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A telephone survey of the American general population (ages 18+)

Interview dates: January 10– 14, 2013

Number of interviews, adults: 1,004

Margin of error for the total sample: +/- 4.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.

Please refer to the exact sample number at the bottom of each table.

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CUR1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12	TOTAL 10/19-23/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/19-23/12	LIKELY VOTERS 10/19-23/12	TOTAL 9/13-17/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/13-17/12	LIKELY VOTERS 9/13-17/12	8/16-20/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	HIGH 4/16-20/09	LOW 10/16-20/08
Right direction	38	42	41	40	41	42	41	41	35	31	37	39	26	24	21	33	45	35	48	17
Wrong direction	53	50	50	51	51	48	49	52	60	60	56	57	70	72	75	63	52	62	44	78
Don't know [VOL]	8	8	9	8	8	9	9	5	5	8	7	3	4	5	4	3	3	3	7	5
Refused [VOL]	1	*	*	*	*	1	1	2	*	1	*	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	1	1

Based on: N=1,004 N=1,002 N=1,186 N=1,041 N=839 N=1,512 N=1,282 N=807 N=1,006 N=1,007 N=1,004 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,001

CUR2./

CUR3. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president.

[IF "APPROVE," ASK:] Is that strongly approve or somewhat approve?

[IF "DISAPPROVE," ASK:] Is that strongly disapprove or somewhat disapprove?

[IF "NEITHER," DK NOR REFUSED ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

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Total approve	54	57	52	50	49	56	54	52	49	49	53	49	44	46	46	52	60	53	67	44	
Strongly approve	27	29	27	27	30	30	32	34	27	23	24	26	19	20	19	24	32	24	37	19	
Somewhat approve	21	21	19	17	16	20	18	15	18	22	23	17	20	20	20	21	23	25	23	20	
Lean approve	6	7	6	5	4	6	4	3	4	5	7	6	6	5	6	6	6	5	8	6	
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	3	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	*	1	1	1	*	1	2	4	1	
Total disapprove	42	41	45	48	49	40	42	47	49	48	46	49	54	52	52	47	39	45	24	54	
Lean disapprove	3	3	4	3	3	5	3	2	5	5	3	5	4	4	3	4	4	5	4	4	
Somewhat disapprove	8	8	7	6	6	6	6	5	9	9	10	10	12	12	13	12	10	11	4	12	
Strongly disapprove	31	30	35	38	40	29	33	40	36	35	32	34	38	36	36	30	25	29	16	38	
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	*	1	1	*	1	1	1	1	1	*	*	5	1	
Refused [VOL]	*	1	*	*	*	1	1	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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CUR4./

CUR5. Overall, please tell me whether you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job.

[IF "APPROVE," ASK:] Is that strongly approve or somewhat approve?

[IF "DISAPPROVE," ASK:] Is that strongly disapprove or somewhat disapprove?

[IF "NEITHER," DK NOR REFUSED ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Congress is handling its job?

	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	HIGH 5/28-6/1/09	LOW 8/18-22/11
Total approve	17	23	22	18	19	15	16	12	21	30	27	26	26	23	20	26	24	24	38	12
Strongly approve	4	4	4	3	4	2	3	2	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	5	5	2
Somewhat approve	10	15	13	13	13	11	11	8	16	23	19	18	20	17	15	19	17	17	28	8
Lean approve	3	4	5	2	3	2	3	1	2	4	4	3	3	2	1	4	3	3	5	1
Neither—don't lean [VOL]	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	*	*	1	2	3	1
Total disapprove	77	74	75	78	78	84	82	87	76	68	71	69	71	75	79	73	74	73	55	87
Lean disapprove	6	7	7	4	4	5	3	3	5	4	7	5	4	5	3	4	4	6	5	3
Somewhat disapprove	21	20	23	24	23	24	23	24	27	28	26	26	24	26	23	23	24	22	19	24
Strongly disapprove	51	47	46	50	52	55	56	60	44	36	38	38	43	44	53	47	46	45	31	60
Don't know [VOL]	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	*	1	1	1	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	4	*
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	*	*

