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15. Generally speaking, do you think the federal government should spend a great deal more money for domestic programs, or somewhat more, or somewhat less, or do you think the federal government should spend a great deal less money for domestic programs?

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2010

Great deal more	15%
Somewhat more	34%
Somewhat less	26%
Great deal less	23%
No opinion	2%

LOS ANGELES TIMES TREND

	Great deal <u>more</u>	Somewhat <u>more</u>	Somewhat <u>less</u>	Great deal <u>less</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
Oct. 17-19, 1994	25%	36%	19%	13%	7%
Jan. 14-17, 1994	25%	36%	19%	11%	5%
Jan. 31-Feb. 3, 1993	22%	45%	18%	8%	7%
March 9-11, 1991	33%	44%	14%	4%	5%
Nov. 1-7, 1985	19%	36%	22%	11%	12%
April 28-May 3, 1984	18%	39%	24%	10%	9%
Feb. 4-9, 1984	19%	40%	25%	8%	8%
Dec. 11-15, 1983	14%	38%	27%	12%	9%
Nov. 12-17, 1983	18%	42%	24%	8%	8%

22. As you know, Congress may try to cut federal programs in order to reduce the budget deficit. For each of the following programs, please tell me whether you think it is more important to reduce the federal budget deficit, or more important to prevent that program from being significantly cut: (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 506 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.) (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Reduce deficit</u>	<u>Prevent significant cuts</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Medicare – the federal health program for the elderly November 11-14, 2010	19%	79%	2%
Medicaid – the federal health program for the poor November 11-14, 2010	28%	69%	3%
Social Security November 11-14, 2010	19%	78%	3%
Defense spending November 11-14, 2010	48%	49%	2%
Aid to farmers November 11-14, 2010	36%	61%	3%
Funding for the arts November 11-14, 2010	61%	37%	2%
Loans to college students November 11-14, 2010	34%	65%	1%
Welfare programs in general November 11-14, 2010	55%	43%	2%
Assistance to unemployed workers November 11-14, 2010	38%	61%	1%
Salaries and benefits for the federal government workers November 11-14, 2010	68%	30%	2%

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	<u>Reduce deficit</u>	<u>Prevent significant cuts</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
February 24-26, 1995			
Medicare – the federal health program for the elderly	19%	78%	3%
Medicaid – the federal health program for the poor	29%	66%	5%
Social Security	20%	77%	3%
Defense spending	52%	43%	5%
Aid to farmers	43%	52%	5%
Funding for the arts	66%	29%	5%
Loans to college students	31%	65%	4%
Welfare programs in general	65%	30%	5%

23. As you know, some members of a federal panel have proposed cutting some federal programs and changing the tax laws in order to reduce the budget deficit. Please tell me whether you favor or oppose each of the following proposals: (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 508 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.) (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Eliminating the tax deduction for homeowners with mortgages			
November 11-14, 2010	27%	70%	3%
Eliminating the tax deduction that parents can take for children under 18			
November 11-14, 2010	23%	75%	2%
Increasing the federal tax on gasoline			
November 11-14, 2010	32%	66%	2%
Increasing the age in which people are eligible to receive their full Social Security benefits			
November 11-14, 2010	32%	65%	3%
Reducing Social Security benefits for wealthy retirees			
November 11-14, 2010	53%	44%	3%
Reducing the yearly increase in Social Security benefits			
November 11-14, 2010	23%	74%	3%

