

Interviews with 1,014 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on June 11-13, 2013. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The sample includes 710 interviews among landline respondents and 304 interviews among cell phone respondents.

25. As you may know, the IRS targeted conservative political groups for greater scrutiny of their applications for tax-exempt status. How important an issue do you think this is to the nation -- very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

	June 11-13	May 17-18
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2013</u>
Very important	51%	55%
Somewhat important	32%	30%
Not too important	10%	10%
Not important at all	6%	5%
No opinion	*	1%

26. Do you think that senior White House officials ordered the IRS to target those political groups for greater scrutiny, or do you think those IRS officials acted on their own without direct orders from the White House?

	June 11-13 2013	May 17-18 2013
White House ordered it	47%	37%
IRS acted on their own No opinion	49% 4%	55% 8%



## **METHODOLOGY**

A total of 1,014 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, and telephone usage. Among the entire sample, 31% described themselves as Democrats, 25% described themselves as Republicans, and 44% described themselves as Independents or members of another party

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 25

As you may know, the IRS targeted conservative political groups for greater scrutiny of their applications for tax-exempt status. How important an issue do you think this is to the nation --very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

Base = Total Sample

Not too important   51%   58%   44%   53%   47%   45%   58%   47%   50mewhat important   10%   8%   13%   12%   8%   8%   8%   8%   8%   8%   8%
Somewhat important   32%   26%   38%   30%   38%   38%   Not too important   10%   8%   13%   12%   8%   8%   Not important at all   6%   7%   5%   6%   8%   8%   No opinion   * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
Not too important 10% 8% 13% 12% 8% Not important at all 6% 7% 5% 6% 8% No opinion
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No opinion
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Somewhat important         32%         43%         31%         27%         24%         37%         26%           Not too important         10%         10%         12%         9%         11%         11%         10%           Not important at all         6%         6%         6%         6%         7%         6%         6%           No opinion         *
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No opinion
Very important   1.0
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Total         \$50K         or more         College         College                 Very important         51%         47%         52%         56%         47%
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Not too important 10% 11% 10% 9% 12%
Not important at all 6% 6% 7% 4% 8%
No opinion * * * * * *
Sampling Error +/-3.0 +/-5.0 +/-4.5 +/-5.5 +/-4.0
Demo- Indep- Repub- Lib- Mod- Conser-
Total crat endent lican eral erate vative
Very important 51% 37% 54% 63% 34% 43% 68%
Somewhat important 32% 37% 30% 30% 33% 40% 25%
Not too important 10% 14% 11% 5% 17% 11% 6%
Not important at all 6% 12% 5% 2% 15% 6% 1%
No opinion
Sampling Error $+/-3.0$ $+/-6.0$ $+/-4.5$ $+/-6.0$ $+/-7.0$ $+/-5.0$ $+/-5.0$
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Total east west South West Urban urban Rural
Very important 51% 44% 51% 58% 48% 52% 47% 58%
Somewhat important 32% 39% 32% 24% 38% 31% 33% 30%
Not too important 10% 11% 13% 11% 7% 9% 12% 10%
Not important at all 6% 6% 5% 7% 7% 8% 7% 3%
No opinion
Sampling Error +/-3.0 +/-6.5 +/-6.5 +/-5.5 +/-6.5 +/-5.5 +/-6.5

<sup>\*</sup> percentage less than 1%



## Question 26

Do you think that senior White House officials ordered the IRS to target those political groups for greater scrutiny, or do you think those IRS officials acted on their own without direct orders from the White House?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men			on-White		
White House ordered it IRS acted on their own No opinion Sampling Error	47% 49% 4% +/-3.0	49% 46% 5%	45% 52% 3%	54% 42% 5%	32% 65% 3% /-7.0		
	Total	18- 34	35- 49	50- 64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
White House ordered it IRS acted on their own No opinion Sampling Error	47% 49% 4% +/-3.0	36% 60% 4%	49% 47% 4%	52% 44% 4%	55% 41% 4%	42% 54% 4%	53% 43% 4% +/-4.0
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attende College		
White House ordered it IRS acted on their own No opinion Sampling Error	47% 49% 4% +/-3.0	43% 53% 4%	50% 46% 4% +/-4.5	48% 47% 4% +/-5.5	46% 51% 48 +/-4.0	5	
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent		eral	erate	vative
White House ordered it IRS acted on their own No opinion Sampling Error	47% 49% 4% +/-3.0	21% 74% 4%	51% 45% 4% +/-4.5	71% 26% 3%	25% 71%	40% 55% 5%	66% 30% 3% +/-5.0
	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban Rural
White House ordered it IRS acted on their own No opinion Sampling Error	47% 49% 4% +/-3.0	48% 49% 3%	45% 52% 3%	47% 49% 3% +/-5.5	47% 45% 8%	30% 65%	50% 56% 46% 40% 4% 4%

<sup>\*</sup> percentage less than 1%

