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Interviews with 1,022 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on September 6-8, 2013. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The sample includes 721 interviews among landline respondents and 301 interviews among cell phone respondents.

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(Note: Questions 2 and 6 released on Monday)

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling: (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
The economy			
September 6-8, 2013	43%	56%	2%
June 11-13, 2013	42%	57%	1%
April 5-7, 2013	44%	54%	2%
January 14-15, 2013	48%	51%	1%
November 11-13, 2011	35%	63%	2%
September 9-11, 2011	36%	61%	3%
August 24-25, 2011	34%	65%	1%
August 5-7, 2011	34%	64%	2%
May 24-26, 2011	41%	58%	1%
May 2, 2011	42%	56%	2%
March 18-20, 2011	39%	60%	1%
January 21-23, 2011	45%	54%	*
November 11-14, 2010	40%	58%	2%
September 1-2, 2010	40%	59%	2%
July 16-21, 2010	42%	57%	*
March 25-28, 2010	44%	55%	1%
March 19-21, 2010	43%	54%	2%
January 8-10, 2010	44%	54%	2%
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009	46%	54%	1%
September 11-13, 2009	54%	45%	1%
August 28-31, 2009*	49%	51%	*
March 12-15, 2009	59%	40%	2%

*Asked of half sample

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling: (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
The federal budget deficit			
September 6-8, 2013	36%	61%	3%
June 11-13, 2013	34%	64%	2%
April 5-7, 2013	38%	58%	4%
January 14-15, 2013	41%	57%	2%
August 24-25, 2011	33%	66%	1%
August 5-7, 2011	34%	64%	2%
May 24-26, 2011	34%	64%	2%
May 2, 2011	35%	61%	3%
March 18-20, 2011	36%	62%	2%
January 21-23, 2011	38%	60%	2%
November 11-14, 2010	36%	61%	3%
July 16-21, 2010	36%	62%	2%
March 19-21, 2010	36%	62%	2%
January 8-10, 2010	36%	62%	1%
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009*	39%	60%	2%
September 11-13, 2009	46%	51%	3%
August 28-31, 2009*	36%	63%	1%
March 12-15, 2009*	52%	47%	2%
Health care policy			
September 6-8, 2013	42%	55%	3%
April 5-7, 2013	44%	54%	2%
January 14-15, 2013	50%	49%	2%
November 11-13, 2011	38%	59%	3%
May 24-26, 2011	40%	57%	2%
March 18-20, 2011	41%	58%	2%
January 21-23, 2011	44%	55%	1%
July 16-21, 2010	44%	54%	2%
March 25-28, 2010	45%	54%	1%
March 19-21, 2010	40%	58%	2%
January 8-10, 2010	40%	59%	1%
Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2009	42%	57%	2%
September 11-13, 2009	51%	47%	2%
August 28-31, 2009*	44%	53%	3%
March 12-15, 2009*	57%	41%	2%

*Asked of half sample

6. Which of the following is the most important issue facing the country today?
(RANDOM ORDER)

	Sept. 6-8 <u>2013</u>
The economy	41%
Health care	16%
The situation in Syria	15%
The federal budget deficit	13%
The environment	5%
Gun policy	5%
Immigration	3%
Other (vol.)	1%
No opinion	*

FOR COMPARISON

QUESTION WORDING: Which of the following is the most important issue facing the country today?

	Jan. 14-15 <u>2013</u>
The economy	46%
The federal budget deficit	23%
Health care	14%
Gun policy	6%
Foreign policy	4%
Immigration	3%
The environment	2%
Other (vol.)	1%
No opinion	*

10. As you may know, a bill that makes major changes to the country's health care system became law in 2010. Based on what you have read or heard about that legislation, do you favor all of the proposals in that law, favor most of them, oppose most of them, or oppose all of them?

	Sept. 6-8 <u>2013</u>	Jan. 14-15 <u>2013*</u>	Jan. 14-16 <u>2011</u>
Favor all	6%	7%	6%
Favor most	33%	44%	39%
Oppose most	37%	29%	34%
Oppose all	20%	15%	16%
No opinion	4%	4%	5%

QUESTION WORDING PRIOR TO 2013: Thinking about the health care bill which was passed into law last March, do you favor all of the proposals in that bill, favor most of them, oppose most of them, or oppose all of them?

