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**Note:** Q.20-36 should be reported as a *USA Today*/Gallup poll.

**Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 13-16, 2010 with a random sample of –1,019— adults, aged 18+, living in the continental U.S., selected using random-digit dial sampling.**

**For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ±4 percentage points.**

**Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones (for respondents with a landline telephone) and cellular phones (for respondents who are cell phone only). Each sample includes a minimum quota of 150 cell phone only respondents and 850 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents for gender within region. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.**

**Samples are weighted on the basis of gender, age, race, education, region and phone lines. Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2009 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in continental U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.**

**In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.**

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25. Can you please give me an example of something the federal government is currently doing that you think it should NOT be doing? [OPEN-ENDED]

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Healthcare legislation	18
Spending too much	10
Wars in Iraq/Afghanistan	9
Raising taxes/Not extending tax cuts	6
Bailouts of large corporations	6
Too involved in business affairs	5
Getting involved in other country's affairs	4
Getting involved in matters of religion, morality	4
Immigration/Allowing illegal immigrants into country	4
Infringing too much on personal lives	2
Providing foreign aid	2
Too much regulation (non-specific)	2
Challenging Arizona immigration law	2
Getting involved in Ground Zero mosque issue	2
Gay marriage	2
Education policy	1
Cap and trade legislation	1
Student loans/Costs for schooling	1
Moratorium on off-shore drilling	1
Other	6
None/Nothing	12
No opinion	17

Percentages total more than 100% due to multiple responses

26. Can you please give me an example of something the federal government is currently NOT doing that you think it SHOULD be doing? [OPEN-ENDED]

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Creating jobs/Reducing unemployment	15
Securing the borders/Addressing immigration issue	13
Focus more on country's problems/people's problems	12
Improve the economy	6
Balance the budget/Limit spending	6
Bring troops home	5
Make infrastructure improvements	4
Expand healthcare coverage	4
Should be doing less in general	4
Cut taxes	4
Improve education	4
Regulation (non-specific)	3
Regulate Wall Street/Banks	3
Protect the environment/Address climate change	3
Help small businesses	2
Improve Social Security system	2
Help the elderly	1
Healthcare (non-specific)	1
Help veterans	1
Other	9
None/Nothing	9
No opinion	8

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