Dem/Rep N=1,004 =1,002 R=1,007 R=1,004 R=1,000 R=1,000 R=1,000 R=1,000 R=1,000 R=1,000 R=1,000 R=1,000 R=1,000 R=1,000 R=1,000 R=989 R=1,000 R=1,007 R=1,004 R=1,000 R=1,000



Some items from CURX1 battery previously released and some items from CURX1 held for later release

CURX1. How important are the following issues to you personally... Not at all important, slightly important, moderately important, very important or extremely important? How about... [READ EACH ITEM. RANDOMIZE]

The economy...	1/10-14/13	8/16-20/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	HIGH 6/16-20/11	LOW 1/10-14/13
Extremely/Very important	86	91	91	90	93	92	93	90	90	91	88	89	91	92	91	91	93	86
Extremely important	50	49	53	51	55	52	52	51	50	49	45	47	50	47	50	50	52	50
Very important	37	42	38	39	38	41	41	39	40	42	43	42	41	46	42	41	41	37
Moderately important	9	7	7	7	4	5	5	6	8	7	9	9	8	6	7	7	5	9
Slightly/Not at all important	4	2	2	3	3	3	1	4	2	2	3	2	1	2	1	3	1	4
Slightly important	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	3	1	2	3	2	1	1	1	2	1	2
Not at all important	2	*	1	1	1	1	*	1	1	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	2
Don't know [VOL]	1	*	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	*	*	*	-	-	*	*	-	1
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*

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Federal budget deficit...	1/10-14/13	8/16-20/12*	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	HIGH 10/13-17/11	LOW 8/16-20/12*
Extremely/Very important	76	69	75	76	80	78	78	76	76	76	73	72	77	75	75	77	80	69
Extremely important	41	36	39	41	44	46	41	39	41	40	35	34	41	38	41	42	44	36
Very important	35	33	36	34	36	33	36	36	35	36	37	38	37	37	34	34	36	33
Moderately important	13	20	17	14	12	13	15	16	16	16	15	17	15	17	17	15	12	20
Slightly/Not at all important	8	9	8	10	7	8	7	8	8	8	12	10	8	8	8	7	7	9
Slightly important	5	8	5	7	5	6	5	5	6	5	8	7	6	5	6	6	5	8
Not at all important	3	1	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	3	1	3	2	2	2	1
Don't know [VOL]	3	1	*	*	1	*	1	*	*	1	1	*	*	*	*	1	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	1	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	1

Based on: N=1,004 N=500 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=846 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,000 N=500

*Asked of half sample



B1. Would you describe the nation's economy these days as good, poor, or neither good nor poor?

[IF "GOOD," ASK:] Is that very good or somewhat good?

[IF "POOR," ASK:] Is that very poor or somewhat poor?

[IF "NEITHER," ASK:] If you had to choose, do you lean more toward good or poor?

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Total good	23	25	24	25	26	22	22	22	24	17	20	30	15	12	11	16	21	30	11
Very good	3	3	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	1	2	*	1	1	1	1	2	1
Somewhat good	15	13	11	12	12	12	11	11	11	10	10	13	5	3	4	5	8	13	4
Neither – lean good	6	10	10	11	12	8	9	9	10	5	8	15	10	9	5	10	13	15	5
Neither–Don't lean [VOL]	14	12	16	14	12	18	17	16	11	16	15	4	5	6	3	4	6	4	3
Total poor	62	63	60	60	60	59	59	61	65	66	64	66	80	81	86	80	73	66	86
Neither – lean poor	8	6	6	6	4	5	5	4	6	9	6	10	12	8	12	12	15	10	12
Somewhat poor	26	28	25	25	25	22	21	20	30	26	27	24	34	31	33	32	32	24	33
Very poor	28	29	29	30	31	31	33	36	29	31	31	32	34	43	42	36	27	32	42
Don't know [VOL]	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*
Refused [VOL]	*	*	-	-	-	*	*	*	*	-	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-

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ECO41. In the past month, do you think the economy got better, got worse or stayed about the same?

