

# USA TODAY/GALLUP POLL

## NOVEMBER WAVE 1

-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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**Note: Q.3 and Q.18 should be cited as a Gallup poll.**

**Results are based on telephone interviews conducted November 19-21, 2010 with a random sample of –1,037— 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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4. If you had to choose, which of these do you think would be the best approach for Congress and the president to take in dealing with the U.S. economy— [RANDOM ORDER: increasing government stimulus spending, cutting taxes, reducing the federal budget deficit and national debt, (or) increasing taxes on the wealthy]?

	<u>Reducing the deficit/debt</u>	<u>Increasing taxes on the wealthy</u>	<u>Cutting taxes</u>	<u>Increasing stimulus spending</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
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16. Now I'd like to ask you about the major entitlement programs the government is committed to, including Social Security and Medicare. Do you think the cost of these programs will create major economic problems for the U.S. in the next 25 years if no changes are made to them, or not?

	<u>Yes, will create problems</u>	<u>No, will not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Nov 19-21	75	22	3
2010 Sep 13-16	77	18	4

17. *(Asked of those who think entitlement problems will create economic problems)* Which of the following would you favor as a way to address economic problems created by major entitlement programs such as Social Security and Medicare –[ROTATED: Cutting back on benefits the government provides future retirees and not increasing taxes, increasing taxes and not cutting back on benefits the government provides future retirees,] or a combination of both benefit cuts and tax increases?

**BASED ON -777—WHO THINK ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS WILL CREATE PROBLEMS IN THE ECONOMY; ±4 PCT PTS**

	<u>Cut benefits, not raise taxes</u>	<u>Raise taxes, not cut benefits</u>	<u>Combination of tax increases and benefit cuts</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Nov 19-21	19	30	46	6