/A	60%	43%	45%	53%
Republicans in Congress	31%	N/A	N/A	26%	40%	31%	32%
Both equally	4%	N/A	N/A	5%	2%	4%	4%
Neither	14%	N/A	N/A	10%	12%	17%	11%
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	*	2%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0			+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama	49%	56%	43%	54%	46%
Republicans in Congress	31%	31%	33%	31%	32%
Both equally	4%	2%	6%	5%	3%
Neither	14%	11%	18%	9%	17%
No opinion	2%	*	1%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	49%	91%	39%	7%	N/A	52%	26%
Republicans in Congress	31%	3%	29%	75%	N/A	27%	51%
Both equally	4%	4%	6%	1%	N/A	5%	2%
Neither	14%	2%	22%	17%	N/A	13%	19%
No opinion	2%	*	4%	*	N/A	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5		+/-6.5	+/-6.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	49%	54%	51%	42%	51%	59%	41%	49%
Republicans in Congress	31%	25%	28%	38%	32%	25%	36%	36%
Both equally	4%	8%	3%	3%	2%	6%	4%	1%
Neither	14%	13%	16%	15%	13%	7%	17%	14%
No opinion	2%	1%	1%	3%	3%	3%	2%	*
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-8.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-8.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 4

Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Boehner is handling his job as Speaker of the House?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters	
Approve	34%	36%	32%	35%	N/A	33%	
Disapprove	52%	51%	52%	54%	N/A	53%	
No opinion	14%	13%	16%	11%	N/A	13%	
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5		+/-4.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Approve	34%	N/A	N/A	35%	35%	33%	35%
Disapprove	52%	N/A	N/A	57%	59%	47%	58%
No opinion	14%	N/A	N/A	8%	7%	20%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0			+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Approve	34%	29%	38%	35%	34%
Disapprove	52%	57%	50%	53%	51%
No opinion	14%	14%	12%	13%	15%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	34%	23%	32%	53%	N/A	35%	42%
Disapprove	52%	65%	52%	33%	N/A	51%	45%
No opinion	14%	12%	16%	14%	N/A	14%	13%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5		+/-6.5	+/-6.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	34%	36%	34%	40%	23%	30%	36%	35%
Disapprove	52%	49%	47%	53%	58%	56%	47%	56%
No opinion	14%	15%	19%	7%	18%	15%	16%	9%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-8.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-8.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 9

Do you think it is good for the country or bad for the country that the Republican Party is in control of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters	
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Good for the country	51%	53%	48%	56%	N/A	51%	
Bad for the country	43%	41%	46%	38%	N/A	43%	
Neither	5%	5%	4%	5%	N/A	5%	
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	1%	N/A	2%	
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5		+/-4.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
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Good for the country	51%	N/A	N/A	44%	53%	53%	48%
Bad for the country	43%	N/A	N/A	52%	40%	40%	47%
Neither	5%	N/A	N/A	1%	2%	7%	2%
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	2%	5%	*	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0			+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
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Good for the country	51%	43%	56%	49%	52%
Bad for the country	43%	49%	40%	47%	41%
Neither	5%	5%	4%	2%	7%
No opinion	1%	2%	*	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
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Good for the country	51%	15%	54%	93%	N/A	50%	69%
Bad for the country	43%	79%	36%	6%	N/A	43%	26%
Neither	5%	3%	9%	*	N/A	6%	2%
No opinion	1%	3%	*	*	N/A	*	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5		+/-6.5	+/-6.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
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Good for the country	51%	48%	43%	61%	46%	42%	57%	49%
Bad for the country	43%	46%	49%	32%	49%	53%	38%	42%
Neither	5%	2%	7%	5%	4%	4%	5%	5%
No opinion	1%	4%	*	1%	1%	1%	*	4%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-8.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-8.5

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 10

If the two parties can develop bipartisan solutions of the country's problems, which party do you think should give up more of the proposals it supports -- the Democratic party or the Republican party?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters		
Democratic party	41%	42%	39%	46%	N/A	42%		
Republican party	53%	53%	54%	47%	N/A	52%		
No opinion	6%	5%	6%	7%	N/A	6%		
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5		+/-4.0		

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Democratic party	41%	N/A	N/A	36%	44%	42%	39%
Republican party	53%	N/A	N/A	59%	46%	53%	54%
No opinion	6%	N/A	N/A	5%	10%	5%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0			+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Democratic party	41%	34%	46%	35%	44%
Republican party	53%	61%	49%	62%	48%
No opinion	6%	5%	5%	3%	8%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Democratic party	41%	11%	46%	73%	N/A	39%	57%
Republican party	53%	86%	45%	23%	N/A	53%	38%
No opinion	6%	4%	8%	5%	N/A	7%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5		+/-6.5	+/-6.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Democratic party	41%	37%	38%	44%	42%	28%	51%	38%
Republican party	53%	60%	57%	46%	53%	68%	42%	55%
No opinion	6%	3%	5%	9%	4%	4%	7%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-8.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-8.5

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 11A

Overall, would you describe the views and policies of each of the following as too extreme, or as generally mainstream?