	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12	TOTAL 10/19-23/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/19-23/12	LIKELY VOTERS 10/19-23/12	TOTAL 9/13-17/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/13-17/12	LIKELY VOTERS 9/13-17/12	8/16-20/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	High:1/5-10/11	Low:8/18-22/11
Got better	20	20	23	25	28	21	22	24	15	16	22	28	20	9	6	13	22	15	30	6
Got worse	20	19	17	16	16	22	24	27	25	23	20	18	15	23	49	27	22	27	18	49
Stayed about the same	59	60	58	57	55	55	53	48	58	59	56	53	64	68	45	60	56	58	52	45
Don't know [VOL]	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	*	1	1	*	1	*	*	*	*
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CCON1. How do you expect the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months? Will it get better, get worse, or stay about the same?
 [IF "BETTER," ASK:] And would that be a lot or a little better?
 [IF "WORSE," ASK:] And would that be a lot or a little worse?

	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12	TOTAL 10/19-23/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/19-23/12	LIKELY VOTERS 10/19-23/12	TOTAL 9/13-17/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/13-17/12	LIKELY VOTERS 9/13-17/12	8/16-20/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11
Total Better	30	29	39	37	37	36	34	33	30	30	31	37	36	34	31	32	34	32
A lot better	13	10	14	14	14	16	15	13	13	13	14	15	13	12	13	11	14	9
A little better	17	19	25	24	23	21	19	20	16	17	18	22	23	22	18	21	20	22
Stay about the same	42	47	43	44	45	44	45	45	52	51	47	50	52	54	56	57	54	55
Total Worse	25	23	9	10	8	12	12	13	14	15	18	11	11	12	12	11	11	13
A little worse	14	12	5	5	5	6	6	5	8	8	11	7	6	6	6	6	7	10
A lot worse	11	11	5	5	4	6	7	8	6	8	8	4	5	5	6	5	4	4
Don't know [VOL]	3	2	9	9	10	8	8	9	4	3	3	2	*	*	1	*	1	1
Refused [VOL]	-	-	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	*	-	-	*

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CCON2. How do you expect the general economic situation in this country will change over the next 12 months? Will it get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12	TOTAL 10/19-23/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/19-23/12	LIKELY VOTERS 10/19-23/12	TOTAL 9/13-17/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/13-17/12	LIKELY VOTERS 9/13-17/12	8/16-20/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11
Get better	39	40	52	53	57	49	48	46	41	40	40	39	35	28	27	30	41	32
A lot better	12	9	16	18	20	14	14	12	10	11	10	9	6	5	6	5	7	5
A little better	27	31	36	35	37	34	34	34	31	29	30	30	29	23	22	25	33	27
Stay about the same	23	29	24	23	19	24	23	23	30	35	33	36	40	41	40	44	36	42
Get worse	34	29	10	9	9	15	15	16	20	19	22	24	25	30	32	26	23	26
A little worse	16	13	6	5	5	7	6	7	10	10	10	14	13	18	16	15	13	17
A lot worse	19	17	5	4	4	8	8	8	10	9	12	10	11	12	16	11	11	9
Don't know [VOL]	4	2	13	15	15	12	14	15	8	5	5	2	1	1	1	*	1	*
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	1	1	1	*	-	-	*	*	-	-	*

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CCON3. Compared with the past 12 months, how do you think consumer prices will change in the next 12 months? Will they increase more rapidly, increase at the same rate, increase at a slower rate, stay about the same, or will they fall?