*Asked of half sample

ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 515 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A --
 SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.

As you may know, on a regular basis, Congress must pass bills that authorize the federal government to spend money for a certain amount of time. When that time expires, the government must shut down until Congress passes a new spending bill.

11. Suppose the federal government had to shut down for a few days because Congress did not pass a new spending bill. Do you think that would cause a crisis, major problems, minor problems, or no problems at all for the United States?

	Sept. 6-8 <u>2013</u>
Crisis	11%
Major problems	38%
Minor problems	40%
No problems at all	11%
No opinion	*

12. Now suppose the federal government had to shut down for a few weeks because Congress did not pass a new spending bill. Do you think that would cause a crisis, major problems, minor problems, or no problems at all for the United States?

	Sept. 6-8 <u>2013</u>
Crisis	31%
Major problems	43%
Minor problems	20%
No problems at all	6%
No opinion	*

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. 6-8 <u>2013</u>	March 15-17 <u>2013</u>	Sept. 23-25 <u>2011</u>	March 11-13 <u>2011</u>
Obama	33%	38%	33%	37%
Republicans	51%	40%	47%	46%
Both (vol.)	12%	19%	17%	14%
Neither (vol.)	3%	2%	1%	1%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	2%

ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 507 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B --
 SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.

As you may know, there is a limit to the amount of money the government can owe that is sometimes called the "debt ceiling." The Secretary of the Treasury says that the government will not have enough money to pay all of its debts and keep all existing government programs running unless Congress raises the debt ceiling by October.

14. 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?

	Sept. 6-8 <u>2013</u>	July 18-20 <u>2011</u>	Apr. 29-May 1 <u>2011</u>
Crisis	17%	18%	17%
Major problems	45%	43%	41%
Minor problems	27%	31%	33%
No problems at all	9%	6%	7%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%

15. If the debt ceiling is not raised, do you think that Barack Obama or the Republicans in Congress would be more responsible for that?

	Sept. 6-8 <u>2013</u>	July 18-20 <u>2011</u>
Obama	25%	30%
Republicans	54%	51%
Both (vol.)	15%	15%
Neither (vol.)	3%	3%
No opinion	2%	1%

METHODOLOGY

A total of 1,022 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, 30% described themselves as Democrats, 21% described themselves as Republicans, and 49% 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 10

As you may know, a bill that makes major changes to the country's health care system became law in 2010. Based on what you have read or heard about that legislation, do you favor all of the proposals in that law, favor most of them, oppose most of them, or oppose all of them?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor all	6%	6%	6%	6%	7%
Favor most	33%	29%	35%	28%	44%
Oppose most	37%	37%	37%	40%	30%
Oppose all	20%	22%	19%	23%	14%
No opinion	4%	5%	3%	3%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-7.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Favor all	6%	6%	6%	6%	8%	6%	7%
Favor most	33%	40%	30%	32%	26%	35%	29%
Oppose most	37%	36%	37%	36%	38%	36%	37%
Oppose all	20%	13%	23%	23%	26%	17%	24%
No opinion	4%	5%	5%	3%	2%	5%	3%
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
Favor all	6%	6%	6%	5%	7%
Favor most	33%	32%	33%	27%	37%
Oppose most	37%	37%	37%	41%	33%
Oppose all	20%	21%	19%	23%	18%
No opinion	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor all	6%	15%	3%	1%	15%	5%	3%
Favor most	33%	55%	28%	12%	46%	37%	20%
Oppose most	37%	21%	40%	53%	23%	40%	43%
Oppose all	20%	5%	24%	34%	9%	14%	34%
No opinion	4%	4%	5%	1%	6%	4%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor all	6%	7%	4%	6%	8%	8%	5%	5%
Favor most	33%	35%	32%	32%	32%	43%	30%	24%
Oppose most	37%	34%	37%	35%	41%	29%	42%	36%
Oppose all	20%	20%	24%	21%	16%	15%	19%	31%
No opinion	4%	3%	2%	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 11

Suppose the federal government had to shut down for a few days because Congress did not pass a new spending bill. Do you think that would cause a crisis, major problems, minor problems, or no problems at all for the United States?