Question 15

Generally speaking, do you think the federal government should spend a great deal more money for domestic programs, or somewhat more, or somewhat less, or do you think the federal government should spend a great deal less money for domestic programs?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Great deal more	15%	14%	15%	11%	25%
Somewhat more	34%	33%	34%	29%	45%
Somewhat less	26%	22%	30%	29%	20%
Great deal less	23%	29%	17%	28%	9%
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%
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
Great deal more	15%	N/A	13%	13%	10%	17%	12%
Somewhat more	34%	N/A	36%	28%	25%	39%	27%
Somewhat less	26%	N/A	26%	30%	29%	24%	29%
Great deal less	23%	N/A	23%	26%	31%	19%	28%
No opinion	2%	N/A	1%	3%	5%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0		+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Great deal more	15%	19%	11%	15%	15%
Somewhat more	34%	36%	33%	35%	33%
Somewhat less	26%	21%	30%	23%	29%
Great deal less	23%	22%	25%	25%	21%
No opinion	2%	2%	*	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Great deal more	15%	22%	15%	6%	21%	17%	9%
Somewhat more	34%	42%	38%	17%	51%	36%	21%
Somewhat less	26%	26%	19%	38%	18%	30%	26%
Great deal less	23%	7%	26%	37%	6%	15%	42%
No opinion	2%	3%	3%	1%	4%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Great deal more	15%	10%	17%	15%	17%	20%	12%	14%
Somewhat more	34%	35%	23%	39%	36%	39%	31%	31%
Somewhat less	26%	30%	33%	22%	22%	22%	30%	24%
Great deal less	23%	23%	23%	23%	22%	17%	25%	26%
No opinion	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 22A

As you know, Congress may try to cut federal programs in order to reduce the budget deficit. For each of the following programs, please tell me whether you think it is more important to reduce the federal budget deficit, or more important to prevent that program from being significantly cut:

A. Medicare -- the federal health program for the elderly

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Reduce deficit	19%	27%	12%	21%	N/A
Prevent significant cuts	79%	72%	86%	78%	N/A
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	1%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Reduce deficit	19%	N/A	N/A	17%	27%	19%	21%
Prevent significant cuts	79%	N/A	N/A	82%	71%	80%	78%
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	1%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Reduce deficit	19%	17%	18%	21%	18%
Prevent significant cuts	79%	81%	80%	78%	80%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-8.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reduce deficit	19%	15%	21%	22%	N/A	18%	24%
Prevent significant cuts	79%	83%	78%	77%	N/A	82%	74%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	1%	N/A	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-8.0		+/-7.0	+/-7.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Reduce deficit	19%	N/A	N/A	21%	20%	18%	22%	N/A
Prevent significant cuts	79%	N/A	N/A	77%	79%	81%	77%	N/A
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	2%	1%	1%	*	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-8.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	

* percentage less than 1%

Question 22B

As you know, Congress may try to cut federal programs in order to reduce the budget deficit. For each of the following programs, please tell me whether you think it is more important to reduce the federal budget deficit, or more important to prevent that program from being significantly cut:

B. Medicaid -- the federal health program for the poor

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Reduce deficit	28%	34%	21%	30%	N/A
Prevent significant cuts	69%	65%	74%	68%	N/A
No opinion	3%	1%	5%	2%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Reduce deficit	28%	N/A	N/A	23%	25%	31%	24%
Prevent significant cuts	69%	N/A	N/A	74%	67%	68%	71%
No opinion	3%	N/A	N/A	3%	8%	1%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Reduce deficit	28%	26%	28%	26%	30%
Prevent significant cuts	69%	72%	69%	71%	68%
No opinion	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-8.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reduce deficit	28%	18%	29%	37%	N/A	27%	35%
Prevent significant cuts	69%	77%	69%	60%	N/A	73%	61%
No opinion	3%	4%	2%	2%	N/A	1%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-8.0		+/-7.0	+/-7.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Reduce deficit	28%	N/A	N/A	29%	26%	22%	37%	N/A
Prevent significant cuts	69%	N/A	N/A	69%	68%	73%	62%	N/A
No opinion	3%	N/A	N/A	2%	6%	5%	1%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-8.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	

* percentage less than 1%

Question 22C

As you know, Congress may try to cut federal programs in order to reduce the budget deficit. For each of the following programs, please tell me whether you think it is more important to reduce the federal budget deficit, or more important to prevent that program from being significantly cut:

C. Social Security

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Reduce deficit	19%	22%	16%	19%	N/A
Prevent significant cuts	78%	76%	81%	78%	N/A
No opinion	3%	2%	3%	3%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Reduce deficit	19%	N/A	N/A	16%	18%	21%	17%
Prevent significant cuts	78%	N/A	N/A	82%	79%	77%	81%
No opinion	3%	N/A	N/A	2%	2%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Reduce deficit	19%	15%	23%	17%	21%
Prevent significant cuts	78%	82%	75%	82%	76%
No opinion	3%	3%	2%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-8.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reduce deficit	19%	15%	23%	17%	N/A	20%	22%
Prevent significant cuts	78%	82%	74%	81%	N/A	80%	74%
No opinion	3%	2%	3%	2%	N/A	*	4%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-8.0		+/-7.0	+/-7.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Reduce deficit	19%	N/A	N/A	17%	21%	17%	22%	N/A
Prevent significant cuts	78%	N/A	N/A	79%	78%	80%	76%	N/A
No opinion	3%	N/A	N/A	4%	2%	2%	2%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-8.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	

* percentage less than 1%

Question 22D

As you know, Congress may try to cut federal programs in order to reduce the budget deficit. For each of the following programs, please tell me whether you think it is more important to reduce the federal budget deficit, or more important to prevent that program from being significantly cut:

D. Defense spending

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Reduce deficit	48%	54%	43%	50%	N/A
Prevent significant cuts	49%	45%	53%	49%	N/A
No opinion	2%	1%	4%	1%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Reduce deficit	48%	N/A	N/A	47%	48%	49%	48%
Prevent significant cuts	49%	N/A	N/A	50%	45%	50%	48%
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	2%	6%	1%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Reduce deficit	48%	46%	50%	37%	57%
Prevent significant cuts	49%	52%	47%	60%	41%
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-8.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reduce deficit	48%	53%	48%	44%	N/A	49%	39%
Prevent significant cuts	49%	42%	51%	54%	N/A	50%	58%
No opinion	2%	4%	1%	2%	N/A	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-8.0		+/-7.0	+/-7.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Reduce deficit	48%	N/A	N/A	43%	54%	51%	52%	N/A
Prevent significant cuts	49%	N/A	N/A	55%	41%	45%	47%	N/A
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	3%	5%	4%	1%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-8.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	

* percentage less than 1%

Question 22E

As you know, Congress may try to cut federal programs in order to reduce the budget deficit. For each of the following programs, please tell me whether you think it is more important to reduce the federal budget deficit, or more important to prevent that program from being significantly cut:

E. Aid to farmers

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Reduce deficit	36%	40%	32%	39%	N/A
Prevent significant cuts	61%	59%	63%	59%	N/A
No opinion	3%	1%	5%	2%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Reduce deficit	36%	N/A	N/A	48%	47%	28%	47%
Prevent significant cuts	61%	N/A	N/A	52%	48%	69%	50%
No opinion	3%	N/A	N/A	1%	5%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Reduce deficit	36%	30%	40%	33%	38%
Prevent significant cuts	61%	68%	57%	64%	59%
No opinion	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-8.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reduce deficit	36%	26%	43%	36%	N/A	42%	37%
Prevent significant cuts	61%	68%	55%	63%	N/A	57%	60%
No opinion	3%	6%	2%	1%	N/A	2%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-8.0		+/-7.0	+/-7.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Reduce deficit	36%	N/A	N/A	35%	39%	22%	46%	N/A
Prevent significant cuts	61%	N/A	N/A	63%	59%	76%	50%	N/A
No opinion	3%	N/A	N/A	2%	2%	2%	4%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-8.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	

* percentage less than 1%

Question 22F

As you know, Congress may try to cut federal programs in order to reduce the budget deficit. For each of the following programs, please tell me whether you think it is more important to reduce the federal budget deficit, or more important to prevent that program from being significantly cut:

F. Funding for the arts

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Reduce deficit	61%	61%	60%	65%	N/A
Prevent significant cuts	37%	36%	38%	33%	N/A
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	2%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Reduce deficit	61%	N/A	N/A	64%	71%	57%	67%
Prevent significant cuts	37%	N/A	N/A	34%	22%	43%	29%
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	2%	8%	1%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Reduce deficit	61%	58%	62%	57%	64%
Prevent significant cuts	37%	39%	37%	39%	35%
No opinion	2%	3%	1%	4%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-8.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reduce deficit	61%	49%	59%	75%	N/A	63%	70%
Prevent significant cuts	37%	47%	39%	23%	N/A	35%	27%
No opinion	2%	4%	2%	2%	N/A	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-8.0		+/-7.0	+/-7.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Reduce deficit	61%	N/A	N/A	61%	63%	56%	67%	N/A
Prevent significant cuts	37%	N/A	N/A	38%	34%	43%	31%	N/A
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	1%	3%	1%	2%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-8.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	