	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12	TOTAL 10/19-23/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/19-23/12	LIKELY VOTERS 10/19-23/12	TOTAL 9/13-17/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/13-17/12	LIKELY VOTERS 9/13-17/12	8/16-20/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11
Increase more rapidly	32	22	16	16	14	22	23	24	30	18	19	29	18	24	24	25	30	33
Increase at the same rate	23	32	22	23	25	22	23	25	23	25	28	28	29	26	28	28	28	25
Increase at a slower rate	20	18	21	20	18	20	19	18	17	20	21	20	22	23	22	21	20	18
Stay about the same	18	22	28	28	28	25	25	22	22	31	25	20	28	24	21	22	18	19
Will fall	3	2	4	4	5	4	3	2	4	4	4	2	3	3	4	3	4	4
Don't know [VOL]	3	3	9	9	10	7	7	8	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	*
Refused [VOL]	-	*	*	1	1	1	1	1	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	-

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CCON4. Thinking of the general economic situation, do you think that now is a good time, a bad time, or neither a good nor a bad time to make major purchases such as furniture and electronic devices?

	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12	TOTAL 10/19-23/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/19-23/12	LIKELY VOTERS 10/19-23/12	TOTAL 9/13-17/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/13-17/12	LIKELY VOTERS 9/13-17/12	8/16-20/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11
A good time	31	35	31	33	33	34	36	36	30	30	30	36	35	27	28	29	34	31
Neither a good nor bad time	27	29	28	26	29	24	22	21	31	26	26	28	28	29	30	31	29	30
A bad time	37	32	34	33	31	34	34	36	35	39	38	34	35	42	41	39	36	38
Don't know [VOL]	5	4	7	8	7	7	8	7	4	5	6	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	1	1	1	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	*

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CCON5. Thinking of the general economic situation, do you think that now is a good or bad time to save?
 [IF "GOOD," ASK:] And would that be a very good or fairly good time to save?
 [IF "BAD," ASK:] And would that be very bad or fairly bad time to save?

	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12	TOTAL 10/19-23/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/19-23/12	LIKELY VOTERS 10/19-23/12	TOTAL 9/13-17/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/13-17/12	LIKELY VOTERS 9/13-17/12	8/16-20/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11
Total Good Time to Save	87	86	87	87	89	86	86	88	87	86	88	90	90	91	89	89	90	91
Very good time to save	56	53	53	54	54	51	52	54	51	49	54	50	53	56	57	54	50	51
Fairly good time to save	31	34	33	33	35	35	35	34	36	37	34	40	37	35	32	35	40	40
Total Bad Time to Save	9	12	10	9	8	9	10	8	11	12	11	9	10	9	10	9	9	8
Fairly bad time to save	5	7	5	5	4	5	6	5	7	7	5	5	4	5	5	5	6	6
Very bad time to save	4	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	4	5	4	3	2
Don't know [VOL]	4	2	3	3	3	4	4	3	2	2	1	1	1	*	1	1	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	*	*	*	*	1	1	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	-	*

Based on: N=1,004 N=1,002 N=1,186 N=1,041 N=839 N=1,512 N=1,282 N=807 N=1,006 N=1,007 N=1,004 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001

CCON6. How do you expect the number of people who are unemployed in this country to change over the next 12 months? Will it increase, decrease, or remain the same?
 [IF "INCREASE," ASK:] And would that be a sharp or slight increase?
 [IF "DECREASE," ASK:] And would that be a sharp or slight decrease?