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White			
Crisis	11%	10%	11%	7%	N/A			
Major problems	38%	30%	46%	35%	N/A			
Minor problems	40%	46%	34%	44%	N/A			
No problems at all	11%	13%	8%	13%	N/A			
No opinion	*	*	*	*	N/A			
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0				

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Crisis	11%	N/A	N/A	16%	10%	8%	14%
Major problems	38%	N/A	N/A	30%	37%	42%	33%
Minor problems	40%	N/A	N/A	42%	37%	41%	40%
No problems at all	11%	N/A	N/A	12%	16%	8%	14%
No opinion	*	N/A	N/A	1%	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Crisis	11%	13%	9%	12%	10%
Major problems	38%	41%	35%	39%	37%
Minor problems	40%	37%	45%	38%	42%
No problems at all	11%	10%	11%	10%	11%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-8.5	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Crisis	11%	21%	3%	N/A	N/A	9%	15%
Major problems	38%	44%	38%	N/A	N/A	42%	24%
Minor problems	40%	32%	44%	N/A	N/A	42%	44%
No problems at all	11%	3%	14%	N/A	N/A	7%	17%
No opinion	*	*	1%	N/A	N/A	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.0			+/-7.0	+/-7.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Crisis	11%	N/A	N/A	15%	N/A	12%	7%	N/A
Major problems	38%	N/A	N/A	37%	N/A	41%	37%	N/A
Minor problems	40%	N/A	N/A	38%	N/A	38%	44%	N/A
No problems at all	11%	N/A	N/A	9%	N/A	9%	11%	N/A
No opinion	*	N/A	N/A	*	N/A	1%	*	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5		+/-8.0	+/-6.5	

* percentage less than 1%

Question 12

Now suppose the federal government had to shut down for a few weeks because Congress did not pass a new spending bill. Do you think that would cause a crisis, major problems, minor problems, or no problems at all for the United States?

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Crisis	31%	26%	37%	28%	N/A
Major problems	43%	46%	41%	42%	N/A
Minor problems	20%	22%	17%	25%	N/A
No problems at all	6%	6%	5%	5%	N/A
No opinion	*	*	*	*	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Crisis	31%	N/A	N/A	37%	26%	30%	33%
Major problems	43%	N/A	N/A	37%	40%	47%	38%
Minor problems	20%	N/A	N/A	20%	25%	18%	22%
No problems at all	6%	N/A	N/A	6%	8%	4%	7%
No opinion	*	N/A	N/A	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Crisis	31%	34%	28%	33%	30%
Major problems	43%	42%	44%	40%	45%
Minor problems	20%	19%	20%	21%	19%
No problems at all	6%	4%	8%	5%	6%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-8.5	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Crisis	31%	42%	24%	N/A	N/A	30%	30%
Major problems	43%	43%	47%	N/A	N/A	49%	31%
Minor problems	20%	11%	22%	N/A	N/A	15%	31%
No problems at all	6%	4%	7%	N/A	N/A	6%	9%
No opinion	*	*	*	N/A	N/A	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.0			+/-7.0	+/-7.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Crisis	31%	N/A	N/A	37%	N/A	34%	27%	N/A
Major problems	43%	N/A	N/A	42%	N/A	40%	49%	N/A
Minor problems	20%	N/A	N/A	18%	N/A	20%	18%	N/A
No problems at all	6%	N/A	N/A	3%	N/A	5%	7%	N/A
No opinion	*	N/A	N/A	*	N/A	*	*	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5		+/-8.0	+/-6.5	