* percentage less than 1%

Question 22G

As you know, Congress may try to cut federal programs in order to reduce the budget deficit. For each of the following programs, please tell me whether you think it is more important to reduce the federal budget deficit, or more important to prevent that program from being significantly cut:

G. Loans to college students

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Reduce deficit	34%	35%	32%	38%	N/A
Prevent significant cuts	65%	64%	67%	61%	N/A
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	1%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Reduce deficit	34%	N/A	N/A	40%	41%	29%	40%
Prevent significant cuts	65%	N/A	N/A	57%	58%	71%	58%
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	3%	1%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Reduce deficit	34%	34%	33%	32%	35%
Prevent significant cuts	65%	65%	66%	67%	64%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-8.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reduce deficit	34%	25%	33%	45%	N/A	31%	41%
Prevent significant cuts	65%	74%	65%	54%	N/A	68%	58%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	1%	N/A	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-8.0		+/-7.0	+/-7.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Reduce deficit	34%	N/A	N/A	37%	31%	28%	42%	N/A
Prevent significant cuts	65%	N/A	N/A	62%	68%	71%	57%	N/A
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	1%	1%	*	1%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-8.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	

* percentage less than 1%

Question 22H

As you know, Congress may try to cut federal programs in order to reduce the budget deficit. For each of the following programs, please tell me whether you think it is more important to reduce the federal budget deficit, or more important to prevent that program from being significantly cut:

H. Welfare programs in general

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Reduce deficit	55%	56%	54%	59%	N/A
Prevent significant cuts	43%	44%	43%	39%	N/A
No opinion	2%	*	4%	1%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Reduce deficit	55%	N/A	N/A	48%	60%	57%	52%
Prevent significant cuts	43%	N/A	N/A	49%	38%	42%	45%
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	3%	2%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Reduce deficit	55%	49%	59%	52%	57%
Prevent significant cuts	43%	48%	41%	47%	41%
No opinion	2%	3%	*	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-8.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reduce deficit	55%	31%	59%	77%	N/A	61%	64%
Prevent significant cuts	43%	66%	40%	22%	N/A	39%	34%
No opinion	2%	3%	2%	1%	N/A	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-8.0		+/-7.0	+/-7.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Reduce deficit	55%	N/A	N/A	57%	54%	54%	59%	N/A
Prevent significant cuts	43%	N/A	N/A	41%	45%	44%	40%	N/A
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	2%	1%	2%	1%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-8.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	

* percentage less than 1%

Question 22I

As you know, Congress may try to cut federal programs in order to reduce the budget deficit. For each of the following programs, please tell me whether you think it is more important to reduce the federal budget deficit, or more important to prevent that program from being significantly cut:

I. Assistance to unemployed workers

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Reduce deficit	38%	41%	35%	40%	N/A
Prevent significant cuts	61%	59%	63%	59%	N/A
No opinion	1%	*	3%	1%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Reduce deficit	38%	N/A	N/A	39%	38%	37%	39%
Prevent significant cuts	61%	N/A	N/A	59%	61%	62%	60%
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	2%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Reduce deficit	38%	40%	32%	35%	41%
Prevent significant cuts	61%	58%	67%	64%	58%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-8.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reduce deficit	38%	16%	44%	54%	N/A	34%	47%
Prevent significant cuts	61%	81%	55%	46%	N/A	66%	52%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	*	N/A	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-8.0		+/-7.0	+/-7.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Reduce deficit	38%	N/A	N/A	30%	47%	43%	40%	N/A
Prevent significant cuts	61%	N/A	N/A	68%	52%	55%	60%	N/A
No opinion	1%	N/A	N/A	2%	1%	2%	*	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-8.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	

* percentage less than 1%

Question 22J

As you know, Congress may try to cut federal programs in order to reduce the budget deficit. For each of the following programs, please tell me whether you think it is more important to reduce the federal budget deficit, or more important to prevent that program from being significantly cut:

J. Salaries and benefits for federal government workers

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Reduce deficit	68%	71%	64%	70%	N/A
Prevent significant cuts	30%	28%	32%	29%	N/A
No opinion	2%	1%	4%	1%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Reduce deficit	68%	N/A	N/A	74%	63%	66%	70%
Prevent significant cuts	30%	N/A	N/A	23%	31%	33%	26%
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	2%	6%	1%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.0	+/-8.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Reduce deficit	68%	68%	70%	62%	72%
Prevent significant cuts	30%	31%	27%	37%	25%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	2%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.0	+/-8.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Reduce deficit	68%	60%	69%	74%	N/A	64%	75%
Prevent significant cuts	30%	35%	30%	25%	N/A	36%	22%
No opinion	2%	5%	1%	1%	N/A	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-6.5	+/-8.0		+/-7.0	+/-7.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Reduce deficit	68%	N/A	N/A	69%	67%	65%	72%	N/A
Prevent significant cuts	30%	N/A	N/A	29%	28%	31%	27%	N/A
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	2%	5%	4%	1%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-8.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.5	

* percentage less than 1%

Question 23A

As you know, some members of a federal panel have proposed cutting some federal programs and changing the tax laws in order to reduce the budget deficit. Please tell me whether you favor or oppose each of the following proposals:

A. Eliminating the tax deduction for homeowners with mortgages

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	27%	33%	21%	26%	N/A
Oppose	70%	65%	75%	71%	N/A
No opinion	3%	2%	4%	3%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Favor	27%	N/A	N/A	22%	25%	29%	23%
Oppose	70%	N/A	N/A	74%	70%	69%	72%
No opinion	3%	N/A	N/A	4%	5%	1%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	27%	32%	19%	29%	25%
Oppose	70%	66%	79%	67%	73%
No opinion	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-8.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	27%	29%	26%	25%	N/A	29%	22%
Oppose	70%	69%	70%	72%	N/A	69%	74%
No opinion	3%	2%	4%	3%	N/A	1%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-8.0		+/-6.5	+/-7.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	27%	N/A	N/A	24%	N/A	29%	22%	N/A
Oppose	70%	N/A	N/A	75%	N/A	69%	75%	N/A
No opinion	3%	N/A	N/A	2%	N/A	2%	3%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5		+/-8.5	+/-6.0	

* percentage less than 1%

Question 23B

As you know, some members of a federal panel have proposed cutting some federal programs and changing the tax laws in order to reduce the budget deficit. Please tell me whether you favor or oppose each of the following proposals:

B. Eliminating the tax deduction that parents can take for children under 18

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	23%	28%	20%	22%	N/A
Oppose	75%	72%	78%	77%	N/A
No opinion	2%	*	3%	1%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Favor	23%	N/A	N/A	25%	27%	22%	26%
Oppose	75%	N/A	N/A	72%	72%	78%	72%
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	3%	1%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	23%	25%	24%	26%	22%
Oppose	75%	73%	75%	72%	78%
No opinion	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-8.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	23%	26%	22%	22%	N/A	23%	25%
Oppose	75%	73%	76%	76%	N/A	76%	73%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	2%	N/A	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-8.0		+/-6.5	+/-7.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	23%	N/A	N/A	23%	N/A	33%	18%	N/A
Oppose	75%	N/A	N/A	76%	N/A	66%	81%	N/A
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	*	N/A	1%	1%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5		+/-8.5	+/-6.0	

* percentage less than 1%

Question 23C

As you know, some members of a federal panel have proposed cutting some federal programs and changing the tax laws in order to reduce the budget deficit. Please tell me whether you favor or oppose each of the following proposals:

C. Increasing the federal tax on gasoline

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	32%	36%	28%	29%	N/A
Oppose	66%	64%	68%	69%	N/A
No opinion	2%	1%	4%	2%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Favor	32%	N/A	N/A	31%	26%	34%	29%
Oppose	66%	N/A	N/A	65%	71%	66%	67%
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	4%	3%	*	4%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	32%	29%	35%	24%	38%
Oppose	66%	69%	64%	74%	60%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-8.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	32%	40%	30%	24%	N/A	34%	21%
Oppose	66%	59%	67%	73%	N/A	65%	77%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	3%	N/A	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-8.0		+/-6.5	+/-7.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	32%	N/A	N/A	25%	N/A	39%	33%	N/A
Oppose	66%	N/A	N/A	74%	N/A	59%	64%	N/A
No opinion	2%	N/A	N/A	2%	N/A	2%	2%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5		+/-8.5	+/-6.0	