	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12	TOTAL 10/19-23/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/19-23/12	LIKELY VOTERS 10/19-23/12	TOTAL 9/13-17/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/13-17/12	LIKELY VOTERS 9/13-17/12	8/16-20/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11
Total Increase	36	39	26	25	22	30	31	34	30	31	35	30	35	40	43	37	34	33
A sharp increase	14	16	6	7	6	10	10	10	10	10	11	8	10	11	15	11	9	9
A slight increase	22	23	20	18	16	21	21	23	21	21	25	22	25	29	28	26	26	24
Remain the same	31	29	29	27	26	29	27	23	38	35	32	35	41	36	33	40	35	37
Total Decrease	30	31	37	39	42	32	32	32	27	31	29	34	24	23	24	23	31	30
A slight decrease	26	26	29	31	32	25	25	26	23	26	25	28	21	19	19	20	27	25
A sharp decrease	4	5	8	9	10	7	7	7	4	5	4	6	3	4	5	3	3	5
Don't know [VOL]	3	2	8	8	10	9	10	10	5	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Refused [VOL]	*	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	*	*	-	*	*	-	*	*	-	-

Based on: N=1,004 N=1,002 N=1,186 N=1,041 N=839 N=1,512 N=1,282 N=807 N=1,006 N=1,007 N=1,004 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001

Some items from CUR25 previously released

Some items from CUR25 held for later release

CUR25. Who do you trust to do a better job of... [INSERT ITEM], [ROTATE:] the Democrats or the Republicans?

Handling the economy	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10-13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10	8/11-16/10	6/9-14/10	5/7-11/10	4/7-12/10	3/3-8/10	1/12-17/10
Democrats	41	45	43	41	38	45	43	49	47	45	44	41	41	45	47	44	44	47	49
Republicans	36	39	45	44	43	40	42	38	41	40	47	51	46	43	42	41	44	40	40
Neither [VOL]	17	11	11	12	15	13	12	11	9	12	8	7	11	10	9	13	10	11	9
Don't know [VOL]	6	4	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	3
Refused [VOL]	1	1	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	-	*	1	*	*	*	1	*

Based on: N=1,004 N=1,002 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,501 N=846 N=1,000 N=1,007 N=1,044 N=1,002 N=1,001 N=1,002 N=1,001



CUR25. (Continued) Who do you trust to do a better job of... [INSERT ITEM], [ROTATE:] the Democrats or the Republicans?

Managing the federal budget deficit	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10-13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	9/8-13/10
Democrats	38	43	39	35	38	43	40	42	42	41	40	39	40
Republicans	35	40	47	47	43	40	43	40	43	41	48	52	47
Neither [VOL]	19	11	13	15	16	15	14	15	12	15	11	9	12
Don't know [VOL]	8	6	2	3	3	2	2	3	4	3	2	1	2
Refused [VOL]	1	1	*	*	1	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	-

Based on: N=1,004 N=1,002 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,501 N=846 N=1,000

ECO8. As you may know, in the next few months the U.S. government must raise the federal debt limit in order to avoid defaulting on its debt. If the federal debt limit is NOT raised and the U.S. defaults on its debt, how likely is it that the U.S. would face a major economic crisis? Is that...

	1/10-14/13	6/15-20/11
Extremely/Very likely	53	53
Extremely likely	26	30
Very likely	27	23
Somewhat likely	27	29
Not too/Not at all likely	17	16
Not too likely	9	10
Not likely at all	8	6
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	3	3
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*	*

Based on: N=1,004 N=1,001

*Note: June 2011 wording read "As you may know, by August the U.S. government ..."

CEIL1. In general, do you support, oppose or neither support nor oppose raising the federal debt limit in order to avoid defaulting on U.S. government debts?

[FOR EACH "SUPPORT" ASK:] Is that strongly support or somewhat support?
 [FOR EACH "OPPOSE," ASK:] Is that strongly oppose or somewhat oppose?]

	1/10-14/13	6/15-20/11
Strongly/Somewhat support	31	38
Strongly support	13	15
Somewhat support	18	23
Neither support nor oppose	19	18
Somewhat/Strongly oppose	40	41
Somewhat oppose	16	17
Strongly oppose	24	25
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	10	3
Refused (DO NOT READ)	*	*

Based on:

N=1,004

N=1,001

CEIL2. Which comes closest to your view? (READ LIST. RANDOMIZE)

	1/10-14/13	6/15-20/11
Congress should increase the debt ceiling first to avoid a default on federal debt, and discuss spending cuts and deficit reduction separately	30	34
Congress should ONLY increase the debt ceiling if it makes significant spending cuts at the same time, even if that means there will be considerable reductions in government services and programs	39	43
OR, Congress should NOT increase the debt ceiling under any circumstances, even if that means the U.S. defaults on its debt	21	18
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	9	4
Refused (DO NOT READ)	2	1

Based on:

N=1,004

N=1,001

BUD3Z. In order to balance the federal budget, which should be the main focus of lawmakers?