* percentage less than 1%

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 = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Obama	33%	32%	34%	39%	N/A
Republicans	51%	52%	50%	47%	N/A
Both	12%	14%	10%	10%	N/A
Neither	3%	1%	4%	3%	N/A
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	1%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama	33%	N/A	N/A	34%	39%	31%	36%
Republicans	51%	N/A	N/A	53%	41%	53%	49%
Both	12%	N/A	N/A	10%	13%	12%	11%
Neither	3%	N/A	N/A	1%	4%	3%	3%
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	1%	3%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama	33%	34%	34%	39%	30%
Republicans	51%	51%	53%	47%	54%
Both	12%	12%	9%	11%	12%
Neither	3%	3%	3%	1%	3%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-8.5	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	33%	12%	34%	N/A	N/A	31%	51%
Republicans	51%	80%	45%	N/A	N/A	58%	28%
Both	12%	6%	17%	N/A	N/A	8%	17%
Neither	3%	2%	2%	N/A	N/A	1%	4%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	N/A	N/A	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.0			+/-7.0	+/-7.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	33%	N/A	N/A	29%	N/A	24%	35%	N/A
Republicans	51%	N/A	N/A	57%	N/A	67%	48%	N/A
Both	12%	N/A	N/A	10%	N/A	7%	14%	N/A
Neither	3%	N/A	N/A	2%	N/A	2%	2%	N/A
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	2%	N/A	*	2%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5		+/-8.0	+/-6.5	

* percentage less than 1%

Question 14

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?

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White			
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Crisis	17%	10%	23%	15%	N/A			
Major problems	45%	44%	46%	44%	N/A			
Minor problems	27%	33%	21%	28%	N/A			
No problems at all	9%	11%	7%	10%	N/A			
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	3%	N/A			
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0				

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
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Crisis	17%	N/A	N/A	19%	16%	15%	18%
Major problems	45%	N/A	N/A	42%	48%	47%	44%
Minor problems	27%	N/A	N/A	26%	23%	29%	25%
No problems at all	9%	N/A	N/A	10%	13%	7%	11%
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	3%	1%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
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Crisis	17%	17%	17%	17%	16%
Major problems	45%	51%	40%	48%	44%
Minor problems	27%	22%	29%	26%	28%
No problems at all	9%	6%	12%	6%	11%
No opinion	2%	3%	2%	4%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
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Crisis	17%	15%	17%	N/A	N/A	15%	15%
Major problems	45%	51%	42%	N/A	N/A	53%	37%
Minor problems	27%	28%	29%	N/A	N/A	23%	31%
No problems at all	9%	7%	9%	N/A	N/A	8%	14%
No opinion	2%	*	2%	N/A	N/A	*	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.5			+/-7.0	+/-7.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
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Crisis	17%	N/A	N/A	14%	N/A	10%	18%	N/A
Major problems	45%	N/A	N/A	44%	N/A	57%	40%	N/A
Minor problems	27%	N/A	N/A	32%	N/A	27%	26%	N/A
No problems at all	9%	N/A	N/A	10%	N/A	6%	13%	N/A
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	*	N/A	*	3%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5		+/-8.0	+/-6.5	

* percentage less than 1%

Question 15

If the debt ceiling is not raised, do you think that Barack Obama or the Republicans in Congress would be more responsible for that?

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Obama	25%	23%	27%	30%	N/A
Republicans	54%	53%	54%	47%	N/A
Both	15%	17%	14%	16%	N/A
Neither	3%	3%	3%	4%	N/A
No opinion	2%	3%	1%	3%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Obama	25%	N/A	N/A	24%	25%	26%	25%
Republicans	54%	N/A	N/A	51%	60%	54%	54%
Both	15%	N/A	N/A	18%	10%	16%	15%
Neither	3%	N/A	N/A	3%	2%	4%	3%
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	4%	3%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama	25%	19%	31%	22%	28%
Republicans	54%	58%	50%	54%	54%
Both	15%	18%	14%	18%	14%
Neither	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%
No opinion	2%	3%	1%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	25%	9%	23%	N/A	N/A	25%	35%
Republicans	54%	82%	50%	N/A	N/A	56%	39%
Both	15%	6%	21%	N/A	N/A	15%	21%
Neither	3%	2%	3%	N/A	N/A	1%	5%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	N/A	N/A	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.5			+/-7.0	+/-7.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	25%	N/A	N/A	29%	N/A	20%	24%	N/A
Republicans	54%	N/A	N/A	50%	N/A	58%	55%	N/A
Both	15%	N/A	N/A	18%	N/A	19%	14%	N/A
Neither	3%	N/A	N/A	2%	N/A	2%	3%	N/A
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	1%	N/A	1%	3%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5		+/-8.0	+/-6.5	

* percentage less than 1%