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**Interviews with 1,009 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on July 18-20, 2011. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

**The sample includes 856 interviews among landline respondents and 153 interviews among cell phone respondents.**

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13. 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 August 2nd. How closely have you been following the discussions between Barack Obama and the Republican and Democratic leaders of Congress on the debt ceiling -- very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not closely at all?

July 18-20  
2011

Very closely	23%
Somewhat closely	47%
Not too closely	19%
Not closely at all	11%
No opinion	*

14. In those discussions, several budget plans have been proposed that would reduce the amount the government owes by trillions of dollars over the next ten years. If you had to choose, would you rather see Congress and President Obama agree to a budget plan that only includes cuts in government spending, or a budget plan that includes a combination of spending cuts and tax increases on higher-income Americans and some businesses?

July 18-20  
2011

Only spending cuts	34%
Spending cuts and tax increases	64%
Other (vol.)	1%
No opinion	1%

15. And in general, which of the following statements comes closest to your view: (READ IN ORDER. DO NOT RANDOMIZE.)

July 18-20  
2011

You FAVOR raising the debt ceiling even if Congress and President Obama do not agree on a plan to reduce the amount the government owes	17%
You FAVOR raising the debt ceiling only if Congress takes action to reduce by trillions of dollars the amount the government owes	45%
You OPPOSE raising the debt ceiling even if Congress takes action to reduce the amount the government owes	36%
No opinion	3%

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

17. And if the debt ceiling is not raised, do you think that would affect your personal financial situation a great deal, some, not much or not at all?

	July 18-20 <u>2011</u>	Apr. 29-May 1 <u>2011</u>
Great deal	27%	25%
Some	37%	38%
Not much	19%	19%
Not at all	15%	16%
No opinion	2%	2%

QUESTIONS 18 AND 19 ROTATED

18. Based on what you have read or heard about the discussions between Congress and Barack Obama on the debt ceiling, do you think Obama has or has not acted responsibly?

	July 18-20 <u>2011</u>	Apr. 29-May 1 <u>2011</u>
Yes, has acted responsibly	52%	46%
No, has not	46%	49%
No opinion	2%	6%

19. Based on what you have read or heard about the discussions between Congress and Barack Obama on the debt ceiling, do you think the Republicans in Congress have or have not acted responsibly?

	July 18-20 <u>2011</u>	Apr. 29-May 1 <u>2011</u>
Yes, have acted responsibly	33%	34%
No, have not	63%	60%
No opinion	3%	6%

20. 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 <u>2011</u>
Obama	30%
Republicans	51%
Both (vol.)	15%
Neither(vol.)	3%
No opinion	1%

21. In some proposals, Congress would raise the debt ceiling while cutting between two trillion and four trillion dollars in government spending over the next ten years and raising taxes on some businesses and higher-income Americans. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

July 18-20  
2011

Favor	66%
Oppose	34%
No opinion	1%

22. In another proposal, Congress would give President Obama the ability to raise the debt ceiling several times in the next 18 months while cutting a smaller amount in government spending and not raising taxes at all. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

July 18-20  
2011

Favor	34%
Oppose	65%
No opinion	1%

23. In another proposal, Congress would raise the debt ceiling only if a balanced budget amendment were passed by both houses of Congress and substantial spending cuts and caps on future spending were approved. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

July 18-20  
2011

Favor	66%
Oppose	33%
No opinion	1%

24. Now I'm going to read you some of the specific proposals for cutting government spending and increasing taxes that have been suggested as part of the discussions on the debt ceiling. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal as a way to reduce the amount that the government owes. (RANDOM ORDER)

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Cutting federal subsidies to farmers	31%	66%	2%
Cutting pensions and benefits for retired government workers	30%	68%	2%
Cutting defense spending	47%	52%	1%
Cutting the amount the government spends on Medicaid, the federal health program for the poor	22%	77%	*
Cutting the amount the government spends on Medicare, the federal health program for the elderly	12%	87%	1%
Cutting the amount the government spends on Social Security	16%	84%	1%
Increasing the taxes paid by oil and gas companies by ending federal subsidies for those businesses	73%	26%	1%
Increasing the taxes paid by businesses that own private jets	76%	23%	*
Increasing the taxes paid by people who make more than 250 thousand dollars a year	73%	26%	*

25. Would you favor or oppose a constitutional amendment to require a balanced federal budget?

July 18-20  
2011

Favor	74%
Oppose	24%
No opinion	1%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Support</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1997 Jan 31-Feb 1	68	25	7
1995 Feb 24-26	71	22	7
1995 Jan 16-18	75	19	6
1994 Jan 28-30	74	19	7

25a. In order to get the federal budget deficit under control, do you think it is necessary or not necessary to pass a Constitutional amendment requiring a balanced federal budget?