A. The Republican Party

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters		
Too extreme	53%	50%	56%	49%	N/A	52%		
Generally mainstream	43%	45%	42%	48%	N/A	45%		
Mixed/Neither	2%	3%	1%	2%	N/A	3%		
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	1%	N/A	1%		
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5		+/-4.0		

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Too extreme	53%	N/A	N/A	58%	46%	53%	53%
Generally mainstream	43%	N/A	N/A	41%	51%	41%	45%
Mixed/Neither	2%	N/A	N/A	2%	2%	3%	2%
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	*	1%	3%	*
Sampling Error	+/-4.0			+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Too extreme	53%	55%	54%	58%	50%
Generally mainstream	43%	40%	43%	39%	45%
Mixed/Neither	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%
No opinion	2%	3%	*	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Too extreme	53%	81%	48%	22%	N/A	56%	33%
Generally mainstream	43%	16%	47%	73%	N/A	40%	62%
Mixed/Neither	2%	*	3%	5%	N/A	2%	4%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	1%	N/A	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5		+/-6.5	+/-6.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Too extreme	53%	53%	48%	50%	61%	65%	46%	48%
Generally mainstream	43%	41%	49%	47%	34%	31%	50%	46%
Mixed/Neither	2%	1%	2%	3%	3%	2%	1%	6%
No opinion	2%	4%	1%	*	2%	2%	3%	*
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-8.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-8.5

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 11B

Overall, would you describe the views and policies of each of the following as too extreme, or as generally mainstream?

B. The Democratic Party

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters		
Too extreme	37%	39%	35%	41%	N/A	40%		
Generally mainstream	57%	56%	59%	54%	N/A	55%		
Mixed/Neither	3%	2%	4%	3%	N/A	3%		
No opinion	2%	3%	2%	2%	N/A	2%		
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5		+/-4.0		

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Too extreme	37%	N/A	N/A	30%	47%	37%	37%
Generally mainstream	57%	N/A	N/A	68%	51%	55%	62%
Mixed/Neither	3%	N/A	N/A	1%	1%	4%	1%
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	*	1%	4%	*
Sampling Error	+/-4.0			+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Too extreme	37%	32%	43%	36%	37%
Generally mainstream	57%	62%	54%	60%	57%
Mixed/Neither	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%
No opinion	2%	2%	*	2%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Too extreme	37%	4%	43%	71%	N/A	29%	63%
Generally mainstream	57%	91%	52%	21%	N/A	65%	35%
Mixed/Neither	3%	3%	2%	6%	N/A	2%	2%
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	2%	N/A	4%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5		+/-6.5	+/-6.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Too extreme	37%	31%	35%	45%	33%	29%	40%	44%
Generally mainstream	57%	62%	60%	50%	61%	67%	52%	51%
Mixed/Neither	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	2%	4%	5%
No opinion	2%	3%	1%	2%	3%	2%	4%	*
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-8.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-8.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 21

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. Voters		
Crisis	20%	15%	25%	20%	N/A	20%		
Major problem	50%	47%	53%	50%	N/A	49%		
Minor problem	24%	34%	14%	26%	N/A	25%		
Not a problem	4%	4%	5%	3%	N/A	4%		
No opinion	2%	*	3%	1%	N/A	2%		
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5		+/-4.0		

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Crisis	20%	N/A	N/A	24%	19%	19%	22%
Major problem	50%	N/A	N/A	52%	49%	49%	51%
Minor problem	24%	N/A	N/A	20%	23%	26%	21%
Not a problem	4%	N/A	N/A	4%	7%	3%	5%
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	*	2%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0			+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Crisis	20%	19%	21%	21%	19%
Major problem	50%	53%	52%	55%	47%
Minor problem	24%	22%	25%	18%	28%
Not a problem	4%	4%	2%	5%	3%
No opinion	2%	*	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Crisis	20%	20%	19%	22%	N/A	20%	23%
Major problem	50%	54%	44%	54%	N/A	53%	46%
Minor problem	24%	20%	31%	17%	N/A	23%	23%
Not a problem	4%	5%	4%	3%	N/A	2%	5%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	3%	N/A	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5		+/-6.5	+/-6.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Crisis	20%	20%	23%	20%	18%	17%	17%	29%
Major problem	50%	48%	42%	57%	50%	47%	53%	49%
Minor problem	24%	24%	31%	18%	25%	26%	26%	19%
Not a problem	4%	7%	4%	4%	2%	6%	5%	1%
No opinion	2%	1%	*	1%	6%	3%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-8.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-8.5

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 22

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	37%	42%	33%	41%	N/A	37%
Republicans	48%	46%	51%	44%	N/A	49%
Both	11%	10%	13%	12%	N/A	11%
Neither	2%	2%	2%	1%	N/A	2%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	1%	N/A	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5		+/-4.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama	37%	N/A	N/A	35%	39%	38%	37%
Republicans	48%	N/A	N/A	56%	41%	47%	50%
Both	11%	N/A	N/A	7%	12%	13%	9%
Neither	2%	N/A	N/A	1%	5%	2%	3%
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	1%	3%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0			+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama	37%	31%	42%	36%	38%
Republicans	48%	55%	46%	50%	48%
Both	11%	10%	12%	9%	13%
Neither	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	37%	10%	37%	76%	N/A	34%	53%
Republicans	48%	81%	44%	11%	N/A	51%	30%
Both	11%	6%	15%	11%	N/A	12%	13%
Neither	2%	3%	2%	2%	N/A	2%	2%
No opinion	1%	1%	3%	*	N/A	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5		+/-6.5	+/-6.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	37%	31%	35%	41%	39%	32%	41%	39%
Republicans	48%	53%	52%	45%	44%	56%	43%	47%
Both	11%	10%	10%	10%	14%	8%	13%	10%
Neither	2%	5%	1%	2%	*	3%	1%	2%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-8.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-8.5

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