* percentage less than 1%

Question 23D

As you know, some members of a federal panel have proposed cutting some federal programs and changing the tax laws in order to reduce the budget deficit. Please tell me whether you favor or oppose each of the following proposals:

D. Increasing the age at which people are eligible to receive their full Social Security benefits

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	32%	33%	31%	34%	N/A
Oppose	65%	65%	66%	63%	N/A
No opinion	3%	2%	3%	3%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Favor	32%	N/A	N/A	32%	39%	30%	35%
Oppose	65%	N/A	N/A	68%	60%	67%	64%
No opinion	3%	N/A	N/A	1%	1%	3%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	32%	32%	33%	24%	38%
Oppose	65%	67%	65%	74%	59%
No opinion	3%	2%	2%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-8.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	32%	29%	32%	34%	N/A	30%	34%
Oppose	65%	69%	64%	63%	N/A	68%	65%
No opinion	3%	1%	4%	3%	N/A	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-8.0		+/-6.5	+/-7.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	32%	N/A	N/A	20%	N/A	41%	33%	N/A
Oppose	65%	N/A	N/A	79%	N/A	57%	65%	N/A
No opinion	3%	N/A	N/A	1%	N/A	2%	2%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5		+/-8.5	+/-6.0	

* percentage less than 1%

Question 23E

As you know, some members of a federal panel have proposed cutting some federal programs and changing the tax laws in order to reduce the budget deficit. Please tell me whether you favor or oppose each of the following proposals:

E. Reducing Social Security benefits for wealthy retirees

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	53%	55%	52%	55%	N/A
Oppose	44%	43%	44%	43%	N/A
No opinion	3%	2%	4%	2%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Favor	53%	N/A	N/A	56%	57%	52%	56%
Oppose	44%	N/A	N/A	42%	41%	45%	42%
No opinion	3%	N/A	N/A	2%	2%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	53%	52%	62%	49%	57%
Oppose	44%	45%	36%	49%	40%
No opinion	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-8.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	53%	53%	53%	54%	N/A	56%	43%
Oppose	44%	43%	43%	45%	N/A	41%	55%
No opinion	3%	4%	3%	1%	N/A	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-8.0		+/-6.5	+/-7.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	53%	N/A	N/A	48%	N/A	60%	51%	N/A
Oppose	44%	N/A	N/A	51%	N/A	37%	46%	N/A
No opinion	3%	N/A	N/A	1%	N/A	3%	3%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5		+/-8.5	+/-6.0	

* percentage less than 1%

Question 23F

As you know, some members of a federal panel have proposed cutting some federal programs and changing the tax laws in order to reduce the budget deficit. Please tell me whether you favor or oppose each of the following proposals:

F. Reducing the yearly increase in Social Security benefits

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	23%	25%	21%	25%	N/A
Oppose	74%	74%	74%	72%	N/A
No opinion	3%	1%	5%	3%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Favor	23%	N/A	N/A	28%	20%	22%	25%
Oppose	74%	N/A	N/A	71%	79%	74%	74%
No opinion	3%	N/A	N/A	1%	1%	4%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	23%	19%	32%	19%	26%
Oppose	74%	79%	65%	81%	70%
No opinion	3%	2%	4%	*	4%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-8.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	23%	16%	25%	28%	N/A	23%	26%
Oppose	74%	82%	70%	71%	N/A	74%	71%
No opinion	3%	2%	5%	1%	N/A	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-8.0		+/-6.5	+/-7.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	23%	N/A	N/A	20%	N/A	25%	21%	N/A
Oppose	74%	N/A	N/A	79%	N/A	74%	76%	N/A
No opinion	3%	N/A	N/A	1%	N/A	1%	3%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5		+/-8.5	+/-6.0	

* percentage less than 1%