July 18-20  
2011

Necessary	60%
Not necessary	38%
No opinion	1%

CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS

	<u>Yes, necessary</u>	<u>No, not necessary</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1994 Feb 26-28	66	28	6
1994 Jan 28-30	68	24	8

Question 13

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 August 2nd. How closely have you been following the discussions between Barack Obama and the Republican and Democratic leaders of Congress on the debt ceiling -- very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not closely at all?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Very closely	23%	28%	18%	24%	20%
Somewhat closely	47%	47%	47%	46%	48%
Not too closely	19%	15%	23%	19%	18%
Not closely at all	11%	9%	13%	10%	14%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
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
Very closely	23%	8%	23%	30%	38%	15%	33%
Somewhat closely	47%	46%	52%	47%	40%	49%	44%
Not too closely	19%	25%	19%	17%	11%	22%	15%
Not closely at all	11%	21%	6%	6%	10%	14%	8%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Very closely	23%	17%	27%	17%	27%
Somewhat closely	47%	48%	47%	50%	45%
Not too closely	19%	20%	19%	17%	20%
Not closely at all	11%	15%	7%	16%	7%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Demo- crat	Indep- endent	Repub- lican	Lib- eral	Mod- erate	Conser- vative
Very closely	23%	22%	22%	27%	24%	16%	31%
Somewhat closely	47%	51%	45%	45%	39%	55%	43%
Not too closely	19%	21%	18%	17%	22%	21%	14%
Not closely at all	11%	7%	15%	10%	16%	8%	12%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid- west	South	West	Urban	Sub- urban	Rural
Very closely	23%	19%	22%	25%	26%	26%	21%	24%
Somewhat closely	47%	49%	48%	48%	44%	44%	48%	48%
Not too closely	19%	24%	21%	16%	15%	18%	19%	19%
Not closely at all	11%	8%	9%	11%	15%	12%	12%	9%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Very closely	23%	35%	12%	26%
Somewhat closely	47%	43%	46%	50%
Not too closely	19%	16%	25%	15%
Not closely at all	11%	6%	17%	9%
No opinion	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

\* percentage less than 1%



Question 14

In those discussions, several budget plans have been proposed that would reduce the amount the government owes by trillions of dollars over the next ten years. If you had to choose, would you rather see Congress and President Obama agree to a budget plan that only includes cuts in government spending, or a budget plan that includes a combination of spending cuts and tax increases on higher-income Americans and some businesses?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White			
Only spending cuts	34%	37%	31%	37%	26%			
Spending cuts and tax increases	64%	62%	67%	62%	72%			
Other	1%	1%	1%	1%	*			
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*	2%			
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	
Only spending cuts	34%	32%	30%	35%	41%	31%	37%	
Spending cuts and tax increases	64%	66%	69%	63%	58%	68%	61%	
Other	1%	*	*	1%	1%	*	1%	
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	*	1%	*	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College			
Only spending cuts	34%	30%	35%	37%	31%			
Spending cuts and tax increases	64%	68%	63%	62%	67%			
Other	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%			
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	1%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5			
	Total	Demo-crat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative	
Only spending cuts	34%	14%	35%	61%	13%	26%	55%	
Spending cuts and tax increases	64%	83%	65%	37%	86%	72%	44%	
Other	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%	
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	*	1%	1%	
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0	
	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Only spending cuts	34%	34%	29%	41%	30%	25%	37%	39%
Spending cuts and tax increases	64%	65%	70%	58%	69%	72%	62%	60%
Other	1%	*	1%	1%	*	2%	1%	*
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	*	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5
	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose				
Only spending cuts	34%	60%	36%	8%				
Spending cuts and tax increases	64%	38%	63%	91%				
Other	1%	1%	1%	*				
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%				
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0				

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 15

And in general, which of the following statements comes closest to your view:

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
FAVOR raising debt w/out plan	17%	19%	16%	17%	19%
FAVOR raising debt with plan	45%	45%	44%	45%	45%
OPPOSE raising debt with plan	36%	35%	36%	36%	33%
No opinion	3%	1%	4%	2%	3%
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 raising debt w/out plan	17%	16%	12%	23%	18%	14%	21%
FAVOR raising debt with plan	45%	45%	52%	42%	40%	48%	41%
OPPOSE raising debt with plan	36%	38%	34%	32%	37%	36%	34%
No opinion	3%	2%	3%	2%	5%	2%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
FAVOR raising debt w/out plan	17%	15%	19%	14%	20%
FAVOR raising debt with plan	45%	47%	41%	46%	45%
OPPOSE raising debt with plan	36%	34%	37%	38%	33%
No opinion	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
FAVOR raising debt w/out plan	17%	28%	15%	6%	32%	17%	8%
FAVOR raising debt with plan	45%	42%	47%	43%	49%	44%	45%
OPPOSE raising debt with plan	36%	26%	35%	51%	17%	35%	46%
No opinion	3%	4%	3%	1%	2%	4%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
FAVOR raising debt w/out plan	17%	13%	17%	17%	22%	19%	16%	18%
FAVOR raising debt with plan	45%	48%	50%	40%	43%	43%	46%	45%
OPPOSE raising debt with plan	36%	36%	29%	41%	34%	35%	35%	36%
No opinion	3%	2%	5%	2%	1%	3%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
FAVOR raising debt w/out plan	17%	7%	12%	32%
FAVOR raising debt with plan	45%	41%	49%	44%
OPPOSE raising debt with plan	36%	52%	36%	20%
No opinion	3%	1%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 16

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 = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Crisis	18%	14%	23%	17%	23%
Major problems	43%	45%	42%	43%	45%
Minor problems	31%	34%	29%	33%	25%
No problems at all	6%	7%	5%	6%	7%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	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
Crisis	18%	14%	18%	23%	21%	16%	22%
Major problems	43%	49%	46%	41%	36%	47%	39%
Minor problems	31%	32%	34%	28%	30%	33%	29%
No problems at all	6%	6%	2%	7%	11%	4%	9%
No opinion	1%	*	*	1%	2%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Crisis	18%	17%	20%	14%	22%
Major problems	43%	47%	42%	49%	40%
Minor problems	31%	29%	32%	28%	33%
No problems at all	6%	6%	5%	8%	4%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Crisis	18%	25%	18%	9%	29%	20%	12%
Major problems	43%	47%	42%	41%	48%	50%	35%
Minor problems	31%	24%	33%	39%	20%	27%	44%
No problems at all	6%	3%	6%	10%	4%	3%	9%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Crisis	18%	21%	19%	18%	17%	19%	19%	19%
Major problems	43%	44%	38%	44%	47%	48%	40%	48%
Minor problems	31%	28%	35%	32%	31%	27%	33%	26%
No problems at all	6%	6%	7%	6%	5%	6%	7%	6%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	*	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Crisis	18%	11%	18%	26%
Major problems	43%	37%	45%	48%
Minor problems	31%	42%	29%	24%
No problems at all	6%	10%	7%	1%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 17

And if the debt ceiling is not raised, 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
Great deal	27%	26%	28%	26%	30%
Some	37%	34%	40%	37%	36%
Not much	19%	21%	16%	21%	13%
Not at all	15%	18%	13%	14%	19%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%
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	27%	16%	32%	30%	36%	24%	32%
Some	37%	35%	38%	41%	33%	36%	38%
Not much	19%	25%	17%	15%	15%	21%	15%
Not at all	15%	23%	11%	14%	10%	17%	13%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	*	5%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Great deal	27%	32%	24%	29%	26%
Some	37%	29%	41%	34%	39%
Not much	19%	18%	20%	19%	18%
Not at all	15%	18%	13%	15%	15%
No opinion	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Great deal	27%	33%	26%	22%	32%	29%	23%
Some	37%	36%	37%	38%	42%	36%	36%
Not much	19%	22%	15%	20%	15%	21%	19%
Not at all	15%	7%	20%	19%	10%	13%	21%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Great deal	27%	28%	25%	29%	26%	31%	24%	31%
Some	37%	34%	36%	37%	41%	33%	37%	41%
Not much	19%	21%	24%	15%	16%	21%	18%	17%
Not at all	15%	16%	15%	16%	15%	13%	18%	10%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Great deal	27%	24%	29%	28%
Some	37%	37%	34%	40%
Not much	19%	18%	18%	20%
Not at all	15%	18%	16%	12%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 18

