

## GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

### ISSUE REFERENDUM

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted December 3-6, 2010, on the Gallup Daily tracking survey, with a random sample of –1,003—adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, 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  $\pm 4$  percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each daily sample includes a minimum quota of 150 cell phone 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 by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, cell phone only status, cell phone mostly status 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 U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

Question(s) were asked of a random quarter-sample on four nights' of the Gallup Daily tracking survey.

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.

For more details on Gallup's polling methodology, visit [www.gallup.com](http://www.gallup.com)

1. Suppose that on Election Day you could vote on key issues as well as candidates. Please tell me whether you would vote for or against a law that would do each of the following. First, would you vote for or against a law that would -- [RANDOM ORDER]?

**A. Extend the federal income tax cuts passed in 2001 and 2003 for all Americans for two years**

	<u>Vote for</u>	<u>Vote against</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Dec 3-6	66	29	5

**B. Extend unemployment benefits for the long-term unemployed**

	<u>Vote for</u>	<u>Vote against</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Dec 3-6	66	30	4

**C. Ban all earmarks in bills passed by Congress**

	<u>Vote for</u>	<u>Vote against</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Dec 3-6	46	36	18

**D. Allow gays and lesbians to serve openly in the U.S. military**

	<u>Vote for</u>	<u>Vote against</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Dec 3-6	67	28	5

**E. Increase government regulation of food safety**

	<u>Vote for</u>	<u>Vote against</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Dec 3-6	75	21	3

**F. Ratify the nuclear arms agreement with Russia, called the START treaty**

	<u>Vote for</u>	<u>Vote against</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Dec 3-6	51	30	19

**G. Postpone previously scheduled cuts in the amounts Medicare pays doctors to treat Medicare patients**

	<u>Vote for</u>	<u>Vote against</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Dec 3-6	50	42	8

**H. Allow illegal immigrants brought to the U.S. as children to gain legal resident status if they join the military or go to college**

	<u>Vote for</u>	<u>Vote against</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2010 Dec 3-6	54	42	4

**SUMMARY TABLE (Q.1)**

*2010 Dec 3-6  
sorted by "for"*

	<u>% For</u>	<u>% Against</u>
Increase government regulation of food safety	75	21
Allow gays and lesbians to serve openly in the U.S. military	67	28
Extend the federal income tax cuts passed in 2001 and 2003 for all Americans for two years	66	29
Extend unemployment benefits for the long-term unemployed	66	30
Allow illegal immigrants brought to the U.S. as children to gain legal resident status if they join the military or go to college	54	42
Ratify the nuclear arms agreement with Russia, called the START treaty	51	30
Postpone previously scheduled cuts in the amounts Medicare pays doctors to treat Medicare patients	50	42
Ban all earmarks in bills passed by Congress	46	36