	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10/13-17/11	8/18-22/11	3/24-28/11
Increasing taxes	30	30	31	31	34	34	29
Cutting government services	49	46	56	60	55	53	62
Both equally [VOL]	11	13	5	4	4	6	4
Neither [VOL]	6	8	5	3	4	6	3
Don't know [VOL]	3	4	2	2	4	2	1
Refused [VOL]	1	1	1	*	*	*	*

Based on: N=1,004 N=1,002 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001

BUD5. The following are ways that some people have proposed making cuts in government spending to reduce the federal budget deficit. For each one, please tell me if you favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose it as a way of reducing the federal budget deficit.

(FOR EACH FAVOR/OPPOSE): Do you FAVOR/OPPOSE that strongly or only somewhat?
(READ AS NECESSARY:) Do you favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose that as a way of reducing the federal budget deficit?

Reducing federal government spending on defense	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12
Total favor	41	40
Strongly favor	22	22
Somewhat favor	19	17
Neither favor nor oppose	16	12
Total oppose	40	44
Somewhat oppose	16	16
Strongly oppose	24	29
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	3	4
Refused [DO NOT READ]	*	*

Based on: N=1,004 N=1,002

BUD5. (Continued) The following are ways that some people have proposed making cuts in government spending to reduce the federal budget deficit. For each one, please tell me if you favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose it as a way of reducing the federal budget deficit.

(FOR EACH FAVOR/OPPOSE): Do you FAVOR/OPPOSE that strongly or only somewhat?
(READ AS NECESSARY:) Do you favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose that as a way of reducing the federal budget deficit?

Gradually raising the age at which people become eligible for Medicare benefits	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12
Total favor	35	40
Strongly favor	12	16
Somewhat favor	22	24
Neither favor nor oppose	10	9
Total oppose	53	48
Somewhat oppose	16	15
Strongly oppose	38	34
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	2	3
Refused [DO NOT READ]	*	*

Based on:

N=1,004

N=1,002

BUD5. (Continued) The following are ways that some people have proposed making cuts in government spending to reduce the federal budget deficit. For each one, please tell me if you favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose it as a way of reducing the federal budget deficit.

(FOR EACH FAVOR/OPPOSE): Do you FAVOR/OPPOSE that strongly or only somewhat?
(READ AS NECESSARY:) Do you favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose that as a way of reducing the federal budget deficit?

Changing the way Social Security benefits are calculated so that annual increases are smaller	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12
Total favor	30	30
Strongly favor	9	11
Somewhat favor	21	19
Neither favor nor oppose	16	15
Total oppose	49	49
Somewhat oppose	15	17
Strongly oppose	34	32
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	5	6
Refused [DO NOT READ]	1	*

Based on:

N=1,004

N=1,002

BUD5. (Continued) The following are ways that some people have proposed making cuts in government spending to reduce the federal budget deficit. For each one, please tell me if you favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose it as a way of reducing the federal budget deficit.

(FOR EACH FAVOR/OPPOSE): Do you FAVOR/OPPOSE that strongly or only somewhat?
(READ AS NECESSARY:) Do you favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose that as a way of reducing the federal budget deficit?