Based on what you have read or heard about the discussions between Congress and Barack Obama on the debt ceiling, do you think Obama has or has not acted responsibly?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White		
Yes, has acted responsibly	52%	48%	56%	46%	67%		
No, has not	46%	50%	43%	52%	31%		
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	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
Yes, has acted responsibly	52%	58%	57%	50%	38%	57%	45%
No, has not	46%	41%	42%	48%	59%	41%	52%
No opinion	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

  

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College		
Yes, has acted responsibly	52%	56%	49%	46%	56%		
No, has not	46%	42%	49%	52%	42%		
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5		

  

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes, has acted responsibly	52%	84%	46%	18%	72%	62%	28%
No, has not	46%	15%	53%	80%	27%	37%	69%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

  

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Yes, has acted responsibly	52%	53%	60%	41%	59%	63%	53%	34%
No, has not	46%	46%	38%	58%	39%	34%	47%	64%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

  

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Yes, has acted responsibly	52%	20%	52%	81%
No, has not	46%	79%	46%	18%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 19

Based on what you have read or heard about the discussions between Congress and Barack Obama on the debt ceiling, do you think the Republicans in Congress have or have not acted responsibly?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White		
Yes, have acted responsibly	33%	36%	30%	39%	18%		
No, have not	63%	60%	66%	57%	78%		
No opinion	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%		
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
Yes, have acted responsibly	33%	30%	31%	35%	38%	30%	36%
No, have not	63%	64%	66%	63%	59%	65%	61%
No opinion	3%	6%	3%	2%	3%	4%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

  

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Yes, have acted responsibly	33%	28%	36%	32%	33%
No, have not	63%	70%	60%	64%	63%
No opinion	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

  

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Yes, have acted responsibly	33%	8%	33%	68%	13%	24%	55%
No, have not	63%	90%	62%	28%	85%	73%	40%
No opinion	3%	2%	4%	4%	1%	3%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

  

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Yes, have acted responsibly	33%	35%	32%	36%	29%	29%	33%	40%
No, have not	63%	64%	63%	60%	67%	67%	65%	56%
No opinion	3%	1%	5%	4%	4%	4%	2%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

  

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Yes, have acted responsibly	33%	57%	34%	12%
No, have not	63%	40%	64%	85%
No opinion	3%	4%	2%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 20

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 = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Obama	30%	31%	29%	34%	22%
Republicans	51%	51%	51%	47%	60%
Both	15%	15%	14%	14%	15%
Neither	3%	1%	5%	3%	3%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	2%	*
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
Obama	30%	31%	33%	26%	34%	32%	29%
Republicans	51%	50%	47%	57%	47%	48%	53%
Both	15%	14%	16%	14%	14%	15%	14%
Neither	3%	5%	3%	1%	2%	4%	2%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	4%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Obama	30%	29%	31%	33%	29%
Republicans	51%	49%	51%	49%	51%
Both	15%	16%	14%	13%	16%
Neither	3%	4%	2%	4%	2%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama	30%	13%	32%	52%	17%	28%	43%
Republicans	51%	72%	44%	33%	70%	51%	37%
Both	15%	10%	19%	12%	7%	18%	15%
Neither	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Obama	30%	27%	33%	31%	30%	25%	33%	32%
Republicans	51%	54%	52%	46%	52%	58%	50%	40%
Both	15%	15%	12%	17%	14%	14%	13%	21%
Neither	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	5%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Obama	30%	50%	33%	10%
Republicans	51%	38%	42%	72%
Both	15%	9%	19%	14%
Neither	3%	1%	3%	4%
No opinion	1%	2%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 21

In some proposals, Congress would raise the debt ceiling while cutting between two trillion and four trillion dollars in government spending over the next ten years and raising taxes on some businesses and higher-income Americans. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	66%	63%	69%	66%	66%
Oppose	34%	37%	30%	33%	33%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	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
Favor	66%	67%	69%	67%	58%	68%	64%
Oppose	34%	33%	30%	32%	41%	31%	35%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	66%	69%	65%	66%	66%
Oppose	34%	31%	35%	33%	33%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	66%	82%	65%	43%	81%	76%	46%
Oppose	34%	17%	34%	56%	18%	24%	54%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	66%	68%	67%	64%	64%	66%	67%	63%
Oppose	34%	31%	32%	35%	36%	34%	32%	36%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	*	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Favor	66%	36%	73%	85%
Oppose	34%	63%	27%	15%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

\* percentage less than 1%



Question 22

In another proposal, Congress would give President Obama the ability to raise the debt ceiling several times in the next 18 months while cutting a smaller amount in government spending and not raising taxes at all. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	34%	34%	35%	29%	47%
Oppose	65%	64%	65%	70%	52%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	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
Favor	34%	43%	34%	32%	25%	38%	29%
Oppose	65%	56%	66%	68%	73%	61%	70%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	2%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	34%	43%	29%	40%	30%
Oppose	65%	57%	70%	59%	69%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	34%	40%	33%	28%	34%	37%	30%
Oppose	65%	60%	65%	70%	65%	62%	68%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	*	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	34%	40%	31%	36%	30%	41%	35%	30%
Oppose	65%	60%	66%	64%	70%	59%	64%	70%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Favor	34%	25%	46%	30%
Oppose	65%	74%	53%	70%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 23

In another proposal, Congress would raise the debt ceiling only if a balanced budget amendment were passed by both houses of Congress and substantial spending cuts and caps on future spending were approved. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	66%	67%	66%	69%	63%
Oppose	33%	33%	32%	31%	35%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	2%
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	66%	64%	70%	62%	73%	67%	67%
Oppose	33%	34%	29%	37%	26%	32%	32%
No opinion	1%	2%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	66%	73%	63%	76%	60%
Oppose	33%	26%	36%	22%	39%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	2%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	66%	63%	65%	73%	53%	65%	77%
Oppose	33%	35%	34%	26%	47%	33%	23%
No opinion	1%	2%	*	1%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	66%	65%	61%	71%	68%	66%	65%	73%
Oppose	33%	33%	39%	28%	32%	34%	34%	26%
No opinion	1%	3%	*	1%	*	*	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Favor	66%	74%	74%	53%
Oppose	33%	25%	25%	47%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 24A

Now I'm going to read you some of the specific proposals for cutting government spending and increasing taxes that have been suggested as part of the discussions on the debt ceiling. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal as a way to reduce the amount that the government owes.

A. Cutting federal subsidies to farmers

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	31%	36%	27%	34%	24%
Oppose	66%	61%	71%	63%	75%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	3%	*
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	31%	22%	26%	39%	45%	24%	41%
Oppose	66%	74%	74%	60%	52%	74%	57%
No opinion	2%	5%	*	1%	3%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	31%	21%	39%	23%	37%
Oppose	66%	78%	58%	76%	59%
No opinion	2%	1%	3%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	31%	30%	30%	35%	30%	27%	38%
Oppose	66%	67%	68%	62%	67%	72%	59%
No opinion	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	31%	27%	29%	33%	37%	33%	31%	31%
Oppose	66%	73%	70%	65%	58%	65%	68%	66%
No opinion	2%	*	1%	2%	5%	3%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Favor	31%	38%	18%	39%
Oppose	66%	57%	82%	59%
No opinion	2%	5%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 24B

Now I'm going to read you some of the specific proposals for cutting government spending and increasing taxes that have been suggested as part of the discussions on the debt ceiling. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal as a way to reduce the amount that the government owes.

B. Cutting pensions and benefits for retired government workers

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	30%	35%	25%	35%	19%
Oppose	68%	63%	74%	64%	80%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	1%	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
Favor	30%	23%	28%	32%	43%	25%	37%
Oppose	68%	76%	72%	66%	55%	74%	62%
No opinion	2%	1%	*	1%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	30%	27%	32%	33%	28%
Oppose	68%	72%	66%	66%	71%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	30%	17%	34%	43%	19%	27%	42%
Oppose	68%	82%	64%	56%	80%	73%	57%
No opinion	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	30%	31%	33%	28%	29%	29%	30%	37%
Oppose	68%	66%	64%	72%	69%	70%	69%	63%
No opinion	2%	2%	3%	*	2%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Favor	30%	48%	29%	17%
Oppose	68%	51%	70%	82%
No opinion	2%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 24C

Now I'm going to read you some of the specific proposals for cutting government spending and increasing taxes that have been suggested as part of the discussions on the debt ceiling. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal as a way to reduce the amount that the government owes.