Raising Medicare premiums for high-income recipients	1/10-14/13
Total favor	60
Strongly favor	34
Somewhat favor	26
Neither favor nor oppose	12
Total oppose	25
Somewhat oppose	10
Strongly oppose	15
Don't know [DO NOT READ]	3
Refused [DO NOT READ]	*

Based on:

N=1,004

NCC15 through GUNS3 previously released

Some items held for later release

TP4. Do you consider yourself a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or are you not a supporter of the Tea Party movement?

	1/10-14/13	8/16-20/12	6/14-18/12	5/3-7/12	2/16-20/12	12/8-12/11	10-13-17/11	8/18-22/11	6/16-20/11	5/5-9/11	3/24-28/11	1/5-10/11	11/3-8/10	TOTAL 10/13-18/10	LIKELY VOTERS 10/13-18/10	High: 6/16-20/11	Low: 1/10-14/13
Supporter	22	27	23	22	25	30	28	25	33	30	30	31	30	30	36	33	22
Strongly	6	8	8	7	8	10	10	9	10	8	11	11	8	9	13	10	6
Moderately	16	19	16	15	17	20	18	16	24	23	19	21	22	21	24	24	16
Not a supporter	64	63	65	67	71	64	68	70	61	63	65	61	66	67	60	61	64
Don't know [VOL]	13	8	10	10	4	6	4	5	5	7	6	7	4	4	3	5	13
Refused [VOL]	1	1	1	1	1	1	*	*	1	*	*	*	-	*	1	1	1

Based on: N=1,004 N=1,006 N=1,007 N=1,004 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,000 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,001 N=1,000 N=1,501 N=846 N=1,001 N=1,004



PID1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or none of these?

	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12	TOTAL 10/19-23/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 10/19-23/12	LIKELY VOTERS 10/19-23/12	TOTAL 9/13-17/12	REGISTERED VOTERS 9/13-17/12	LIKELY VOTERS 9/13-17/12	8/16-20/12	6/14-18-/12	5/3-7/12
Democrat	29	33	31	32	34	31	32	31	31	29	31
Independent	30	27	27	28	27	29	30	30	30	33	29
Republican	21	23	25	28	30	22	25	30	23	22	22
None of these	19	15	14	8	6	17	13	8	15	15	17
Don't know [VOL]	*	1	2	2	*	1	1	1	1	1	1
Refused [VOL]	1	2	2	2	3	*	*	*	1	1	*

Based on:

N=1,004 N=1,002 N=1,186 N=1,041 N=839 N=1,512 N=1,282 N=807 N=1,006 N=1,007 N=1,004

PID1/
PIDi.

Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or none of these?
[IF "INDEPENDENT" OR "NONE," ASK:] Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

	1/10-14/13	1.1/29-12/3/12
Total Democrat	46	49
Democrat	29	33
Independent – lean Democratic	12	10
None – lean Democratic	5	6
Total Republican	36	37
Republican	21	23
Independent – lean Republican	9	9
None – lean Republican	6	5
[VOL] Independent – don't lean	7	6
[VOL] None – don't lean	6	4
[VOL] Independent – lean other	1	1
[VOL] None – lean other	1	1
Don't know	2	1
Refused	1	2

Based on:

N=1,004

N=1,002

G11b. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

	1/10-14/13	11/29-12/3/12
Liberal	21	21
Conservative	37	40
Moderate	35	32
Don't know	5	5
Refused	1	2

Based on:

N=1,004 *N=1,002*

[INTERVIEWER READ:] The following questions are for classification purposes only. Be assured that your responses will be aggregated with those of other participants to this survey.

DM2. What is the last grade of school you completed? [READ EACH ITEM]

Less than high school graduate	9
High school graduate	29
Technical/trade school	6
Some college	23
College graduate	16
Some graduate school	3
Graduate degree	11
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=1,004

DM4. In what year were you born?

Age group:

18-29	21
30-49	35
50-64	23
65+	17
Refused [VOL]	4

Based on:

N=1,004

DM5. Which one of the following best describes where you live? [READ EACH ITEM]

Urban area	24
Suburban area	40
Rural area	31
Don't know [VOL]	3
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=1,004

DM6. Do you currently own your home, rent it, or do you have some other arrangement?