C. Cutting defense spending

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	47%	54%	40%	46%	50%
Oppose	52%	46%	57%	53%	48%
No opinion	1%	*	3%	1%	2%
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	47%	49%	49%	46%	44%	49%	45%
Oppose	52%	50%	50%	53%	54%	50%	53%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	47%	41%	52%	43%	51%
Oppose	52%	58%	46%	57%	47%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	47%	56%	50%	29%	66%	46%	39%
Oppose	52%	43%	48%	71%	34%	52%	61%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	*	*	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	47%	50%	49%	42%	50%	52%	45%	44%
Oppose	52%	49%	51%	57%	47%	45%	54%	55%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	*	3%	3%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Favor	47%	38%	43%	61%
Oppose	52%	60%	56%	38%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 24D

Now I'm going to read you some of the specific proposals for cutting government spending and increasing taxes that have been suggested as part of the discussions on the debt ceiling. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal as a way to reduce the amount that the government owes.

D. Cutting the amount the government spends on Medicaid, the federal health program for the poor

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	22%	28%	17%	23%	20%
Oppose	77%	72%	82%	76%	80%
No opinion	*	*	1%	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
Favor	22%	23%	23%	21%	24%	23%	22%
Oppose	77%	77%	76%	79%	76%	77%	78%
No opinion	*	*	1%	*	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	22%	17%	26%	19%	25%
Oppose	77%	82%	73%	80%	75%
No opinion	*	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	22%	13%	22%	36%	7%	20%	35%
Oppose	77%	86%	77%	64%	93%	79%	65%
No opinion	*	1%	*	*	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	22%	19%	21%	30%	16%	21%	23%	24%
Oppose	77%	81%	79%	69%	83%	79%	77%	74%
No opinion	*	*	*	1%	*	*	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Favor	22%	39%	18%	12%
Oppose	77%	61%	81%	87%
No opinion	*	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 24E

Now I'm going to read you some of the specific proposals for cutting government spending and increasing taxes that have been suggested as part of the discussions on the debt ceiling. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal as a way to reduce the amount that the government owes.

E. Cutting the amount the government spends on Medicare, the federal health program for the elderly

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	12%	15%	10%	13%	10%
Oppose	87%	83%	90%	86%	90%
No opinion	1%	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
Favor	12%	18%	8%	11%	11%	13%	11%
Oppose	87%	81%	92%	88%	88%	86%	88%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	*	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	12%	9%	15%	11%	14%
Oppose	87%	90%	84%	89%	85%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	12%	10%	14%	13%	9%	11%	17%
Oppose	87%	90%	85%	85%	90%	89%	82%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	2%	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	12%	11%	12%	15%	10%	14%	14%	8%
Oppose	87%	87%	88%	84%	89%	86%	86%	90%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%	*	*	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Favor	12%	22%	6%	12%
Oppose	87%	77%	94%	88%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 24F

Now I'm going to read you some of the specific proposals for cutting government spending and increasing taxes that have been suggested as part of the discussions on the debt ceiling. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal as a way to reduce the amount that the government owes.

F. Cutting the amount the government spends on Social Security

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	16%	18%	13%	16%	15%
Oppose	84%	80%	87%	84%	85%
No opinion	1%	2%	*	*	*
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	16%	26%	12%	13%	8%	20%	11%
Oppose	84%	74%	88%	87%	91%	80%	88%
No opinion	1%	*	*	*	2%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	16%	12%	18%	12%	19%
Oppose	84%	88%	81%	88%	81%
No opinion	1%	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	16%	13%	16%	18%	11%	13%	21%
Oppose	84%	87%	82%	81%	89%	86%	78%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	16%	16%	13%	20%	12%	14%	19%	10%
Oppose	84%	81%	87%	80%	87%	85%	80%	90%
No opinion	1%	2%	*	*	1%	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Favor	16%	25%	11%	13%
Oppose	84%	74%	89%	87%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

\* percentage less than 1%



Question 24I

Now I'm going to read you some of the specific proposals for cutting government spending and increasing taxes that have been suggested as part of the discussions on the debt ceiling. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal as a way to reduce the amount that the government owes.

I. Increasing the taxes paid by oil and gas companies by ending federal subsidies for those businesses

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	73%	72%	74%	74%	70%
Oppose	26%	26%	25%	25%	27%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
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	73%	65%	74%	82%	72%	69%	78%
Oppose	26%	35%	25%	16%	26%	30%	20%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	73%	70%	77%	69%	76%
Oppose	26%	28%	22%	30%	22%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Demo-ocrat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Favor	73%	80%	72%	65%	84%	77%	64%
Oppose	26%	19%	27%	34%	16%	22%	34%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	2%	*	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	73%	70%	74%	73%	76%	72%	73%	74%
Oppose	26%	27%	26%	26%	24%	25%	26%	26%
No opinion	1%	3%	*	1%	1%	4%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Favor	73%	60%	69%	88%
Oppose	26%	38%	30%	10%
No opinion	1%	2%	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 24J

Now I'm going to read you some of the specific proposals for cutting government spending and increasing taxes that have been suggested as part of the discussions on the debt ceiling. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal as a way to reduce the amount that the government owes.

J. Increasing the taxes paid by businesses that own private jets

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	76%	72%	80%	74%	82%
Oppose	23%	28%	19%	25%	18%
No opinion	*	*	1%	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
Favor	76%	79%	82%	73%	68%	81%	71%
Oppose	23%	21%	18%	26%	30%	19%	28%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	2%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	76%	79%	76%	79%	75%
Oppose	23%	20%	24%	21%	25%
No opinion	*	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	76%	90%	74%	60%	93%	82%	60%
Oppose	23%	10%	26%	39%	6%	18%	40%
No opinion	*	*	*	1%	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	76%	80%	80%	71%	77%	74%	77%	77%
Oppose	23%	20%	19%	29%	23%	26%	23%	21%
No opinion	*	*	1%	*	*	*	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Favor	76%	51%	82%	93%
Oppose	23%	49%	17%	7%
No opinion	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 24K

Now I'm going to read you some of the specific proposals for cutting government spending and increasing taxes that have been suggested as part of the discussions on the debt ceiling. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose that proposal as a way to reduce the amount that the government owes.

K. Increasing the taxes paid by people who make more than 250 thousand dollars a year

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Favor	73%	69%	77%	71%	81%
Oppose	26%	31%	23%	29%	19%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
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	73%	81%	75%	68%	69%	78%	68%
Oppose	26%	19%	25%	31%	31%	22%	31%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Favor	73%	79%	71%	74%	73%
Oppose	26%	21%	29%	26%	26%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	73%	92%	71%	51%	88%	85%	52%
Oppose	26%	7%	29%	49%	12%	15%	48%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	73%	73%	79%	70%	74%	78%	71%	73%
Oppose	26%	27%	21%	30%	26%	22%	29%	27%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Favor	73%	44%	82%	92%
Oppose	26%	56%	18%	8%
No opinion	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 25

Would you favor or oppose a constitutional amendment to require a balanced federal budget?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White		
Favor	74%	74%	75%	76%	72%		
Oppose	24%	25%	24%	23%	27%		
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	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
Favor	74%	72%	74%	75%	79%	73%	76%
Oppose	24%	28%	24%	24%	20%	26%	22%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

  

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College		
Favor	74%	79%	74%	79%	72%		
Oppose	24%	21%	26%	20%	28%		
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5		

  

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	74%	66%	76%	84%	61%	73%	85%
Oppose	24%	33%	22%	16%	37%	27%	15%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	*	2%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

  

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Favor	74%	73%	70%	81%	70%	72%	76%	76%
Oppose	24%	24%	29%	18%	29%	27%	23%	22%
No opinion	1%	3%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

  

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Favor	74%	85%	84%	56%
Oppose	24%	15%	16%	43%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 25A

In order to get the federal budget deficit under control, do you think it is necessary or not necessary to pass a Constitutional amendment requiring a balanced federal budget?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Necessary	60%	61%	60%	60%	62%
Not necessary	38%	38%	38%	40%	35%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	3%
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
Necessary	60%	68%	58%	58%	58%	63%	58%
Not necessary	38%	31%	41%	42%	40%	36%	41%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Necessary	60%	66%	56%	69%	55%
Not necessary	38%	32%	44%	29%	45%
No opinion	1%	2%	*	2%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Necessary	60%	52%	63%	68%	48%	57%	74%
Not necessary	38%	46%	36%	32%	52%	41%	26%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	*	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-7.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Necessary	60%	60%	61%	64%	56%	60%	61%	65%
Not necessary	38%	36%	39%	36%	43%	39%	38%	35%
No opinion	1%	4%	*	*	2%	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Necessary	60%	65%	74%	41%
Not necessary	38%	34%	24%	58%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0

\* percentage less than 1%