Own	57
Rent	30
Other arrangement	10
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=1,004

DM7. Are you the parent or guardian of one or more children under the age of 18, or not?

Yes	32
No	65
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=1,004

DM8. How many different landline telephone numbers, if any, are there in your home? This includes listed or unlisted numbers. To answer this question, please don't count cell phones or landlines used ONLY for faxes or modems.

None	35
One Line	58
Two lines	3
Three or more lines	1
Don't know [VOL]	*
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=1,004

DM9. And on how many different cell-phone numbers, if any, could I have reached you for this call?

None	7
One	76
Two	9
Three or more	3
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	4

Based on:

N=1,004

DM10. [IF BOTH LAND AND CELLPHONE, ASK:] Generally speaking, would you say you use your landline phone most of the time, your cell phone most of the time, or would you say you use both about equally?

Landline	27
Cell phone	40
Both equally	33
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	*

Based on:

N=618

DM10a. [ASK CELL-PHONE SAMPLE ONLY] How many adults, in addition to you, carry and use this cell phone at least once a week or more?

None	44
One	39
Two	8
Three or more	6
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	2

Based on:

N=400

DM16. Are you of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?

Yes	14
No	82
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	3

Based on:

N=1,004

DM17. [IF SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO (D16=1), ASK:] In addition to being Hispanic, Latino or Spanish, what race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]

DM18. [IF NOT SPANISH/HISPANIC/LATINO (D16=2), ASK:] What race or races do you consider yourself to be? [DO NOT READ. ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES.]

White, Caucasian	66
Black, African-American, Negro	12
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Asian Indian	2
Native Hawaiian	*
Chinese	1
Guamanian or Chamorro	-
Filipino	1
Samoan	-
Japanese	*
Korean	*
Vietnamese	-
Other Asian	1
Other Pacific Islander	-
Some other race	8
Don't know	2
Refused	5
Multiple races	2

Based on:

N=1,004

DM19. Does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall below \$50,000 dollars, or is it \$50,000 or higher? [READ LIST]

Below \$50,000	49
\$50,000+	42
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	8

Based on:

N=1,004

DM20. And in which group does your total household [IF SINGLE: "PERSONAL"] income fall? [READ LIST]

Under \$10,000	8
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	11
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	10
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	7
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	9
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	9
\$150,000 or more	7
Don't know [VOL]	3
Refused [VOL]	12

Based on:

N=1,004

GUNS4. Does anyone in your household own a gun, or not?

Yes	36
No	58
Don't know [VOL]	1
Refused [VOL]	5

Based on:

N=1,004

DM25. [INTERVIEWER RECORD:] Respondent's Gender:

Male	50
Female	50

Based on:

N=1,004

CENSUS REGION:

Northeast	19
Midwest	22
South	37
West	23

Based on:

N=1,004

AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-GfK Poll** was conducted January 10 –14, 2013 by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Corporate Communications – a division of GfK Custom Research North America. This telephone poll is based on a nationally-representative probability sample of 1,004 general population adults age 18 or older.

Interviews were conducted with 604 respondents on landlines and 400 respondents on cellular telephones. Both the landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. The sample included the contiguous 48 states, Alaska, and Hawaii. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference.

The combined landline and cell phone data were weighted to account for probabilities of selection, as well as age, sex, education and race, using targets from the March 2011 supplement of the Current Population Survey. In addition to these factors, the weighting takes into account the patterns of land and cell phone usage by region from the 2011 Fall estimates provided by GfK MRI Inc.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 4.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total significantly more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.

Trend data are displayed for selected questions from previous AP-GfK Polls that also consisted of telephone interviews with nationally-representative probability samples of adults age 18 or older. Details about all AP-GfK Polls are available at <http://www.ap-gfkipoll.com>.